



Santoni's seamless knitting technology



Established in 1919, Santoni is the very first Italian sock knitting machine manufacturer. In 1988, the company became part of the Lonati Group, that operates in several different sectors. In the last 20 years, Santoni has developed a series of circular electronic "Seamless wear" knitting machines, which are becoming a worldwide leader in this technology.

'Seamless' machines are a revolution in the world of textile machinery. Their use was initially limited to the production of underwear, but then they have evolved into the production of sportswear, beachwear, medical wear, knitwear, sweaters and other types of outerwear apparel. Thus Santoni began focusing mainly on seamless machine production including models which offered more flexibility in designing patterns and colours.

The constant drive for research and development and subsequent innovations in machines involves the fusion of two concepts; the hosiery concept joined together with the knitting technology

concept has allowed Santoni machines to have both huge potential and performance capabilities to enable them to shift easily between one sector of the textile field to another.

Currently, with its range of several different types of machines, Santoni is the only Group that can cover most of the textile field segments in order to satisfy the various market requirements.

Although Santoni developed textile for different categories, such as shoe vamp, compression underwear, sweater, etc., application for sports market has the most devotion to the team in past two



years. The sport has become one concept whose extension has overcome the traditional boundary and covered the outdoor applications and even some

part of fashion. The sport has become one lifestyle of modern day living. Sports market amount is quite important to knitting industry.

Seamless technology

The Seamless technology is an innovative concept in producing clothing almost free of seams. This is the result of the commercial and technical synergy among the companies of the Santoni Group. It provides designers with a multitude of styles and colours in which to create beautifully designed products that fully integrate fashion with function for satisfying a variety of end-users. The seamless knitting machines almost eliminate the need to produce and then sew together pieces of fabric, thus making the seam obsolete. ♦

