# **EcoPower B8X** 55 – 300 t Precision, Energy efficiency, Dynamic

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## **ENERGY EFFICIENT – DYNAMIC – PRODUCTIVE**

## The optimum in performance and precision

### The advantages

- » Dynamic toggle clamping unit with highly sensitive mold protection
- » High-precision injection units with extreme shot-by-shot accuracy
- » Force savings of 15% due to dynamic toggle kinematics
- » Fast, precise and efficient thanks to servo drive axes with parallel operation
- » Additional energy bonus through patented KERS energy recovery system
- » Newly developed WITTMANN amplifier optimally harmonized to the drives
- » User-friendly through the Unilog B8X control system with integrated assistance systems
- "Plug & Produce" extension into a full-fledged production cell possible with WITTMANN auxiliary equipment and the Wittmann 4.0 integration package
- » Optimal price/performance ratio













### **EcoPower B8X**

### The system-highlights

### » Direct servo drives for main movements

The EcoPower B8X machines come with highly dynamic servo motors to drive the main movements (closing/opening, plasticizing, injection). The mold height adjustment device in the clamping unit is also driven by a servo-electric motor. The ancillary strokes (ejector, nozzle stroke/contact pressure, core pulls) are driven by an integrated servo-hydraulic aggregate powered by a servo-electric motor. Direct servo-mechanic drives are available as an option.

### » Powerful injection unit

The EcoPower B8X injection units are equipped with a twin drive system for the injection and dosing functions. A torsion-resistant, one-piece cast iron frame with linear guides and a central ball screw drive provides the basis for highly dynamic, precise movements. The injection unit is pivotable and designed for easy access.

### » Fast toggle clamping system

The EcoPower B8X clamping unit is a 3-platen/4-tie-bar system with a dynamic 5-point toggle lever, driven directly by a servo motor via a rack-and-pinion drive. The moving platen of the machine travels on linear guides and rotating roller bearings without coming into contact with the tie-bars. Injection can already start during clamping force build-up.

### » KERS - energy recovery is standard

The KERS kinetic energy recovery system, patented for injection molding machines, converts the kinetic energy released by braking processes into electrical energy. The resulting current is used within the machine, e. g. for barrel heating. With KERS, the energy consumption can be cut further by up to 5%.

### » Mould Protect - fast-response mold protection

The minimal rolling friction of the moving platen guide system combined with measurement of force changes inside the toggle lever drive offers optimal conditions for highly sensitive, self learning, fast-response mold protection.

### **CLAMPING UNIT**

## Servo-electric dynamics and speed

### » Ample space for complex molds

- Generously dimensioned mold platens [1] and a clean toggle lever clamping system offer the optimal environment for all molds including all media connections.
- The ejector area and the environment of the platens offer easy access for machine setup and adjustment work. [2]

#### » Sensitive and precise

In the EcoPower B8X clamping system, the tie-bars are exclusively used for force transmission between the outer platens. The moving platen travels virtually free of friction across the linear bearings without coming into contact with the tie-bars. [3]

### » Servo-electric dynamics

- The moving platen is moved quickly and with high precision by a self-locking 5-point toggle lever. [4]
  - Short dry cylcle time
  - Long service life
  - · Low maintenance
- The toggle lever is driven by a highly dynamic servo motor via a rackand-pinion drive system. [5]
- The synchronized mold height adjustment via 4 bronze bar nuts and a sun gear system is driven by a servo motor. In this way, an extremely accurate clamping force regulation can be achieved. [6]

### » Servo-hydraulic ancillary strokes

To drive the ancillary strokes (ejector, nozzle strokes and core pulls), a hydraulic aggregate powered by a servo-electric motor is mounted on the inside of the machine frame. Being specially designed for high efficiency, it requires no cooling water connection. The maintenance-friendly access is from the rear, behind the clamping unit. Servo-mechanical drives for the ancillary strokes are available as options.

