

## ***Company Profile***

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### **Xetma Vollenweider – an innovative brand with a long tradition**

Xetma Vollenweider is much more than only a brand name. Xetma Vollenweider – these are well-proofed textile finishing systems in highest quality.

The Xetma Vollenweider Group – consisting of Xetma Vollenweider GmbH (Germany) and Xetma Vollenweider AG (Switzerland) – represents almost 300 years of experience in the textile industry.

#### ***Xetma Vollenweider GmbH***

Xetma Vollenweider GmbH was founded by Ernst Gessner in Aue (Germany) in the year 1850. It was only four years later that Ernst Gessner invented the first napping machine worldwide, employing the pile and counterpile napping principle, and thus laid the foundation for our production of today. This development of a universal wire napping machine with 24 rotating napping cylinders in the year 1886 was one of the most significant innovations in the field of napping. The system, for which Ernst Gessner had obtained a patent, is the basis of all drum-type wire card napping machines existing today.

Ernst Gessner was granted 155 patents and numerous diplomas. His successors have taken over this innovative role and, in fact, more than ever do we feel committed to this tradition. Patented novelty developments from the recent past, such as the Multisystem machine with its unprecedented flexibility in napping, sanding and brush sueding as well as the Twinsystem double-drum machine with an entirely new drum conception are coping with these high-level requirements.

#### ***Xetma Vollenweider AG***

Xetma Vollenweider AG, founded by Samuel Vollenweider in the year 1881, has for more than one century been representing the sound mechanical engineering of Switzerland. For over 80 years specialised in the development and manufacture of shearing machinery, Vollenweider has become a well-established name which is associated worldwide with precision and reliability in textile finishing machines.

Numerous innovations are proof of Vollenweider's leading role in the shearing sector. The Super Duplo cloth cleaning and shearing machine with a shearing unit of two cutting points and the first shearing machine worldwide having two shearing units arranged one above the other as well as the integration of a polishing unit with two polishing points for high-pile textiles into the Optima shearing machine are only some of the highlights engineered by Vollenweider.

#### ***Xetma Vollenweider Group***

It was at the turn of the millennium that the two leading manufacturers of textile finishing machinery merged to form the Xetma Vollenweider Group. Under the trademark Xetma Vollenweider we offer our customers the full range of mechanical surface finishing equipment coming from one supplier. This is accompanied by an even more comprehensive, customised service and innovative technological solutions.

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In order to care for all future developments of our products Xetma Vollenweider runs a modern technological centre at its site in Aue (Germany). These facilities enable Xetma Vollenweider to run trials with the products of its customers and other interested parties from all over the world in a safe environment using a wide range of add-value techniques. In addition to novel finishing results, the service offered by Xetma Vollenweider gives textile companies and its decision makers a much safer basis for decision-making in respect of planned investments.

The Technology Centre integrates the complete range of mechanical surface finishing processes including

- **Napping**
- **Sanding**
- **Combined Napping and Sanding**
- **Brush-Sueding**
- **Combined Brush-Sueding and Sanding**
- **Carpet Shearing**
- **Shearing**
- **Polishing**
- **Tigering**
- **Brushing**
- **Cleaning**

Having at its disposal in its in-house technological centre the complete range of relevant technologies and technical equipment, Xetma Vollenweider is in a position to provide its appreciated customers with more efficient services in respect of present-day and future market requirements. In line with its corporate philosophy „*The Better Partner*“, Xetma Vollenweider has once again demonstrated that it has a competitive edge over its competitors.

The ever-growing interest shown by textile companies from all over the world has been one of the reasons why Xetma Vollenweider has decided to continually widen its programme of customer-related services, including, among others, the finishing of complete sample collections for fairs and product presentations.

With our efficient sales and service team and agencies in more than 60 countries worldwide we are your competent contact partner when it comes to textile finishing.

*Aue & Horgen, February 2010*