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Continental adds 90-, 130-, 255-pound washers to high-efficiency, soft-mount E-Series line

Oshkosh, Wis. – Continental Girbau Inc. recently added 90-, 130- and 255-pound capacity washer-extractors to the E-Series™ line. High-speed washers with superior energy-efficiency, the E-Series line now features 20-, 30-, 40-, 55-, 90-, 130- and 255-pound capacity OPL models. And, like the rest of the E-Series line, the new 90, 130, and 255 are equipped with a soft-mount design for easy installations and the capability to reach extract speeds of up to 387 G-force.

“The new large-capacity E-Series model feature unmatched programmability, efficiency and chemical delivery,” said Joel Jorgensen, vice president of sales and customer services. “E-Series is a great machine,” he added. “It has a superior auto balance system, fantastic finish quality and it’s engineered to fit a vast range of applications.”

Perhaps the greatest advantage of the new large capacity E-Series models is their highly programmable Intelligent (Inteli) Control, which delivers more performance, programming and efficiency capabilities. The Inteli is Continental’s most advanced programmable control available—with 20 pre-programmed cycles and up to 79 owner-programmable cycles—yet is surprisingly easy to use. The Inteli allows complete control of every conditional aspect of the wash process, and, as such, is perfectly suited for laundries requiring a high-level of control over cleaning specific types of fabric – from the most delicate silks, suedes and wools, to durable denims and Gore-Tex.

“The Inteli offers superior flexibility and is extremely easy to use,” said Jorgensen. The Inteli Control features a user interface using real words and universally-understood icons with step-by-step programming instructions. The control steps users through a series of phases allowing control over water temperature, wash speed, mechanical action and chemical injection; boasts expanded mechanical action programmability to include duration and RPMs; has 12 standard chemical injection signals; and features a vastly improved chemical delivery system, in which chemicals are diluted with water before being introduced to linen inside the washer drum.

One of the most unique features of the Inteli Control is an optional Inteli Management Tool (IMTx) that gives users the ability to program their washer via a personal computer. “Until now, distributors and or chemical representatives had to program washers individually by machine,” said Jorgensen. “This process tended to be time consuming and problematic from a consistency standpoint with complex and/or multiple wash cycles. With the IMTx technology, users can transfer programs to multiple machines in a matter of seconds,” said Jorgensen. “The IMTx has a huge impact on efficiency, processing quality assurance and has proven to be a fantastic timesaver for chemical representatives and laundry managers alike. ”

The IMTx management tool allows users to design wash programs and configurations on their PC and save them and organize those files by account or category database. Multiple programs can be viewed simultaneously using IMTx so it is easy to compare, copy and modify each of the parameters within separate programs. Once saved, the programs can be downloaded to a smart card, which can then be applied to one machine or series of machines in a laundry using the smart-card interface. In addition, the programs can be shared electronically with other IMTx users, making programming easy regardless of the washer’s geographic location. IMTx also allows users to reverse the process by uploading a single machine’s programming parameters onto a smart card. That information can then be used to program other machines, or it can be downloaded onto the IMTx, and e-mailed to another account. Finally, the IMTx also features a programming simulator, perfect for control operation training with staff.

Just like the other E-Series models, the new 90, 130 and 255 models offer a significant reduction in water, gas and electricity usage. “They allow laundries to embrace energy-efficient ‘green’ benefits, lower utilities and labor, and improve productivity dramatically,” said Jorgensen.

E-Series Washers provide a high-speed, efficient alternative to hard-mount machines, he added. E-Series Washers consume less water than traditional frontload washers and offer high-speed extract reaching up to 387 G-force. By comparison, hard-mount washers only reach 70-150 G-force extract speeds, according to Jorgensen. As a result, E-Series Washers remove considerably more water from each load, which reduces the time it takes to dry a load of laundry by as much as 50 percent.

Because laundry takes less time to dry, drying tumblers and linens experience less wear and tear. This improves the longevity of linens and towels, as well as dryers. Thanks to the high-speed extract of E-Series Washers, facilities can bolster laundry productivity using less labor and utilities.

And, as freestanding machines, E-Series Washers can be installed without bolts and special reinforced concrete foundations, allowing for quick installation. This expands machine location possibilities, as well. No longer is a facility dependent upon concrete foundation availability. E-Series Washers can be installed in unconventional locations including areas with wood floors and second-story laundries—all with little or no floor preparation and cost.

To find out more about Continental laundry products, which are backed by an industry-leading 3/5-year factory warranty, visit www.continentalgirbau.com or call 800-256-1073.

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