



Klopman to showcase innovative new fabrics at Expoprotection

Europe's leading manufacturer of polyester/cotton and cotton fabrics for the image workwear, protectivewear and casual apparel markets, Klopman International – in addition to celebrating 40 years of dedication to the European textile sector – will be showcasing a number of innovative new fabrics at Expoprotection in Paris (4-7 November 2008), all of which have been specifically designed to meet market demands.

NEW comfortably durable

Among the new introductions is Klopman Vantage fabric featuring CORDURA® brand technology – the result of a joint development between Klopman and INVISTA – which exploits the widely recognised benefits of CORDURA® fabric, frequently used for specific areas of reinforcement in a wide range of products, and well-known for its resistance to abrasions, tears and scuffs. A 50/50 intimate blend of INVISTA™ T420 nylon 6,6 and combed cotton in a twill construction weighing 250g/m², the new fabric offers the optimum combination of exceptional abrasion resistance, comfort and style and is ideal for use in a wide range of full garments including trousers, jackets and coveralls.

NEW protectivewear fabrics

New additions to Klopman's protectivewear range of fabrics include a heavyweight 470g/m² 100 % cotton flame retardant fabric accredited to EN ISO 11611, ISO/DIS 11612 and IEC 61482-2 (Electric Arc), achieved by exploiting the advantages of Klopman's continuous processing technology with the integration of the most up-to-date PROBAN® FR finishing plant.

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There are also two new additions to Klopman's Bioguard range of antimicrobial fabrics. Exploiting the proven benefits and antibacterial properties of silver technology (historically silver was used by the Romans to disinfect water) these fabrics – based on two of Klopman's best-selling styles Bravo and Superbandmaster – offer exceptional levels of antimicrobial protection and are specifically designed to meet the requirements of critical hygiene applications such as food production, preparation and service, as well as healthcare.

NEW fabric range made with Fairtrade Certified Cotton

In addition, and in keeping with Klopman's commitment to operate in an environmentally-friendly and ethical manner – and reinforcing the company's belief that responsible business practice is about making money in a way that minimises negative impacts wherever possible and maximises the positive benefits on both people and the planet – Klopman will also be introducing the first fabric in its range to be made with Fairtrade Certified Cotton.

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About Klopman International

Europe's leading manufacturer of polyester/cotton and cotton fabrics for the image workwear, protectivewear and casual apparel markets, Klopman International offers an extensive choice of high performance fabrics with a choice of over 130 fabrics and a palette of more than 120 colours. Routinely specified by leading garment manufacturers, industrial laundries and many of the world's most well-known and highly-regarded organisations and brands, Klopman fabrics are specifically designed for use in the most demanding working environments and maintain a high quality appearance even after repeated high temperature industrial laundering. For more information, visit www.klopman.com

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About CORDURA® brand

The CORDURA® brand is the registered trademark of INVISTA for durable fabrics. Known for its resistance to abrasions, tears and scuffs, CORDURA® fabric is used in a wide range of products, including luggage, backpacks, boots, military and industrial workwear, and performance apparel. For more information, visit www.CORDURA.com

About INVISTA

INVISTA is an integrated fibers and polymers business with a global presence. It operates four major businesses: Apparel; Intermediates; Performance Surfaces and Materials; and Polymer and Resins. INVISTA delivers exceptional value for its customers through market insights and technology innovations, along with a powerful portfolio of some of the most recognized global brands and trademarks in their respective industries including: ADI-PURE®, ANTRON®, AVORA® FR, INVISTA® C12, COMFOREL®, COOLMAX®, CORDURA®, CORFREE®, DACRON®, INVISTA® DBE, DYTEK®, ESP®, FRESHFLEX™, CORDURA® NYCO, LYCRA®, PERFORMA®, POLARGUARD®, POLYSHIELD®, POLYCLEAR®, SOLARMAX®, STAINMASTER®, SUPPLEX®, SUPRIVA™, TACTEL®, TACTESSE®, TERATE®, TERATHANE® and THERMOLITE®. More information on INVISTA can be found at www.INVISTA.com

Fairtrade

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