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The Making of a genuine Durrer Machine

The semi-automatic index-cutting machine REMAT was initially developed in the 1980's.

In 1999 Durrer acquired the manufacturing and sales rights. Since then the REMAT has been completely re-engineered and today presents itself as a classic Durrer machine.

The REMAT cuts step indexes in telephone books, catalogues and a whole range of other printed material. In addition to conventional angular and form cuts, the new REMAT also produces bible or half-moon cuts. This highly flexible machine incorporates a revolutionary new safety system: to protect the hands the previously installed light barrier has been replaced by a more effective protective shutter. Thanks to its ergonomic design operating the new REMAT is easier and altogether more efficient.

Characteristics of a Durrer machine

The new colour scheme is the most obvious, but by no means the only indication of its conforming to Durrer standards. The built-in quality, operating efficiency, reliability and safety features are what enable Durrer machines to fulfil increasingly demanding customer requirements. The Swiss manufacturer enjoys a worldwide reputation in the paper processing business for innovative and technological excellence.

All Durrer machines are produced entirely in Switzerland and consequently require only the absolute minimum of technical servicing. Durrer believes strongly in establishing and maintaining direct contact with customers. This fosters a high level of customer satisfaction and encourages a mutually beneficial two-way dialogue.

Sold straight off the Stand

International trade customers had their first opportunity to see the new REMAT at this year's Ipex. The revamping of the 30 years old design was extremely well received, as was the machine's improved technical specification. A number of machines were sold straight off the stand – proof indeed that Durrer has another winner on its hands.

Successful field testing

As soon as Ipex had closed its doors the demonstration machine was placed with a customer for testing under practical working conditions, its performance being closely monitored in liaison with Durrer's R & D engineers. When the test was over the customer had to be persuaded to part with the machine!

Back in Switzerland, final modifications are being carried out prior to full production commencing in a few weeks time. As a direct result of this field test refinements have been made to the paper chips disposal system and product tables.

Less noise

Visitors to Ipex with experience of this type of machine were astounded at how quiet the new REMAT is. The customer with the test machine observed that no longer is noise level necessarily a sign of productivity!

New on the outside, too

Functional aspects were given the highest priority during the development stage. Redesigning the machine was executed in conjunction with an industrial designer. Experience has shown that good design and ergonomics have a direct influence on the operator's well-being and ultimately on productivity.

Good design serves to highlight functionality. For example, operating the machine by means of two foot pedals is easier and more efficient. The pedals are mounted in a height-adjustable footrest to provide the operator with a more comfortable workplace.

Durrer's other machines

Also exhibited at Ipex was the fully automatic step index cutting machine REGA 5. This machine is recognised as the standard by which all other fully automated index processors are judged. In particular, its cleverly designed automatic counter control attracted much attention. Since its unveiling at Drupa 2004, 15 of these machines have already been delivered to customers.

Ipex saw yet another new product launch: REDRU, an automatic printer for imprinting stepped indexes. It is strongly recommended for use with REGA 5 and REMAT, both of which are supplied without integrated printer. REDRU can of course be used for imprinting all other types of index, regardless of how they have been produced. Much of the proven technology of REGA 4 and REGA 7 has been incorporated in the new REDRU.