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## **INJECTION UNIT**

## Repeatability



### » Everything to ensure series consistency

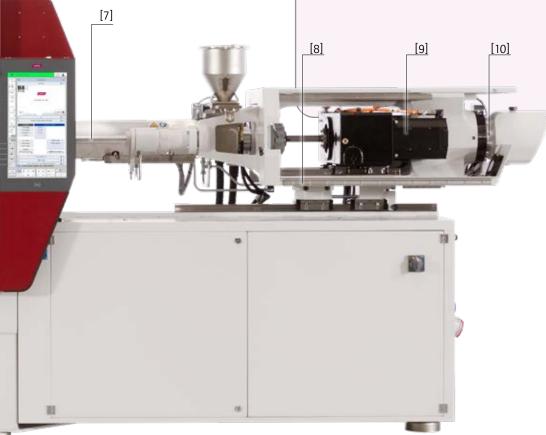
- All screws > 25 mm come with a 22:1 L/D ratio.
- All injection units offer a wide injection pressure range.
- Plasticizing parallel to clamping unit movements and start of the injection process during clamping force build-up are possible as standard.
- EcoPower B8X injection units with a higher injection performance can be supplied as an option.
- Moment-free nozzle contact thanks to axial configuration of traveling cylinders [7]
- Plasticizing units can be mounted to different injection aggregates with identical screw diameters.
- In combination with WITTMANN BATTENFELD HiQ software packages sensitive adjustment facilities are available in the form of (optional) software modules to compensate environmental factors such as temperature and moisture, regrind or masterbatch content.

### » Optimal operational excellence

- Quick barrel exchange due to swiveling injection unit.
- Easy access for changeover work thanks to compact design and sliding guard [8]

### » More productivity and efficiency

- High-resolution absolute value encoder for precise control [9]
- Low-noise injection spindle with modern ball screw drive and "spacer" technology [10]
- Oil bath lubrication for easier maintenance and improved dynamics





### Anti-wear options

In addition to the premiumquality standard equipment, an extensive range of options is available to provide extra anti-wear and/or anti-corrosion protection. Predefined option packages and a selection matrix facilitate the selection of the right plasticizing unit.

### **DRIVE TECHNOLOGY**

## Energy efficiency and precision



#### Fast-responding, precise, cost-efficient

The use of servo-electric drive technology for all main movements affecting the cycle offers a large number of advantages compared to conventional hydraulic injection molding machines:

- » Energy efficiency through direct drive via gearbox
- » Energy efficiency through the servo drives high efficiency rates
- » Digital control for maximum repeatability
- » Use of recovered braking energy via KERS system for powering of heater bands
- » Cycle flexibility thanks to possibilities with parallel movements
- » Low sound emission (< 65 dBA)

The combination of servo motors and drive units (rack-and-pinion drive for the toggle lever and spindle drive for the injection stroke) can be supplied at different performance levels for different speeds.

Basically, the EcoPower drive concept offers the advantage of modularity for demand-oriented adjustment of drive performance to the intended use in each case. The new WITTMANN amplifier developed for the EcoPower B8X, with its high sampling rate, significantly improves reproducibility and injection dynamics.

### "Drive-on-Demand 2.0" servo-hydraulic drive for ancillary strokes

"Drive-on-Demand 2.0" is the innovative combination of a fast-responding, speed-controlled and air-cooled servo motor with a high-quality constant displacement pump.

- » Integrated in the machine frame without additional space requirements
- » Drive unit for hydraulic core pulls
- » Energy-efficient, maintenance-free nozzle contact with high pressure
- » No cooling required for standard applications



### **INSIDER CONCEPT**

## "ex works" production cell

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The insider concept is an ex-works solution to transform an EcoPower B8X injection molding machine into a fully fledged production cell. In its basic version, the equipment cell integrates a parts handling system, a conveyor belt for parts transport and a protective housing firmly connected with the machine. Additional equipment modules for further processing, quality documentation and packaging are available as options. For the design and configuration of such higher automation levels, WITTMANN BATTENFELD places the combined expert knowledge of the entire group at its customers' disposal.

