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Introducing ONEFLEX

Everything we've learned. Built into one press.

It's been 75 years since W&H introduced CI flexo printing to the world, and we've never stopped asking how to make it better for our customers.

We're proud to present ONEFLEX, our newest CI flexo press. It's built from everything we've learned along the way: customer conversations, production challenges, market changes, and decades spent helping printers succeed. In many ways, it's the best of the ALPHAFLEX, MIRAFLEX, and NOVOFLEX brought together in one press.

When you're launching the successor to the best-selling flexo press in the world (MIRAFLEX), you'd better bring it. So we did. Here's what we built into ONEFLEX:

- Exceptional print stability and quality
- Speeds up to 600 m/min or 1,970 ft/min
- Modular platform architecture
- Improved operator access and usability
- Faster, more efficient job changes
- Ready for changing packaging materials and requirements

For printers who need more, ONEFLEX Ultimate takes speeds to 700 m/min, with additional technologies and enhanced print stability for even more demanding applications.

We think ONEFLEX is something special. We can't wait for you to see it for yourself.

Want to learn more? Contact your W&H representative.



Scan the QR Code to learn more about ONEFLEX.

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President's Corner

How the World Cup Got Me Thinking of the Things You Just Can't Buy

As a former collegiate soccer player, I watched this summer's World Cup with perhaps a little more interest than most. I love the game, and having worked for a German company for many years, I've also learned that soccer is not exactly a minor cultural interest in Germany.

Perhaps it was the unforgettable image AND sound of the Tartan Army (Scottish fans) marching towards Fenway Park in full Kit (Kilt) with bagpipes, or the Norwegian fans doing the Viking Row by the thousands, but Boston at least, welcomed this invasion of spirit fully. For the weeks that those two teams especially captured the hearts of the most cynical fans, there simply was no political divide, no partisan politics, there was simply the utter joy of TEAM, of NATION, of SPORT. I was proud that we, as a country (along with our neighbors to the North and the South), were willing, able and enthusiastic about hosting such a party.



Source: Boston Globe via Getty

Scottish soccer fans, The Tartan Army, parading in Boston.

The tournament took us all over North America, and the more I watched, the more I thought about how different the places, people, cultures and perspectives are. Certainly no other nation in the world has such a melting pot of cultures as its citizenry, so that each and every game had stadiums filled with those country's fans. Remarkable!!

I've been fortunate to travel extensively throughout North America during my nearly 40 years in this industry.



Andrew Wheeler

I've met a lot of interesting people and visited a lot of businesses along the way. And one thing I've learned is that no two markets are exactly alike. No two countries are alike, and certainly no two companies.

Every business has its own history, personality, strengths, weaknesses and way of doing things.

And yet, despite all those differences, we have a remarkable amount in common.

We are dealing with legislation and regulations that seem to get more complicated every year. We are working to change perceptions about plastics and excess packaging. We are looking for qualified people who actually want to operate and maintain increasingly sophisticated equipment. We are navigating tariffs, trade uncertainty, rising costs, productivity challenges and the never-ending question of where—and when—to invest.

The list goes on. All of that got me thinking about what actually makes a business successful.

Certainly, the tangible things matter. You can buy a machine, and a great machine can make an enormous difference. It can increase capacity, improve quality, make people more productive and give a company capabilities it didn't have before.

Technology matters. Facilities matter. Having the right tools matters. Partnerships matter.

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But there are some things you simply can't buy.

You can't buy trust. You can't buy good leadership. You can't buy a shared vision—or a group of people who genuinely want the person next to them to succeed.

You can't buy decades of institutional knowledge.

You can't buy someone who sees a problem and takes ownership of fixing it rather than waiting for someone else to tell them what to do. And you certainly can't buy a team. (Unless you are the New York Yankees, of course.)

We held our two-day sales meeting this year during the World Cup, so naturally we decided one of our team-building activities should be a soccer tournament.



W&H Sales Meeting Soccer Tournament

Four teams. People in their 20s, 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s, what could possibly go wrong?! And let's just say that nobody took it easy on anyone. There was plenty of competition, a fair amount of arguing over whether someone had actually followed the rules, and probably a few sore muscles the next morning.

