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performance, and comfort tests that simulate what actually occurs during sleep – the peaceful, easy going times are surely well and truly over for the bedding sector. Well-thought-out systems for mattresses create both a pleasant, comfortable climate under the covers and allow a healthy posture when lying down, to enable the body to recover completely over a period of at least eight hours. Leading textile machinery manufacturer Karl Mayer has some solutions..



According to the German warp knitting machine manufacturer, what might sound like a daydreamer's wish list, can be met easily but effectively by w The voluminous fabrics are specifically designed to be compression-resistant, breath with moisture. In addition, perspiration and water vapour can be consistently wicked construction and the structure of the fabrics' cover faces.

Karl Mayer says the potential offered by the production process to incorporate zone make spacer textiles the preferred choice for combining with other materials – a dev manufacturer of machines for producing spacer textiles, has taken into account.

The company's efficient, double-bar HighDistance HD 6 EL 20-65 and HD 6/20-35 m the mattress industry for producing high-quality, functional, three-dimensional cushi On the other hand, Karl Mayer says, the RD 6/1-12 and RDPJ 7/1 are both perfect fo covers or sections of mattress covers. They are also equipped with two needle bars a constructions. In addition, the company's TM 2 tricot machine, which operates at a high available for producing two-dimensional cover fabrics.

#### Breathable cushioning elements

Conventional mattresses are as diverse as the body shapes of their users. Some are made from spring interiors, latexes or foams, and then there are the unconventional types, such as waterbeds, air core mattresses, futons and, of course, mattresses that are a combination of these. Combining different materials is said to be becoming more and more important.

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The Renewal Workshop: Connecting Brands to the Circular Economy The Renewal Workshop will create a new category of product called Renewed Apparel, said Jeff Denby, the co-cre warp-knitted spacer fabrics combined with other materials to ensure that their products meet ergonomic requirements. However, Karl Mayer says, they are usually only used as the



cushioning/padding element, which does not fully utilise their ability to optimise the functional 3D fabrics are usually located in a foam frame or used as a continuous layer are only rarely used as the surface against which the person lies, according to Karl M says, 3D warp-knitted fabrics are making inroads into the actual mattresses themselvalready making their mattresses entirely out of spacer textiles and the Southern Euromanufacturers are leading the way in this.

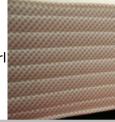
Karl Mayer launched a new double-bar raschel machine designated the HD 6/20-35, market specialising in thicker, warp-knitted spacer textiles to coincide with the open ASIA+CITME trade fair. The company says it can now react quicker to growing dema machines. The HD 6/20-35 is the basic version of the HD 6 EL 20-65, which is already the market, and completes the range of HighDistance machines. Whereas the full-siz distance between the knock-over comb bars of 20-65 mm, can produce fabrics with a the new machine produces spacer fabrics with a thickness of 18-30 mm and has a discomb bars of 20-35 mm.

According to Karl Mayer, regardless of their format, all 3D warp-knitted textiles procumachines have extremely reliable performance characteristics. As far as mattresses at they must have stable compression values, specific spot elasticity and exceptional ve functional characteristics that can be produced economically by using efficient produced.

At a working width of 110 inches and a gauge of E 12, the HD 6/20-35 can achieve a 300 rpm or 600 courses/min. The thicker spacer fabrics can be produced at a maximu 400 courses/min.

Side borders and entire mattress covers

"The mattress cover has a pronounced influence on the initial perception of comfort when the person first lies down, and should therefore be very soft – a requirement that is usually met by conventional mattresses having multilayer constructions," Karl Mayer explains.



"In this case, the conventional combinations usually consist of a



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smooth surface combined with nonwoven waddings or foams. The main disadvantage of joining them together by laminating or quilting processes is that the removable covers are difficult to clean and their elasticity is poor. Furthermore, the exchange of air with the surrounding environment is hampered by the

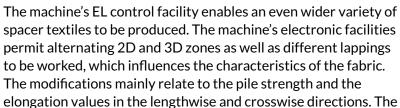


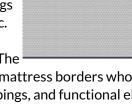
high density of the material. The only breathable areas in the mattresses are usually trom thin, warp-knitted spacer textiles having mesh constructions."

"Modern designs are becoming increasingly popular for patterning the outer sides of 6/1-12 and the RDPJ 7/1 double-bar raschel machines offer numerous possibilities. To 3D warp-knitted textiles with a distance between the knock-over comb bars of 1-12 wide range of different lappings, and is also extremely productive. This high-speed m operating speed of 475 rpm or 950 courses/min," Karl Mayer says.

#### Even wider pattern range

According to Karl Mayer, the RDPJ 7/1 can produce an even wider range of patterns. The creative, double-bar raschel machine is said to combine maximum efficiency and flexibility, and the distance between the knock-over comb bars can be varied from 2 to 8 mm. It can also process a wide range of different materials and produces jacquard patterns.





RDPJ 7/1 can be used to produce attractive, all over patterns, mattress borders whose end product in the appropriate widths, lettering, different lappings, and functional eland pockets.

As well as being used in the side borders, the soft, low-dimensioned, attractive, warp produced on Karl Mayer's double-bar raschel machines can also be made into entire functional cover fabrics, with their airy construction, are said to optimise the sleeping



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washed and dried easily, and then put back onto the mattress again with no problems warp-knitted fabrics can also be quilted easily in the designs typically used for padding

According to Karl Mayer, in addition to voluminous mattress covers, flat covering ma are also an up-and-coming trend. Karl Mayer's TM 2 machine is said to be ideal for pr fabrics; the TM 2 is a two-bar tricot machine which is fast and flexible and produces to Depending on the lapping and yarn used, the TM 2 can operate at speeds of up to 250 can operate at speeds.

"With their exceptional breathability and cushioning that corresponds to the shape of spacer textiles provide a high level of comfort and enable the sleeper to rest and recommendate sound and healthy sleep – the perfect solution for getting a good night's sleep!" says

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