### The advantages of insider automation

- » Material flow systematization
  - thanks to a uniform logistics interface for finished parts transfer at the end of the clamping unit, a prerequisite for positioning of several machines in rows
- » Reduction of production space by up to 50 % compared to conventional automation solutions
- » Minimization of robot cycle times through shorter travel paths and immediate parts depositing on conveyor belt
- » Easy access in spite of integration to the mold and the robot thanks to mobility of the conveyor belt integrated in the protective housing
- » Cost benefits, since safety features for all danger areas are already in place and certified ex works.
- » CE mark included for every machine with an insider solution. No more costs for individual approval.



CE certified by type examination





### **UNILOG B8X**

## Complex matters simplified

The proven Unilog B8 control system logic with the high-performance B8X hardware is the WITTMANN BATTENFELD solution to make the operation of complex processes easy. To this end, the integrated industrial PC has been equipped with an enlarged intuitive touch-screen control surface. The visualization is the interface to the Windows® 10 IoT operating system, which offers extensive capacity for process control. In addition to the swivel-mounted monitor screen unit, a fixed manual operating panel is installed in the central console.



### **Unilog B8X**

### Highlights

### » Operating logic

with a high degree of self-explanation, similar to modern communication devices

### » 2 major operating principles

- Operating/movement functions via tactile keys
- Process functions on touch screen (access via RFID, key card or key ring)

### » Process visualization

via 21.5" touch screen display (full HD), pivoting laterally

### » New screen functions

- Uniform layout for all WITTMANN appliances
- Recognition of gestures (wiping and zooming by finger movements)
- Container function split screen for sub-functions and programs

### » Status visualization

uniform signaling system across the entire WITTMANN Group

- Headline on the screen with colored status bars and pop-up menus
- AmbiLED-display on machine

#### » Operator assistance

- QuickSetup: process parameter setting assistant using an integrated material database and a simple query system to retrieve molded part data with machine settings pre-selection
- Extensive help library integrated

## The process in constant view



#### » SmartEdit

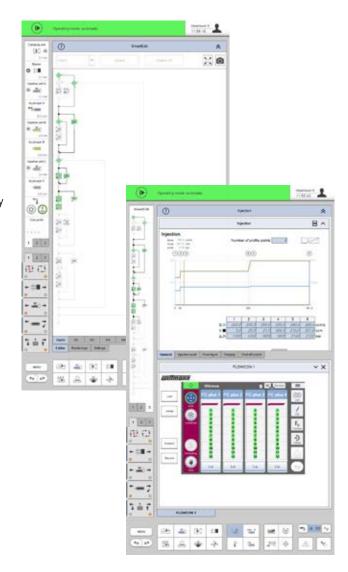
SmartEdit is a visual, icon-based cycle sequence programming facility, which enables direct addition of special functions (core pulls, air valves, etc.) based on a standard process via touch operation on the screen. In this way, a total user-defined sequence can be compiled from a sequence menu. This machine cycle, visualized either horizontally or vertically, can be adjusted simply and flexibly to the process requirements by finger touch with "draq & drop" movements.

### The advantages

- Icon visualization ensures clarity.
- Clear events sequence through node diagram
- Alterations without consequences through "dry test runs"
- Theoretical process sequence can be quickly implemented in practice.
- Automatic calculation of the automation sequence based on the actual set-up data set without machine movements

#### » SmartScreen

- Partitioning of screen displays to visualize and operate two different functions simultaneously (e.g. machines and auxiliaries)
- Uniform design of the screen pages within the WITTMANN Group
- Max. 3 containers can be addressed simultaneously for the SmartScreen function.
- Adjustments of set values can be effected directly in the set value profile.





### Remote communication

### » QuickLook 4.0

Production status check via smartphone – simple and comfortable:

- Production data and statuses of all essential appliances in a production cell
- Complete overview of the most important production parameters
- Access to production data, error signals and user-defined data
- The production cell overview offers a clear, simple overview of the production cell's general condition and that of its individual Wittmann 4.0 appliances.

### » Global online service network

- Web-Service 24/7: direct Internet connection to WITTMANN BATTENFELD service
- Web-Training: efficient staff training by means of the virtual training center

### **WITTMANN 4.0**

## Communication in and with production cells

With its communication standard Wittmann 4.0, the WITTMANN Group offers a uniform data transfer platform between injection molding machines and auxiliary equipment from WITTMANN. In case of an appliance change, the corresponding visualizations and settings are loaded automatically via an update function, following the principle of "Pluq & Produce".