There may also have been a few people who discovered that what they could do on a soccer field 20 years ago and what they can do today are two entirely different things (that was certainly the situation for me). But there was also a lot of laughter. And for a couple of hours, people forgot about job titles, departments and responsibilities and simply played together.

That stayed with me, because in many ways, that little soccer tournament looked a lot like the teams we build at work. Different ages. Different personalities. Different experiences. Different strengths. But everyone has a role, and everyone has to trust the people around them to do theirs.

That's the part of teamwork that is difficult to put in a company brochure. It also raises some important questions. What are the things we do here that don't show up on a balance sheet?

How do we develop people? How do we pass knowledge from one generation to the next? How do we make sure someone who has been here for 30 years can teach something valuable to someone who has been here for three? How do we create an environment where people feel comfortable making decisions, asking questions and, occasionally, admitting they don't have the answer?

Those things take time. There is no machine you can purchase that will create them. There isn't a software package for trust, a training course for common sense, or a piece of equipment that will make people care about the person working next to them.

You have to build those things. And maybe that is exactly why they are so valuable. The World Cup reminded me of how diverse and different this continent can be. My years in this industry have reminded me, however, how much we still have in common. We should absolutely invest in the things we can buy.

My old boss, Jim Feeney, used to say, "if technology will give me an edge, I'll buy it". Of course he was referring to golf clubs, but the point is transferable.

We need good technology, good equipment and good facilities. We need to continually improve the tools we give our people to do their jobs. But we also need to invest in the things that can't simply be bought. We need to invest in experience. In leadership. In relationships. In knowledge. In trust. Because when the market changes, when regulations change, when technology changes—and when the next challenge inevitably arrives—it is the people who have to figure out what to do next.

You can buy the machine. You have to build the team. And in the end, that may be the most important investment a company can make.

Barrier Films: Balancing Performance, Recyclability and Cost



Machine Direction Orientation (MDO) Unit

Tariffs and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation are bringing barrier film production back into focus, according to Leon Rupe and Alexander Dubs.

Barrier film has long been used to meet demanding performance requirements, particularly for food applications. Now, manufacturers are also looking at where materials are produced and how packaging structures can meet recyclability goals.

For years, North American producers have sourced barrier films from both domestic and international suppliers. With trade rules in flux, manufacturers are taking another look at production strategies and regional supply chains. At the same time, EPR programs are putting more emphasis on recyclability and material selection.

“EPR is a really big driver for this,” said Leon Rupe, Director of Extrusion Sales. “As the industry continues to focus on recyclability and recycle-ready packaging, barrier film has become an increasingly important topic.”

Converters still face the same basic challenge: delivering the barrier properties an application requires while reducing material use and supporting recyclable structures.

Machine direction orientation (MDO) is one approach manufacturers can use to meet those demands.

“Everything comes back to properties,” said Alexander Dubs, Technical Sales Manager. “With MDO, we can improve mechanical properties, optimize barrier performance depending on the material structure, and reduce overall material consumption.”

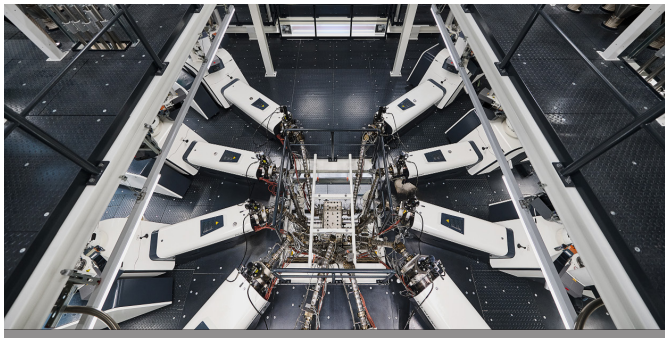
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New FILMEX Cast Film Line at the W&H Technology Center

W&H’s new FILMEX II cast film line is now operating at the Technology Center in Lengerich, Germany. The line features ten functional extruders plus one encapsulation extruder for the production of up to eleven-layer cast films, along with Cloeren feedblock and die technology, W&H’s Die Control Wizard (DCW), and a two-gap machine direction orientation (MDO) unit.

