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Continental Girbau intros 450G Genius Series Washers with industry's largest touchscreen

Oshkosh, Wis.—Continental Girbau (Continental) recently introduced the soft-mount Genius Series Washer line – its highest performing washer line ever – in 23-, 30-, 45-, 60-, 70- and 80-pound capacities. Genius Series Washers reach up to 450 G-force extract speeds for shorter dry times, lower utility costs and maximized throughput; feature the industry's largest, 10-inch touchscreen user interface, which can double as a screen to display operator safety messages or preventative maintenance instructions; tout a highly programmable control; are Bluetooth, WiFi and IoT (Internet of Things) ready; and feature a 360° Vision™ corner status light so operators know load statuses with a quick glance.

"The new Genius Series is our most versatile, flexible, energy-efficient and high-speed commercial machine ever," said Vice President of Sales Joel Jorgensen. "The touchscreen is not only the largest user interface in the industry, it's the most robust. It is water, scratch and impact resistant and has set the new standard for durability. In live and video demonstrations we hit it with a hammer, threw a steel ball at it and ran nails and pens across it without any damage to the touchscreen."

The new Genius Series rounds out Continental's commercial washer offering, which also includes soft-mount E-Series® Washers (up to 405 G-force) and G-Flex® hard-mount washers (up to 200 G-force).

Features of the GS Series include:

- Industry's largest water, scratch and impact resistant 10-inch touchscreen/operator interface
- Available on-screen messaging and graphics for operational reminders and preventative maintenance instructions
- 360° Vision™ corner status light so operators know machine and cycle status at a glance from anywhere in the room
- 450 G-force spin/extract speeds for maximum efficiency and production throughput
- Maximized labor production through industry best, 2 minute acceleration ramp-up to max G-force – even when a load is up to 15 percent out-of-balance

- 99-Programs: 20 pre-set and 79 customizable
- Chrome door frame with option for powder paint
- Full stainless-steel cabinet
- Onboard battery in case of power loss
- USB port for quick programming, parameters and firmware updates
- Bluetooth, Wi-Fi and IoT ready with interface of optional Sapphire Remote Management System, Disinfection Monitoring Package (DMP) and Service Monitoring Package (SMP) options.
- 12-automatic chemical injection signals (standard) with the option for 24
- Ozone compatible/ready

The Genius Control is highly programmable and customizable to fit the unique needs of any laundry. It offers 20 pre-set and 79 customizable programs, with complete control over every variable of the wash process. This includes washer rotation, which is modifiable by minutes and seconds, RPM & G-force, number of baths and rinses, water temperature and level, chemical dosing and pump control, variable extract speed, which is programmable by minutes and seconds, and more. The control offers multiple languages and provides intuitive diagnostics and alarm reporting, according to Jorgensen. “Laundries can import icons from the control library and customize program names and descriptions,” he said.

When it comes to performance, the Genius Series leads the industry, according to Jorgensen. Thanks to extract speeds up to 450 G-force and accelerated, 2 minute ramp-up to programmed G-force, the Genius Washer Series can cut wash cycle time by 4-7 minutes over Continental’s E-Series and G-Flex washer lines, and potentially more when compared with competitive models with load-balance control challenges. This results in an increase of up to 22 percent in cycle productivity, lowers dry time, reduces natural gas usage to operate dryers, and extends linen life thanks to a shortened dry cycle time.

“The bottom line is that Genius Series Washers dramatically boost labor productivity, which is the greatest expense of any operation,” said Jorgensen.

Designed for today with an eye on tomorrow’s challenges, the Genius Series line is Bluetooth, WiFi and IoT ready. A USB port also makes for quick program and parameter modification transfer and future firmware updates. Moreover, optional remote management and disinfection monitoring are built right into every Genius Washer. When turned on, optional Sapphire production management software allows laundries to view and manage machine operation remotely, while the optional addition of Disinfection Monitoring Package (DMP) and Service Monitoring Package (SMP) ensure that disinfection parameters are carried out and met, and service alarms alert assigned staff and support personnel of issues in real-time for added peace of mind.

Durably constructed, the top, front and sides of Genius Washers are stainless steel with a large chrome loading door. Even the machine lid features a kickstand to make maintenance easier. Plus, an onboard battery delivers needed backup in case of power outages caused by storms or grid failure. And

finally, a new 360 Vision light on the top corner of every washer illuminates in different colors to indicate the status of the load inside – green: machine available; steady blue: in-cycle; flashing blue: 2 minutes to end; flashing orange: unloading required; red: machine alarm.

“The 360° Vision light can be seen easily from inside anywhere in the laundry room so operators always know cycle and machine status,” said Jorgensen. “This is an exclusive commercial feature, borrowed from our industrial products, that helps improve laundry productivity.”

Genius Washers are backed by a 5/3-year factory warranty. To discover more about Genius, visit continentalgirbau.com or call 800-256-1073.

One of eight brands of Girbau North America (GNA), Continental Girbau provides on-premise commercial and vended laundry products and solutions to North American clients.

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