

Thin-Cutting Days Extended Successfully



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From 5th to 9th November, the Wintersteiger headquarters became an international meeting place. Visitors from China, Japan, Russia, the USA and all of Europe came to Ried in Austria for the Thin-Cutting Days to learn about technical innovations and to experience live the thin-cutting world of sawing.

The success of the Thin-Cutting Days, which took place for the fourth time, has led to an extension of the event to altogether 5 days. Likewise extended was the range: For the first time, the event took place concurrently in Ried, Austria and at the saw production plant in Arnstadt, Germany. Visitors could get acquainted with the thin-cutting specialist's full range of machine and tool expertise.

For Christian Klingsberger, Director of Sales, this extension was definitely worth it: „This year we welcomed two large visitor groups from the Far East. The fact that they came such a long way proves their keen interest in the Wintersteiger machines. We are also pleased to have had visitors from markets with tough economic conditions – which confirms that we are on the right track in terms of our high quality standards.“

The audience was diverse, with representatives from many industries such as manufacturers of boards, furniture, parquet, doors, pencils, even musical instruments.

Exhibition highlights in machinery

The primary visitor attraction was the new thin-cutting band saw DSB Twinhead NG XM with its compelling modular design. XM stands for X modules – the saw grows with increasing capacity requirements and can at a later time be easily expanded to a maximum of 6 saws in modular twinhead layout. Further advantages are the compact design, the extremely high capacities of up to 12,000 m² in single-shift operation and a maximum of flexibility. Block dimensions and lamella thickness can be adjusted more quickly, and an enlarged cutting area provides an even wider range of applications.

The single-module band saws were likewise able to score. With wide lamella still in strong demand, the visitors were very interested in the DSB Singlehead 660 with a cutting width of 660 mm.

In terms of accuracy and cutting quality, the thin-cutting frame saw technology with its minimum kerf of 0.7 mm and up to 40 saws in parallel has yet to be beat. In several cutting demonstrations, the DSG Notum achieved impressive results.

Also introduced was the saw-sharpening machine Micro Grinder HT DSB with its compelling features – the accurate saw blade guidance ensures minimum removal of material when sharpening band-saw blades while offering high precision and

ease of use. The visitors – many of whom had brought along their own wood for test cutting – were convinced by the machines displayed in the new demonstration and testing center because of their thin kerf, highest precision and vast throughput rates.

Steve Farrell, Wintersteiger customer from the USA, puts it in a nutshell: „Pacific Rim Tonewoods produces some 250,000 guitar bodies annually. Two years ago, we switched to the Wintersteiger thin-cutting technology in order to save on wood. The result of about 30% less material wastage proves that we have made the right decision. Sawing veneer requires a combination of technology and yield – a perfect finish with little cutting loss.“

Study tour of the saw production

A visit to the saw production in Arnstadt, Germany, completed the program of the Thin-Cutting Days. At the production plant, with its 5,000 m², the latest manufacturing processes are used to produce high-quality saw blades for all sawing techniques. Interested customers were able to experience how a saw is produced – from stelling and welding to packaging. Highlight in Arnstadt was the demonstration of the new PEKO welding process in the carbide production.

Franz Haas, Head of the Woodtech business area, summarizes the successful event: "For us it is important to advise the customers comprehensively. We don't want to fast-forward to business; we want to discuss things deeply, exploring the customer's interest in detail – the Thin-Cutting Days are the perfect opportunity for this." And Christian Klingsberger, Director of Sales, is pleased with the visitors' class and motivation: "Many of our visitors are customers who are extremely satisfied and take the opportunity to learn about the new generation of machines. And they will rely once again on the proven quality for their next expansion steps."

Wintersteiger offers its customers a complete package of machines, tools, sharpening and other service, and is continuously expanding its offer."

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