Vacuum Technology – The Principle

Evac systems integrated into open-width textile ranges will improve fabric quality, increase production speed, significantly lower production cost per meter, and lessen the overall environmental impact of textile processes. Following are just a few examples of how vacuum technology can achieve these advantages for the textile producer.

Improved Fabric Quality
Vacuum technology improves fabric quality by removing lint and dust when dry, and by improving chemical penetration in wet processes. Lint or dust removal can be very advantageous in printing where “stick-ins” result in second quality fabric. In chemical finishing and pigment “dyeing”, vacuum can pull the chemicals deep inside the fabric, where the end-user appreciates them most. Vacuum technology also prevents the “windowpane” effect, or chemical build-up between yarns.

Increased Production Speed
By lowering residual moisture below the level of typical pad-mangles, vacuum technology allows stenters and other drying devices to dry fabric faster, thus increasing production speed, or lessen the energy consumption.

Lower Production Costs
In washing, vacuum technology separates contaminants from the washing line before they are carried into following washing boxes. The effect: less clean water is needed, which also results in less energy consumption for hot washing purposes. In finishing, vacuum technology removes the chemicals suspended between fabric yarns. The chemicals stay inside the fiber bundles of the yarn, not in between the yarns, and can, easily be recycled. Therefore, fewer grams of chemicals per square meter of fabric are required when using vacuum technology in finishing than when using the padder alone.

Reduced Environmental Impact
Likewise in finishing, by removing chemicals such as fluorocarbons, resins, softeners and even pigments normally left in between fabric yarns, very little chemicals remain to become vaporized and exhausted as emissions out of the stenter’s exhaust outlets.

Easy to Handle – Safe Operation
The operator only selects the vacuum pressure needed and the Evac automatically adjusts pump speeds and airflows to ensure consistent pressure and production results. Pumps as well as seals and separators need only minimal, routine maintenance.

More than 20 Years of Experience
It is not just the quality of our vacuum systems that makes us number one world-wide. It is also the process experience behind the Evac system designs that ensures that the customer receives a vacuum system that is tailored to his specific needs, for as yarn characteristics and fabric constructions vary tremendously, so too do the potential effects of vacuum pressure vary from fabric to fabric. Take advantage of Evacs knowledge in vacuum technology!
Vacuum Applications: Evac Advantages

Water Extraction
- high line-speed increases with synthetics and blends
- prior to drying cans, stenters or tensionless dryers
- prior to bleach saturators for high chemical add-on
- superior process control through even wet pick-up
- gentle on fabric piles or delicate woven structures

Washing
- after Cold Pad Batch desizing or bleaching
- after preparation steamer
- after print washing
- after dye washing
- after stabilization in mercerizing
- removal and separation of up to 80% of contaminants

Finishing
- even application of chemistry through fabric width
- improved hand due to deep penetration of chemistry into fiber bundles
- no waste of chemicals due to filtering and recycling of chemicals
- faster stenter speeds due to lower wet pick-up
- elimination of drying step with Wet-On-Wet System
- automatic vacuum regulation for consistent process control

Pigment “Dyeing”
- dyestuff and chemical application in one stenter pass
- excellent wet and dry crock
- minimal capital investment
- no migration or clip marks

Lint Removal
- prior to printing to reduce second quality prints
- prior to singing to improve singe
- after shearing or sanding for fabric cleaning
- reduces lint and dust build-up on downstream rolls, wash boxes, dryers

The more synthetic fibres, the better the results of vacuum units

Residual moisture of representative fabrics
Evac provides you with process capability and reproducibility at low running cost due to the following System Modules:

1. **Patented EvacSlot**
   - prevents blockages
   - homogenous effects over entire width
   - ideal for pigment dyeing
   - low friction UHMW nozzle
   - converging-diverging nozzle orifice for maximum efficiency
   - suitable for high temperatures and chemicals
   - automatic cleaning feature
   - teflon-coating inside and out for ease of maintenance

2. **Evac Separators**
   - 95% efficient, blockage-free design
   - no in-line filters
   - external filter system
   - filter change possible without stopping system or range
   - automatic signal on control panel for filter change
   - automatic rinsing during lot changes

3. **Evac Pumping Station**
   - water-cooled pump
   - high volumes of air possible
   - long operating life
   - inverter compatible
   - savings in electricity
   - sound enclosure included

4. **Evac System Controls**
   - inverter-integrated vacuum pressure control
   - minimized electricity consumption
   - PLC (Siemens) operated,
   - automatic cleaning features
   - automatic signals for filter, separator and drain pump maintenance

No other vacuum system available today contains all of these design features, which make Evac systems the superior choice in overall performance. Ask for an individual payback calculation based on your production today!
The operating principle of the three (3) different pumping stations determines both the potential vacuum pressure and air volume that a pumping station can create. The three (3) types of pumping stations therefore have different advantages and characteristics.

1 Rotary Piston Pumping Station
- maximum vacuum pressure for KWH input on most fabric constructions
- water injection for maximum vacuum efficiency, cooling and cleaning
- compatible with inverter controls for energy savings
- complete with sound enclosure for operation without noise discomfort

2 Stage Turbine Pumping Station (Blower)
- low to medium vacuum pressure
- high air volume
- lint and dust removal on dry fabrics
- moisture removal on openly constructed synthetics such as sheers or light-weight curtains

3 Liquid Ring Pumping Station
- high vacuum pressure possible
- limited inverter compatible
- high water consumption
- lower initial investment cost
- durably, maintenance-friendly execution
Standard Evac Installations

**Wet-On-Wet + Stenter**
- only one stenter pass after dyeing
- chemical recycling
- independent vacuum pressure control at each EvacSlot

**Dyevac + Stenter**
- pigment "Dyeing" + finishing in one stenter pass
- pigment and chemical recycling
- no mercerizing
- low initial investment vs. thermosol range
- excellent for Low-Add-on finish application as well

**Vacu-Washer as Mercerizing Upgrade**
- boiling two-chamber washing box
- vacuumed water recirculated to first washing chamber and overflowed
- live steam and vacuumed through fabric
- removal of up to 80% of residual contaminants
- less acid necessary for neutralization

**General Evac Assisted Washing**
- in desizing, bleach and scouring ranges
- after dye and after printing wash ranges
- removal of up to 80% of contaminants with one EvacSlot
- less water + energy per meter of fabric

**Single-Slot Ultraknit + Stenter**
- completely tensionless water extraction
- completely tensionless chemical application
- compatible with all fabric spreading devices such as Tandematic
Global Customer Service and Spare Parts Distribution for the Küsters Wet Finishing Installations

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