### Connection of auxiliaries via Wittmann 4.0

### » WITTMANN water flow regulator WFC 120, Gravimax blenders and Aton dryers

- Units directly addressed and controlled via the machine's control system
- Joint saving of data in the production cell, the machine and in the network via MES

### » WITTMANN robots with R9 control system

- Operation of robots via the machine's monitor screen
- High-speed communication between machine and robot to synchronize movements
- Important machine movements can be set via the R9 robot control system

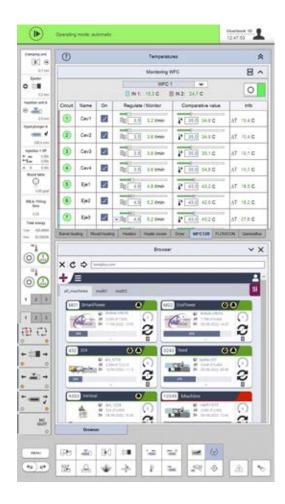
### » WITTMANN Tempro plus D temperature controllers

- Setting and control of temperatures via the machine's control system possible
- All functions can be operated either on the unit or via the machine's control system

### Integration in MES system

The integration of machines and complete production cells in an MES system is a prerequisite for an efficient and transparent production facility according to the Industry 4.0 concept.

Depending on customers' requirements, small and medium-sized companies as well as global players are offered a compact MES solution based on TEMI+. With the Windows® 10 IoT operating system it is also possible to have selected status information from all connected machines on the production floor shown under SmartMonitoring on the display screen of every machine.





### **OPTIONS**

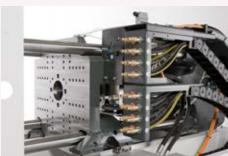
## Modular and flexible













### **EcoPower B8X**

### The option highlights

### » Performance increase for injection

As an option, a "high-speed" version of the toggle lever drive is available. The injection dynamism and precision of the servo-electric injection units provide the prerequisites for manufacturing thin-walled molded parts with high standards of dimensional accuracy. This enables the production of thin-walled plastic parts for the packaging and electronics industries.

### » Faster ejection

As an alternative to the standard servo-hydraulic drive for the ejector, a more powerful version with a servomechanical drive is available as an option.

### » HiQ packages

The HiQ packages offer add-ons for the existing Unilog B8X machine control system software. They provide additional features to give the operator more information about the process, and to facilitate operation of the equipment.

### » Fast media connections

For the ergonomically positioned standard connection points for cooling water, air and core pull hydraulics, optional fast-coupling plates (individual plates or system plates) can be supplied, as well as electrical plug-in systems for the hot runner heating circuits, temperature and pressure sensors and coding signals.

### » WITTMANN auxiliaries

The extensive range of the WITTMANN auxiliary equipment offers appropriate solutions for all secondary processes of injection molding, including parts handling, material feeding and drying, sprue recycling and mold cooling. Via the optional Wittmann 4.0 integration package, all additional auxiliaries can be integrated into the production cell according to the "Plug & Produce" principle.

### **APPLICATION TECHNOLOGY**

## Outstanding competence



» Clean room injection molding

Whenever medical or electronic components need to be manufactured in a particle-free environment, the EcoPower B8X concept with its easy-to-clean mold space offers good basic conditions, which can be further optimized to meet more stringent requirements by adding optional equipment modules (such as water-cooled servo motors and clean room packages).



» Technical precision injection molding The EcoPower B8X ensures highest standards of precision and reproducibility, with freeof-play force transmission and servo-electric drives. Technical parts such as SIM card holders can be produced with high accuracy and at high speeds. Minimal cycle times and reliable production processes ensure profitability and top-quality products.



» IML – In-Mold Labeling

The fast running EcoPower B8X machines in combination with the proven WITTMANN handling technology are the basic equipment for high-performance in-mold labeling production cells to make directly decorated containers.