The line supports the development of both barrier and MDO film structures and gives film producers the opportunity to evaluate new materials, structures, and processing conditions with the support of W&H process engineers.

“There’s no other line like it in the world,” says Steve Post, Sr. Sales Director, Cast.



11-Layer FILMEX II in Lengerich

Contact Steve at steve.post@wuh-group.com to learn more about the line and available trial opportunities.

Modernizing Blown Film Production for Greater Performance



ARCTIS II and EASY2 Run Retrofits

Two Invera Flexibles production facilities in Quebec, Canada, are investing in the future of blown film production through a retrofit project designed to increase output, improve film quality, and address equipment obsolescence.

The project encompasses two three-layer blown film extrusion lines installed in 2011 and 2014, serving plants in Laval and Montreal. By combining targeted equipment upgrades with the latest automation technology from Windmöller & Hölscher (W&H), the retrofit aims to extend machine life while delivering measurable improvements in production performance and reliability.

“Our customers count on us for consistent film quality, reliable supply, and the ability to support their growth,” said Amir Karim, CEO of Invera Flexibles. “This investment is designed to strengthen all three. By pairing our extrusion expertise with advanced technology from W&H, we are expanding the capabilities of our existing assets and reinforcing our commitment to being a long-term partner to our customers.”

The scope includes replacing obsolete electrical components, including drives and programmable logic controllers (PLCs), alongside upgrades to key extrusion components. These include a new automated ARCTIS II air ring, die, and air blowers, as well as new extruder components. The addition of Easy2 Run, W&H’s latest automation feature, further enhances the lines’ operational capabilities.

The expected benefits span quality, productivity, and reliability. Improved profile control and film flatness are anticipated to deliver higher-quality film, supporting consistent production and demanding customer requirements.

Output improvements are also projected to be significant. Depending on the application and operating conditions, production increases of approximately 15% to 24% are estimated for linear low-density polyethylene (LLDPE) and low-density polyethylene (LDPE) recipes. For high- density polyethylene (HDPE) recipes, output gains of approximately 30% or more are projected, depending on the application and operating conditions.

Replacing discontinued components and upgrading critical machine systems will also help improve reliability and reduce obsolescence-related risks.

Together, these upgrades demonstrate how strategic retrofits can unlock additional capacity, strengthen production reliability, and extend the useful life of existing blown film assets—helping Invera meet evolving customer requirements and support future growth.

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“MDO technology can enable thinner EVOH layers while achieving the required barrier performance through optimized material selection, layer design, and processing conditions”, said Rupe. “That helps support recycle-ready structures while delivering the performance needed for many applications.”

Whatever the market pressures, converters still need a structure that meets the application’s barrier and mechanical requirements without using more material than necessary.

Want to talk blown or cast barrier film?
Reach out to your W&H contact.

Meet Kashif Baig, VP of Service



Kashif Baig

Meet Kashif Baig, our new Vice President of Service for North America. Kashif started with W&H as a Field Service Technician installing and servicing flexo presses 22 years ago and has worked in a number of service roles since.

"I've been with W&H North America for four months now, and what I'm really seeing and appreciating is how interested our customers are in improving productivity and new technologies that can help get there," Kashif says. "I'm finding them open-minded, tech-savvy and eager to try new technology, especially automation."

Kashif wholeheartedly believes good service starts on the customer's plant floor during installation. "The way a machine is installed affects how the customer sees us from day one," he says. "If it's installed right, tested right, and the operator is properly trained on it, that sets the tone for everything after. At the end of the day, what matters is that the customer succeeds."

As he gets settled into the role, Kashif wants to stay close to customers. "My door is always open," he says. "The best ideas come from listening and staying connected to the people we serve."

