

Jumberca back and in innovative mood

Barcelona - Visitors to the recent ITMA exhibition could be forgiven for being somewhat surprised with the reappearance of the historic Jumberca brand of circular knitting machines.

Located in hall 8, the Canmartex company offered two models including a striper machine under the Jumberca brand and a brand new, small diameter circular knitting machine for technical textiles capable of producing a high spacer fabric measuring up to 12mm, which is being marketed under the Canmartex logo.

"Going forward, we will operate the

large diameter single and double jersey machine under the Jumberca brand," explained Canmartex's Enric Marti at the show. "However, the technical fabric series will be operated under the Canmartex brand so as to provide some differentiation for our customers."

Jumberca was founded in 1948 and since then has sold over 20,000 machines and served over 5,000 customers worldwide.

In April 2003, it was acquired by Gumatex which then subsequently closed in 2010. The company's latest incarnation, which has remerged after the demise of

Gumatex, is under the ownership of Canmartex which now owns the brand, the technology and patents.

Over the years, the company has offered more than 100 models and there are several current models available along with a strong reconditioned machine and spare parts business. This includes single jersey machines, striper, jacquard stripers, terry and striper terry as well as double jersey machines including jacquard, striper jacquard, Interlock and rib machines.

At ITMA the company was promoting the E2DT4S42, a fully electronic

machine in a 34 ins diameter with 42 feeders with gauges ranging from 5 to 18G. This model, which includes jacquard transfer and stitch control on both the dial and cylinder, is a four colour striper machine producing garment lengths with rib border.

Renowned for its single and double jersey technology, Canmartex has also moved into the technical textiles field with the launch of the TD7 which can produce high quality spacer fabrics measuring up to 12mm.

This small diameter circular knitting machine - in diameters ranging from 6 1/2 to 48 ins and in gauges from 5 to 40G is capable of producing fabrics for a number of technical applications including automotive, aviation, aerospace, furniture, medical, sport and the protection industries.

