



5Bauce, with a world wide presence, is known for a comprehensive range of throughfeed sammy/setting machines. This Italian developer and builder recently celebrated the delivery of its fifteen hundredth machine. The skilled tannery machinery engineer Attilio Bauce, then aged twenty-three, founded the business in 1969, turning out the first throughfeed roller type sammying press for the leather industry.

He has since never stood still, neither technically nor commercially, always enjoying the advantages derived from a tightly run family business. Whilst refusing to retire he runs the company assisted by son Luca and daughters Sabrina and Michela. A qualified and experienced team of engineers, technicians and fitters play their part in the progress and success of the Bauce enterprise, growing from a modest workshop below the family house in Trissino, Vicenza Province to three establishments all in the same area.

The main assembly plant impresses with a state of the art computerised parts storage and picking system eliminating the inefficient old time-wasting ways of searching for bits and pieces. Components, employing up to date CNC machine tools, are produced in the other workshops.

Technical development over the forty-plus years of existence led from basic sammying machines to sammy/setters initially based on one pressure point between a pair of cylinders then to two pairs, a three cylinder configuration and now, with current models, to five pressure points through five pairs of cylinders.

The range of sammy/setters in Bauce's locker includes machines covering the whole panorama of applications commonly needed in leather processing. There are models designed to handle wool-on, precious fur, wet blue and dyed leathers; suitable for full hide, side or small animal hides and skins.

Throughfeed sammy/setters for many years have been considered the most effective tool for the rapid removal of water



The modern building housing administration and the machine assembly shop.

from skins and hides but are not always up to the setting standard of conventional multiroller type return-feed machines. At Bauce the dedicated R & D department, established some years ago, was handed the task of finding a solution to this shortcoming. Special design setting cylinders were developed and are now incorporated in current sammy/setters. Leathers dried and set in these machines no longer requires further setting using classic machinery.

Most of Bauce models now have a working width capacity of 3200mm but the latest sammy/setter in production (styled the "versus") has a 3400mm working width. This latter, also developed with the input of the R & D department, can accept and process whole hides fed into the machine flank to flank, substantially increasing productivity. Fuller setting out and little pleating or wrinkling is reported thanks to the double setting cylinder arrangement in the machine.

Bauce achieved Quality Management Systems registration in its early years and now carries ISO 9001 : 2008 certification.®



Dedicated machine shop for the manufacture of sammy/setter components.



A batch of large sammy/setters type "Versus" being assembled in the main factory.