4 Service Facts

75%
Parts shipped directly from Rhode Island

90%
Machine issues resolved over the phone
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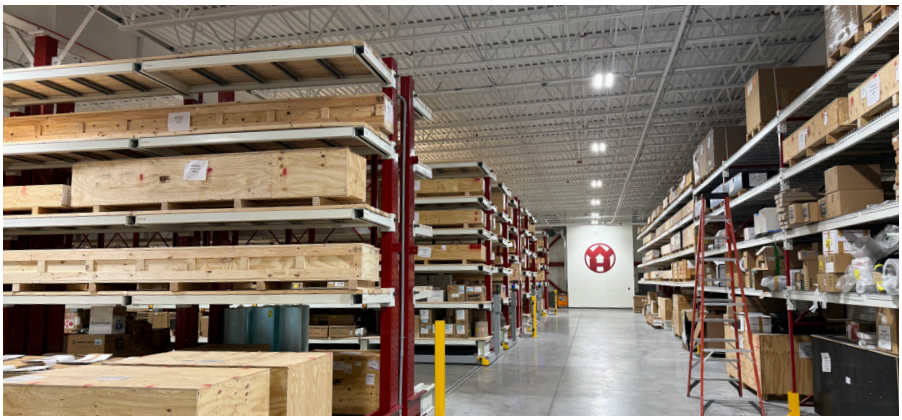
140+
W&H Technicians serving the U.S. & Canada

8760
Service availability/ hours per year
(24/7/365)

More Parts. Faster Delivery.

As part of our recent Lincoln, RI expansion, we doubled our warehouse space to stock more W&H and Garant spare parts closer to our customers. Today, about 75% of orders ship the same day from Rhode Island.

With increased capacity, that number will continue to grow, helping ensure you get the parts you need when you need them.



GARANT Introduces the dedicated Matador e.Bag No Waste

Built only for what you actually make



The No Waste e.Commerce Paper Mailers

In North America, the predominant eCommerce mailer is a no-waste, no-frills paper mailer that gets the job done. For years, customers have produced these bags on a combination machine that also runs a smoother, more premium bag style. That premium bag has its own advantages, but it also requires more paper and creates additional material waste.

Now GARANT has simplified the setup with a machine built specifically for one application: high-output no waste bag production.

As Vladimir Unruh, Technical Sales Manager, puts it: "I have traveled a lot in North America, visiting customers, and always I am asking myself the same question. Why do you run a bigger machine than what you need? So we built the compact version. It has many benefits, and for most customers here, it is simply the better fit."

Benefits:

- Dedicated No Waste machine
- Saves approximately 14% on paper vs. standard
- Compact design with a smaller machine footprint
- Easier to access and operate
- Lower investment, pay only for the capability you need

Customers looking for more flexibility can still choose our modular standard machine, which can be retrofitted for no waste production.

To see the difference between a standard mailer and the no waste version, check out this animation.

Want more information?

Reach out to Lilah Pelfrey (Lilah.Pelfrey@wuh-group.com) or Marvin Fischer (Marvin.Fischer@garant-maschinen.de)

We're a 2026 Rhode Island Top Workplace!

W&H is thrilled to announce that Windmoeller & Hoelscher Corporation has been named a 2026 Rhode Island Top Workplace by The Providence Journal.

We're one of six companies honored in the fewer than 150 employees category, and flexible packaging was well represented in our tiny state. A shout-out to Admiral Packaging, who was also recognized!

The award was based on a confidential employee survey from Energage, and we were singled out for excellence in employee well-being. "This one came straight from our employees, and that's what makes it mean something," says Taylor Rose, our Human Resources Manager.



"The well-being recognition matters most to me. It tells us people here feel supported, at work and outside of it. We don't take that for granted, and we intend to keep earning it."

We also earned recognition for Employee Appreciation, Compensation & Benefits, Innovation, Leadership, Professional Development, and Purpose & Values, as well as in the Manufacturing category.

New Faces at W&H & GARANT

Service



Kashif Baig
VP of Service



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Parts Specialist



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Parts Specialist



Tanya Vega
Parts Specialist



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