» Combimould

Where two or more different plastic materials in different colors or with different attributes are to be combined into one part, the EcoPower B8X machines can be fitted with additional injection units in V or L configuration

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» LIM - Liquid Injection Molding LIM designates the injection molding process to make elastic parts from 2-component LSR (liquid silicon rubber). For LSR product manufacturing, WITTMANN BATTENFELD uses proven modular machine and automation concepts with special plasticizing systems adapted to the viscosity of LSR.



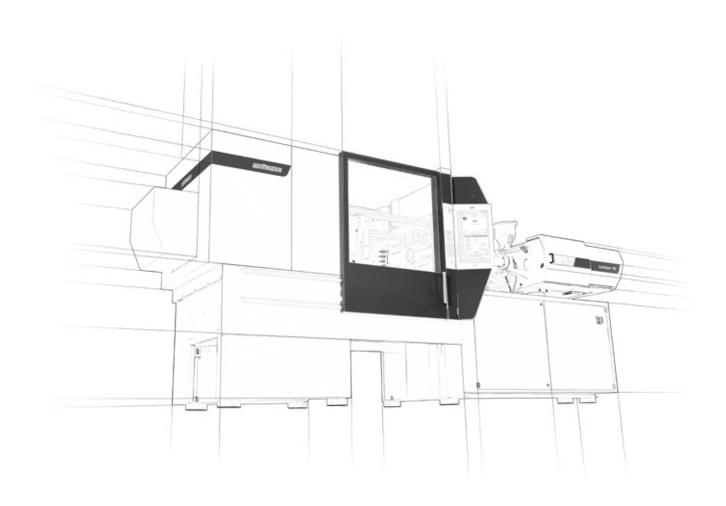
» PIM (CIM/MIM) – Powder Injection Molding Powder injection molding (PIM) is a manufacturing process for series production of parts made of metallic or ceramic materials. PIM is the ideal process to produce large quantities of complex, functional components with a high material requirements profile.



» Injection molding of high-precision components

The high degree of precision in the movements of servo drives stands for an equally high level of precision and consistency of the injection parameters. This provides ideal conditions for processing engineering plastics into all kinds of high-precision components.

## **TECHNICAL DATA** EcoPower B8X



COMBINATIONS OF CLAMPING UNITS/INJECTION UNITS									
Clamping unit	Injection unit								
t	70	130	210	350	525	750	1000	1330	1670
55	•	•	•	•					
90		•	•	•	•				
110			•	•	•	•			
160				•	•	•	•		
180					•	•	•	•	
240						•	•	•	•
300						•	•	•	•

Material	Factor			
ABS	0.88			
CA	1.02			
CAB	0.97			
PA	0.91			
PC	0.97			
PE	0.71			
PMMA	0.94			
POM	1.15			
PP	0.73			

The maximum shotweights (g) are calculated by multiplying the theoretical shot volume (cm³) by the above factor.

Factor			
0.85			
0.98			
0.85			
0.91			
1.12			
1.02			
0.88			
0.88			

### **STANDARD**

#### Base machine

Drop - voltage 230/400V/3p+N-TN/TT, 50 Hz

Painting RAL 7047 tele grey / RAL 7016 anthracite/RAL 3004 crimson

Air cooling system for drive and amplifier unit, water cooling system open (up to 300 t) or closed (from 400 t) for feed zones

One-piece base frame with 3 disposal directions

Ejection area - ejection shaft cover according to EN ISO 20430 incl. Interface for ejection flap control

Machine filled with hydraulic oil HLP32 zinc free according to DIN 51524 T2 / purity level 17/15/12 according to ISO 4406, lubricants according to H2-quality

Operating manual in printed version incl. user manual on USB flash drive in any EU language according to definition of country incl. type examination certificate TÜV Austria in German incl. protocol: electrical safety according to EN 60204-1

Injection molding machine according to machinery directive 2006/42/EG incl. declaration of conformity and CE-marking

Levelling pads

#### Clamping unit

Clamping force and closing and opening forces adjustable

Mold safety program

Moving platen supported by positioned linear guides

Mold platen according to EUROMAP 2, clamping surface metallic bright, rest painted

