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Baldwin's Spray Applicator for Textile Finishing improves productivity and reduces chemistry waste at Vagotex

Baldwin's Spray Applicator for Textile Finishing is now in full production at Vagotex, a leading Italian supplier of finished textiles, primarily for sports collections, located in Verona, northern Italy. Following a smooth installation, the system has delivered more than the anticipated benefits, particularly on the laminated products. The new process has improved productivity significantly, eliminating one full process step. Also on the traditional water repellent finishing, the system has improved productivity and reduced waste of chemistry. The challenge to change from C8 to C6 & C4 chemistry has been made a lot smoother thanks to the implementation of the Baldwin Spray Applicator. This is much due to the automatic and quick change between chemistry with minimum waste.

The Spray Applicator has been researched and developed over a period of more than two years. The base technology has been proven for more than 30 years in the offset printing industry with more than 30 000 applicators installed across the world. The high demands on reliability and service from the Newspaper Printing industry have been inherited down to the genes of the Textile Finishing version of the product. The high frequency valves, precision nozzles and high speed controls are the heart and brain of the system and the key to the even and controlled application. The modular design and engineered functions are the backbone of the system and are vital for the flexibility and reliability.



Elisabetta Gaspari, General Manager, Vagotex

We have truly benefitted from the installation of the Baldwin Spray Applicator and made substantial savings on quality cost and increased productivity. On the laminated products we have been able to free up to 50% of the time in the stenter line, which has increased production time and eliminated a bottle neck in our process. For cost and environmental reasons, we are also very happy about the savings on chemistry that the flexibility of the system has provided. Today we change chemistry in 2-5 minutes, a process that before would take 30 minutes.

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We are very grateful to Elisabetta Gaspari and Vagotex for their courage to be a pioneer in the textile finishing industry. They obviously saw the potential benefits that our system could bring to them and were prepared to take the risk to invest in new technology. To us, this is a true success story where our newly launched system has delivered benefits beyond our expectations to our valued customer. This is encouraging and gives new energy to pursue our goal to change the textile finishing business to become smarter and greener.

Please contact us for further references, presentations or to schedule a personal meeting.

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About Vagotex

Vagotex is a leading Italian supplier of finished textiles, primarily for sports collections with respected brand names such as Windtex[®] and STORM SHIELD in the portfolio. The company has 20 years' experience in the field of lamination and is able to offer a particularly wide range of products in this field, e.g. clothing, footwear and work wear, as well as industrial and medical products. For more information, visit <u>www.vagotex.it</u>

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