

Picanol celebrates its 75th anniversary at ITMA Barcelona with the introduction of two new products

Picanol was founded in Ypres (Belgium) and the company name refers to the Spanish engineer Jaime Picañol. His ideas shaped products that brought with them important technological advantages. Since its foundation in 1936, the Picanol Group has evolved from a very small player in the world to the technological leader among the modern weaving machine manufacturers. To put its rich history in the spotlight Picanol already launched a blog site (<http://75yearsofpicanolgroup.blogspot.com>) and during ITMA a photo book was launched to celebrate its long history.

On 22nd September 2011, Picanol became exactly 75 years old.

According to Picanol, "In these 75 years of history, Picanol always followed its policy of innovation and constant focus on product quality, processes and people. Also the organisation & products were continuously adapted to the changing requirements of the market. So investing in research & development as well as state of the art production facilities has always been part of the Picanol nature. As Picanol wants to be a partner for its customers, our service network has followed our growing customer base and is able to bring support to Picanol customers around the world."

Underlining its technological leadership, Picanol presented two main new developments, the OMNIplus Summum in airjet technology and the positive gripper on OptiMax in rapier technology.

The OMNIplus Summum will gradually replace the OMP800 over the course of next year and will be the new platform for further developments in the airjet segment. The main highlights of this machine are the new insertion system and the Picanol BlueBox system, the new electronic platform for Picanol machines.

On OptiMax, Picanol will introduce a guided positive gripper execution. Although available in all widths (up to 540 cm), it especially opens new perspectives in technical segments such as Coating fabrics, Primary & secondary carpet backing, Geogrids etc.

Airjet weaving machine

OMNIplus Summum-4-P-190 Filament lining

- ❖ High speed

OMNIplus Summum-4-R-190 Parachute fabric

- ❖ High speed
- ❖ New generation of Staubli dobby 3260



- ❖ AirMaster
- ❖ Smart Argus

OMNIplus Summum-4-R-220 Automotive

- ❖ New generation of Staubli dobby 3260
- ❖ Quick Style Change
- ❖ Cordless
- ❖ AirMaster
- ❖ Smart Argus

OMNIplus Summum-4-P-340 Sheeting fabric

- ❖ FillMax
- ❖ Air tucking in for continuous reeds
- ❖ AirMaster

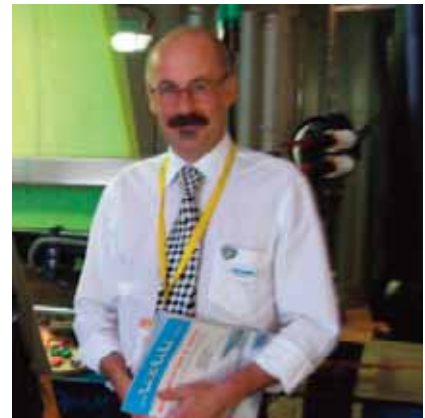
TerryPlus800-8-J-260

- ❖ High speed
- ❖ Different designs within the same pattern

Rapier weaving machines

OptiMax-4-R-190 Stretch denim fabric

- ❖ High speed
- ❖ New generation of Staubli dobby 3060



Erwin Devloo of Picanol.

OptiMax-2-P-250 Para Aramide fabric

- ❖ Direct Warp control – DWC, the new back rest for optimal warp tension control
- ❖ Ecofill, the Picanol wasteless system

OptiMax-6-R-220 Woolen worsted fabric

- ❖ Electronic filling tensioner – EFT
- ❖ Quick Style Change – QSC
- ❖ Name selvedge machine Staubli CX172

OptiMax-4-P-540 Coating fabric

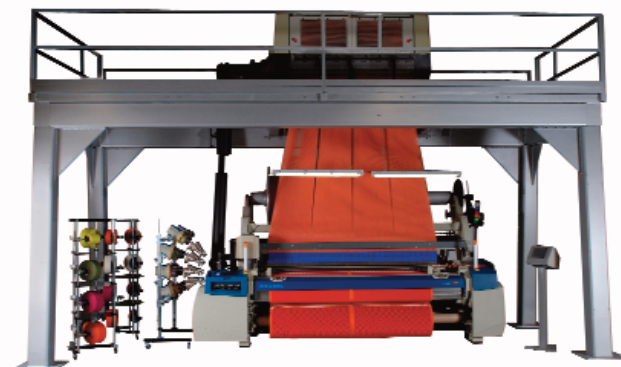
- ❖ Guided Positive gripper
- ❖ Direct Warp control – DWC, the new back rest for optimal warp tension control
- ❖ Wide width machine

OptiMax-12-J-340 Upholstery fabric

- ❖ Weft versatility

Picanol machines on display at the Staubli and Bonas booth

- ❖ Staubli booth: OMNIplus800-4-J-190 Filament lining
- ❖ Bonas: OptiMax-12-J-190 Ladies wear. ◆



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