

PRESS RELEASE

Schauman Wood orders automatic veneer patching line from Raute

Finland-based Schauman Wood, the largest producer of plywood in Europe, has placed an order for a fully automatic veneer patching line for their plywood mill in Jyväskylä, Finland. This high capacity line represents the latest in automatic veneer patching technology and can be supervised by one operator. It will be started up at the beginning of 2003.

The line incorporates three patching heads and has the capacity to place 130,000 patches per day on a 3-shift basis. It is equipped with a Mecano Visual Defect Analyzer that recognizes patchable defects in veneer sheets and controls the automatic patching and grading operations.

Automatic defect recognition and patching is rapidly becoming an integral part of veneer production because it significantly improves profitability through improved efficiency. To date, Raute has delivered eight fully-automatic patching lines to mills in Europe and North America.

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