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# COLARIS towel printing

DIGITAL PRINTING SYSTEMS

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# highlights

- digital workflow from design through
- open ink system allows free selection from certified ink suppliers
- permanent ink circulation system for
- automatic printhead cleaning system
- integrated printhead calibration system
- printhead recondition center for extended printhead service life

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## HOW TO PRINT TERRY FABRIC EFFICIENTLY WITH A DIGITAL PRINTER?

Different towel qualities and fabric structures require a flexible printing method. The key to success can only be a digital printing solution. Flexibility in terms of application amount, penetration control, and an efficient process for dye fixation are the challenges.

Heavy and voluminous products can't be printed with conventional digital printers as offered by other manufacturers. Such printers may be suitable for fashion fabric but are not economical for heavy fabric structures.

Terry fabric printed by a ZIMMER AUSTRIA COLARIS will look fresh even after many washes, as the penetration has been controlled precisely and ink has entered deeper into the pile. Improved fastness, strong, vibrant and brilliant colors for a long time are the benefits.



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## TERRY FABRIC *What does printing need?*

- Fabric should be well prepared for printing. Mercerizing of fabric is strongly recommended for high quality towels with bright colors.
- Nice velour, mostly double sheared and brushed for fine and even surface.
- Well cleaned fabric surface to avoid uneven printing.
- Reactive printing needs inkjet pre-treatment for dye fixation. The same can be applied offline with a padder on a stenter or inline, with a foulard, a MAGNOROLL-GMA or a CHROMOJET-DPT digital pre-treatment applicator.
- Digital inkjet printing
- Hot air or steam treatment to fix the dyes with the fiber of the towel
- Post print washing to remove unfixed dyes and improve rub fastness

The most economical way of printing is the all inline process. It may involve a slightly higher investment, but gives 100% control of penetration, reduces ink consumption and logistical needs and delivers fabrics ready for post print washing and final finishing.

Shorter process means less handling, less energy consumption, less work force

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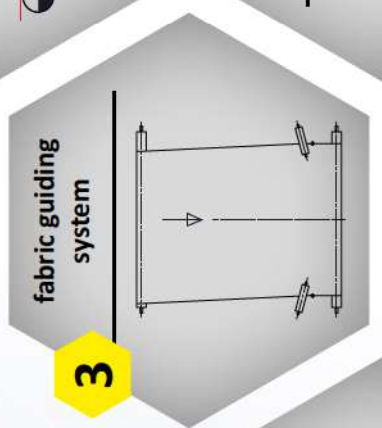
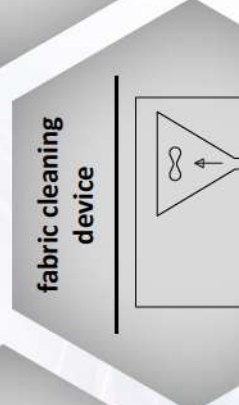
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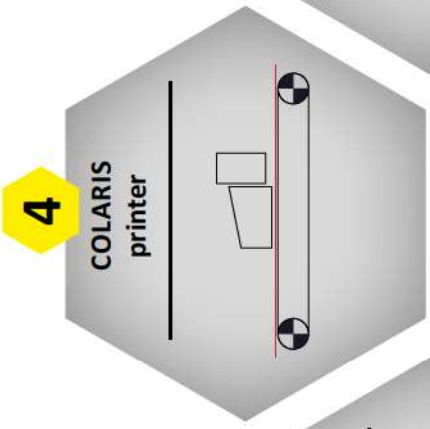
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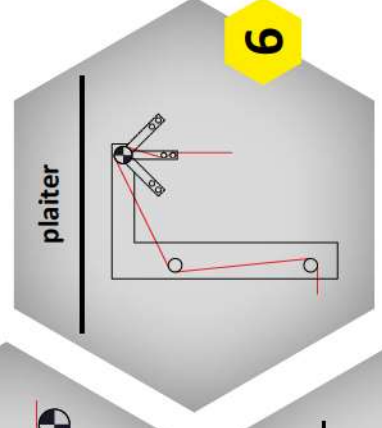
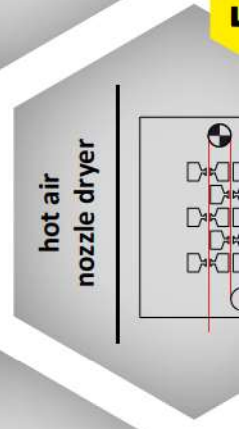
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The offline pre-treatment is prepared for rolled on A-frames.

A fabric cleaning system. Printing is done with a good system to achieve a good color depth. Right after with a hot air nozzle for dye fixation into a fixation unit.

Finally, the fabric needs to be stained because of uniformity and fastness level.



