



TFL's new dyeing auxiliary

Specialty leather chemicals company STFL has introduced Invaderm RA as part of its range of levelling auxiliaries with affinity for dyestuffs. It can be used when different dyestuff types are being mixed and applied together to improve shade consistency and, with the retarding effect it has on anionic dyes, it makes them more compatible, thus improving reproducibility from batch to batch. It also improves dye penetration and uniformity of buffed articles. The new auxiliary enhances homogeneous penetration of the dyes into the cross section, which results in an improved levelness of buffed articles such as nubuck and suede. 🌐

Circle Reader No.1

Chimont launches new wax compounds for pull-up

With an increasing interest in articles with pull-up effect, not only in shoes but in other product areas such as interior design and clothing as well, Italian chemical company Chimont has launched Chimoil WAK and Chimoil WAF, two innovative lubricants which confer leathers with an already delicate crust, the characteristics required for the end product.

These wax compounds are to be used as the principal lubricants, which have an excellent pull-up effect while softening and lubricating the leather. They also confer an excellent fixative quality on the leather, and avoid the effects of migration on the surface. They do not affect the fixation of the dyestuffs so that colour fastness is not affected. Moreover, the anchorage of re-finishing products is not affected, thus increasing the scope of these leathers in the post-finishing of various leather articles. 🌐

Circle Reader No.2

Finimont launches non-flammable anilines

Finimont, the Italian company specialising in finishes and which is part of Chimont International, has developed NF-Color, a line of non-flammable anilines with a low percentage of VOC composed of premetallic colorants which can be diluted in both water and solvents, and which have a maximum of 45% VOC as opposed to the 70% to 90% of the other anilines on the market today. Finimont has achieved this through the reduction or elimination of significant percentages of solvents, as well as through

the use of auxiliaries that do not contain solvents. The new range comprises a large number of highly concentrated anilines, resistant to light, solvents and migration. The tones obtained are said to be as brilliant and uniform as those obtained with the normal, traditional metal complexes but with some important advantages for the tanning industry. 🌐

Circle Reader No.3

New DuPont Hydrology system for leather

DuPont has launched a new system for tanning leather called Hydrology, which is said to offer weather-resistance as well as being washable and dryable in household appliances, colourfast, breathable and stain and soil resistant.

Leather protected by Hydrology will soon be available for products such as coats and jackets, handbags, hats, gloves, shoes, boots, briefcases, luggage and pillows.



In flex testing, leather tanned using Hydrology is said to achieve more than 150,000 flexes versus competitive standards of 30,000 flexes. And, when the leather is washed, it dries in half the time of competitively treated leather.

The company has already certified a number of tanneries globally to utilise the technology. The company works closely with each tannery to customise the technology to maximise results based upon the leather substrate. 🌐

Circle Reader No.4

ACCIL's new leather production facility

India-based Asiatic Colour-Chem Industries Limited (ACCIL) is planning to set up a leather chemical production facility in Gujarat State, western India.

The company plans to open a 2,200 tpa leather chemicals unit at Changodar in the Ahmedabad district of Gujarat. Facilities are to be installed for the production of syntans and fatliquors requiring an investment

of Rs.143.2 million (\$3.25 million). Commercial production is expected to begin by the second quarter of 2007.

The current market trend is to offer a 'one pack system' to leather units, which is where the idea for the new unit came from. The new products such as syntans and fatliquors will be offered to existing overseas clients, who are prepared for 100% buy-back arrangements. There is large demand for these products, predominantly from multi-nationals. They are shipped within India and have domestic as well as export potential.

ACCIL is one of the world's largest manufacturers of acid dyes for leather, specialising in blacks and browns. Its products are exported to more than 40 countries and it has an installed production capacity of approximately 10,000 metric tons per annum for acid, reactive and direct dyes and 2,500 metric tons per annum of dye intermediates. 🌐

Circle Reader No.5

"Can you believe it?" dept.

1. Balve showcases opulent safes

Germany's Balve High Tech Safes Company is showing its futuristic high tech and art safes at Index 2006 in Dubai. The safes cost between \$50,254 and \$314,089 each. They are made from patented ceramic armour plating, and installed with a patented Balvetec electronic locking system, providing 100% security, including espionage protection.

The fireproof safes take between three months to a year to manufacture, and incorporate rare materials including camel and cow hair, finest calf and ostrich leather, crocodile, alligator, mink, shark, sting ray, snake and python skin, and chrome, sterling silver and 24-carat gold to line the interior and exterior of the safe. One of the safes on display is swathed in silver and embedded with 50,000 Swarovski stones.

2. Limited edition BMW sells out

All fifty of the 2007 BMW M6 Convertible models sold out within one minute and thirty-two seconds of becoming available in the USA.

The luxury convertibles, built especially for the Neiman Marcus Christmas Book, will be produced in the inaugural year. They feature custom Ruby Black exterior finish and power sports seats, wrapped in a custom Gold Brown shade of supple BMW Individual Merino leather. The car can accelerate from 0 to 60 mph in just 4.5 seconds, and has a powerful 5.0-litre V-10 engine. 🌐