Fixing holes for robot on fixed platen as per EUROMAP 18 Hydraulic multi stroke ejector

Drive unit SO with speed controlled servo motor for hydraulic pump to increase the energy efficiency, injection axis, dosing axis and clamping axis with energy-efficient and performance optimized direct servo drive

Clamping system with 5-point twin toggle, servo electric direct drive via rack-and-pinion drive  $\,$ 

Servo electric mold height adjustment

### Injection unit

Screw drive by A.C. servo-motor for parallel recovery during cycle

Plasticizing unit AK+ for thermoset processing, 3-zone universal screw, flow-optimized check valve, heater bands up to 350 °C with heat insulation of feed zone grooving

Thermocouple failure monitor

Maximum temperature supervision

Plug-in ceramic heater bands

Temperature control of feed throat integrated

Swivelling injection unit

Injection axis via servo motor and def. hydraulic nozzle contact pressure  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ 

Linear guides in standard design, position sensor with non-contact stroke transducer

Selectable barrel stand-by temperature

Decompression before and/or after metering

Physical units – bar, ccm, mm/s etc.

Screw protection

Auxiliary screw speed indication

Linear interpolation of holding pressure set values

Bar chart for barrel temperature with set value and actual value display Selectable injection pressure limitation

Changeover from injection to holding pressure depending on stroke, time and pressure

Open nozzle R35, split

Splash guard and barrel covering in standard execution according to EN ISO 20430, L/D 22 protected via limit switch

Material hopper 6 litres (MH206) for automatic material feed, sliding device with shut-off function for material with sliding guide

#### Safety gate

 $\label{lem:covering} \textbf{Covering injection side-maintenance door slightable with sensor}$ 

Safety gate in standard execution, plexiglas clear / frame RAL 3004 crimson

Safety gate at operator and non-operator side manually operated

Monitored safety gate electrically controlled according to CE on front and rear side, safety gate free

#### **Electrics**

Control zone for nozzle heater band 230 V

AmbiLED status indicator

Switch cabinet circulating fan for environment temperature to max. 30 °C

Emergency stop switch button in control panel

USB connection on control unit for printer or network

1 Ethernet interface (switch cabinet)

Integration package Wittmann 4.0 BASE: Router for integration respectively protection of injection moulding cell in production network

### Control system

Control system Unilog B8X - 21,5" multi-touch screen (full HD)

Control panel with selectable haptic keys

Clamp force display and supervision

Software for operating hours counter

Closing/Opening - 5 profile steps

Ejection forward/back - 3 profile steps

Nozzle forward/back - 3 profile steps

Injection/Holding pressure – 10 profile steps

Screw speed/Back pressure - 6 profile steps

Parts counter with good/bad part evaluation

Purging program through open mold

Stroke zero offset settings

Start-up program

Switch over to holding pressure MASTER/SLAVE by injection time, screw stroke/injection volume and injection pressure

Self-teaching temperature controller

Display of temperature inside electrical cabinet

Seven-day timer

Access authorization via RFID authorization system (1  $\times$  check card IT-level-15, 1  $\times$  token customer level-30 and 1  $\times$  token customer service level-20 are included in delivery)

Freely configurable status bar

Physical, process-related units

Automatic dimming

Logbook with filter function

User programming system (APS)

User page

Note pad function

Cycle time analysis

Hardcopy function

Internal data storage via USB connection or network

Online language selection and selection of imperial or metric units Time monitoring

Basic Quality Monitoring (1 freely config. network connection, quality table 1000 storage depth, events protocol (logbook) for 1000 events, actual value graphics with 5 curves, 1 envelope curves monitoring)

Injection and Metering integral supervision

Alarm message via e-mail

SmartEdit - sequence editor

 $\label{eq:QuickSetup-assistance} \mbox{QuickSetup-assistance program for initial parameter setting}$ 

Energy consumption monitoring for motors and heating

Clamp force supervision

2 outputs, freely programmable

### **OPTIONS**



#### Base machine

Drop 1, special voltage, drop 2

Handling package with open machine safety gate on non operator side

Parts hopper, Parts chute for separation of good/bad parts or photoelectric ejection check