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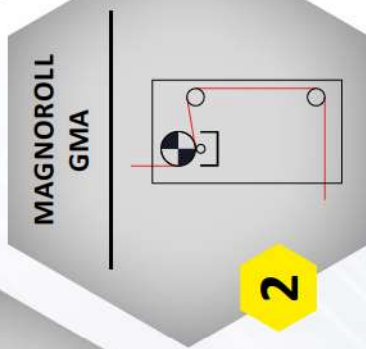
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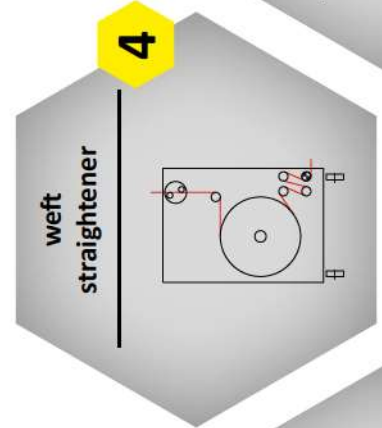
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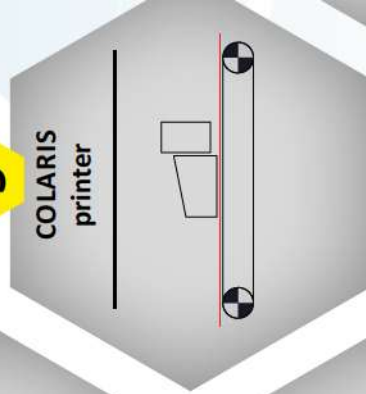
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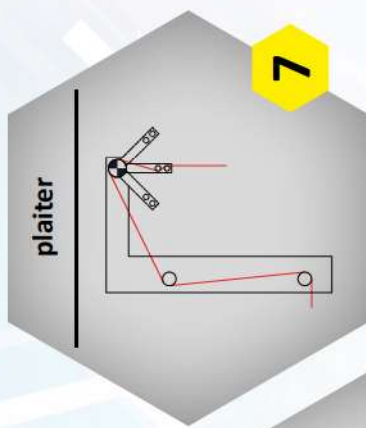
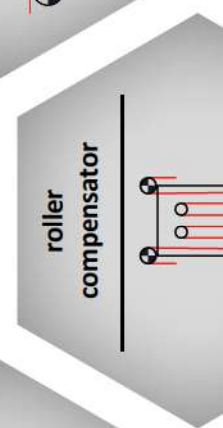
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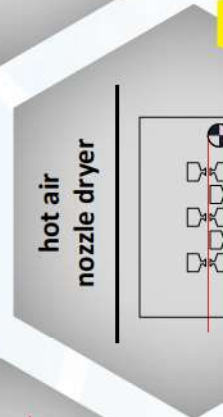
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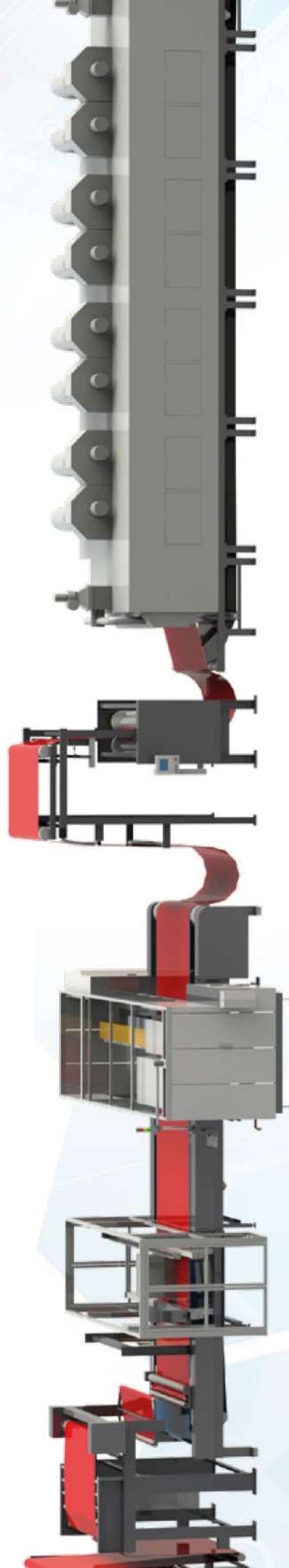


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Terry towels are preferred for the on-wet process. The chemical active printing are applied with the MAGNOROLL-GMA application. The design and printing rate on to the hot air nozzle. Finally, the dyes need to be fixed in a thermal steamer or in a thermofixer. The fabric is washed for good fastness.