Non-standard mold height

Machine frame increased

Special paint

#### Hydraulics/Pneumatics

Hydraulics with oil cooler controlled in water inlet of cooling, oil level Injection parallel to clamp force build-up

Raw filter in water inlet of cooling incl. adapter with ball valve for oil maintenance on oil tank

Hydraulic core pull for clamping plate, interface according to EUROMAP 13, incl. or without core pull pressure release

Pneum. core pull on clamping plate/nozzle plate, incl. pressure regulator

Hydraulic manifolds for one mold shut-off nozzle or more

Pneumatic manifolds for one mold shut-off nozzle or more

Air valves on nozzle plate/clamping plate

Compressed air pressure maintenance unit incl. 1 or more way pressure regulation incl. directional exhaust valve with blocking function

#### Clamping unit

Support for middle plate or heavy molds

Mold platen according to SPI, JIS, T-slots

Mold platen incl. cooling channels

Ejector cross according to EUROMAP/SPI/JIS

Mechanical or pneumatic ejector coupling

Ejector platen safety

Mechanical mold safety mechanism

### Injection unit

Splash guard and barrel covering in standard execution according to EN 201, L/D 22 protected via transponder switch

Plasticizing unit AK++ in high wear and corrosion resistant execution

Plasticizing unit AKCN in wear and corrosion resistant execution, for processing PMMA, ABS and PC

Grooves in the feeding zone

Barrier section, screw with mixing section

Ball type screw tip

Melt pressure transducer, melt temperature sensor

Heater bands up to 450 °C

Plasticizing unit in special execution for LIM, MIM, CIM, Cellmould

Barrel insulation

Open nozzles in special execution

Needle type shut-off nozzle operated pneumatically or hydraulically

Pneumatic cross-bolt type shut-off nozzle

Open Airmould nozzle, pressure controlled

Barrel covering and splash guard in special execution

Vacuum package incl. vacuum pump

Material hopper in special execution

Hopper magnet

#### Safety gate

Safety gate clamping side, rear side and/or operator side elevated, lowered or extended

Insider package WITTMANN rear side incl. conveyor belt

Safety gate clamping side electrically operated

Front side gate safety system for manual part removal incl. clearance of ejector

#### Cooling and conditioning

Cooling water distributor with/without blow-off valve

Solenoid valve for cooling water distributor

Machine cooling by T-piece in inlet pipe

Filter back flushable/water pressure supervision in inlet pipe

Distributor block on nozzle plate/clamping plate

WFC120 integrated into control system

#### Electrics

Emergency stop switch button in control panel and on non operator side

Temperature control zones for hot runner

Acustic element integrated in signal lamp

Socket combination

Additional fan in electric switch cabinet for increased environment temperature

Cabinet air conditioner

Interface for robot, conveyor belt, TCU, dosing unit, Airmould, production data logging system, RJG eDart, Priamus BlueLine, danger zone boundary, ejection in mold middle plate, brushing device, relay signals, vacuum pump

### Control system

Cavity pressure switch over

BNC sockets for injection process analysis

Expert Quality Monitoring (4 freely configurable network connections, quality table with 10000 storage depth, events protocol (logbook) for 10000 events, actual value graphic with 16 curves, 4 envelope curves monitoring, SPC charts, trend diagrams)

### Mold identification

Special programs on customer request

HiQ Cushion - melt cushion control

HiQ Flow - injection integral control

HiQ Melt - monitoring of material quality

Software Tandemmould, multiple data sets

Energy consumption analysis

Injection compression and venting program

Initiation of next cycle by closing safety gate

Special program ejection of cold slug

Additional output card/input card, freely programmable

Integration package Wittmann 4.0

### Additional equipment

Plinth for robot

Tool kit

Lighting in mold space

Mold clamping systems in mechanical or electrical execution

Integration package (robot, feeder, dosing unit, TCU, mold integration)

WITTMANN BATTENFELD web service during warranty period free of charge

Remote control package



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