# WITH DIGITAL INLINE PRE-TREATMENT AND INLINE FIXATION



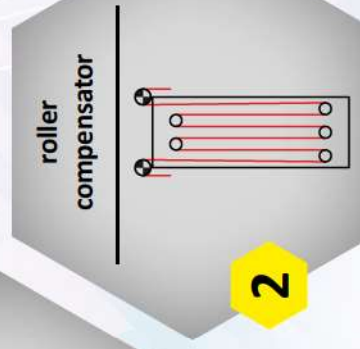
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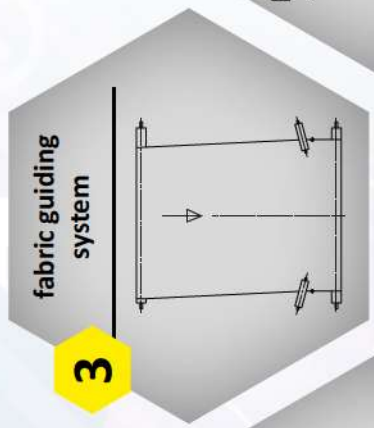
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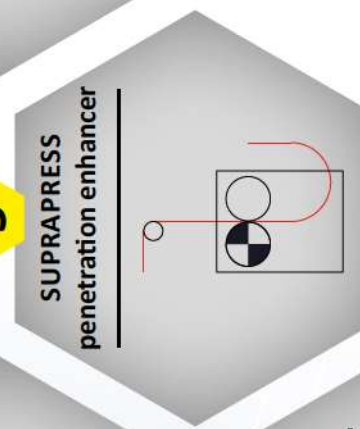
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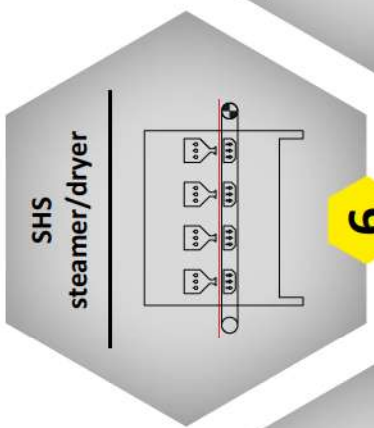
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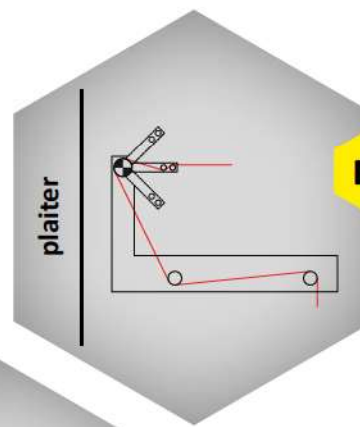
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## MAGNOROLL-GMA APPLICATOR

MAGNOROLL-GMA or alternatively a foulard are used for application of pre-treatment chemicals, when printing wet-on-wet for optimized penetration results.



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## PRINT CARRIAGE

The COLARIS print carriage can be laid out with up to 12 color groups. The print capacity can be tuned by flexible installation of 2 up to 8 print-heads per color group.



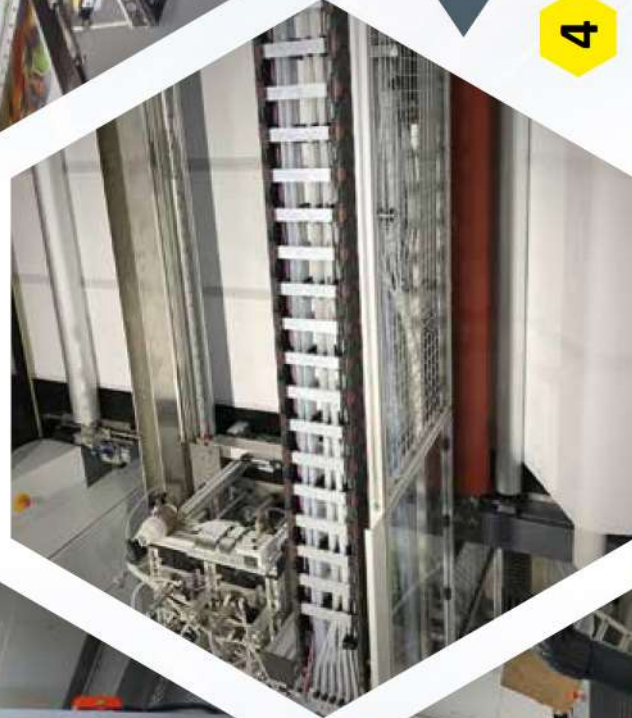
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## CHROMOJET-DPT APPLICATOR

The CHROMOJET-DPT is a digital pre-treatment applicator directly mounted





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## WEFT STRAIGHTENER

For printing of towel fabric from plait, we recommend to install the optionally available weft straightening system to correct alignment and possible bow and skew.



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## MODUS LOOP STEAMER

In case of high-capacity towel printing, the MODUS loop steamer is the best option as its capacity can easily be tuned to serve several digital and screen printing installations.



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## SUPRAFIX

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