# PRODUCTIVITY AND EFFICIENCY IN FOAM EXTRUSION

DISCOVER OUR XE SCHAUMEX AND SCHAUMTANDEX LINES

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Krauss Maffei Pioneering Plastics

# PRACTICAL EXAMPLES HIGH-QUALITY PRODUCTS FOR THE MOST VARIED INDUSTRIES



Pressure and moisture resistant insulation boards



Food packagings made of expanded polystyrene



Tube insulation for heating and sanitary applications



PRODUCTS

Expanded film for the packaging and building industries



Screw cap seals



Decorative profiles



XPS boards for external insulation of basement walls



PET foam as core material for rotor blades



Insulated heating tubes

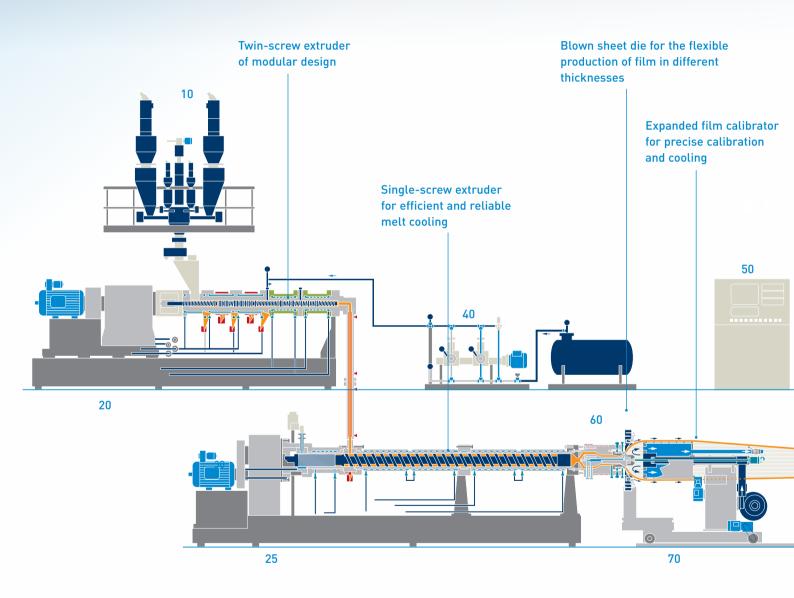
# FOAM EXTRUSION LINES UNPARALLELED PRODUCT QUALITY AND RELIABILITY

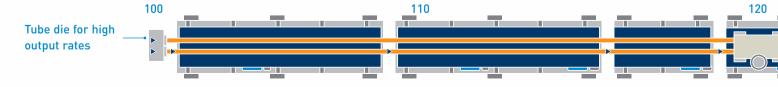
KraussMaffei provides reliable high-performance machines and lines along the entire value-adding chain in the production of physically foamed plastics film, sheets, pipes, profiles and boards. The machinery meets all requirements for an efficient extrusion process.

### Benefits at a glance:

- Output rates of up to 2,800 kg/h in the production of XPS boards
- Broad processing range covering all standard plastics (PS, PE or PP) and many high-temperature plastics (PET, PEI and PES) up to a maximum temperature of 350°C
- Use of eco-friendly blowing agents
- Re-processing of start-up scrap, edge trims and web scrap
- Central line control system for intuitive and ergonomic operation
- Perfectly coordinated system components
- Fully equipped technical center for product development and process optimization

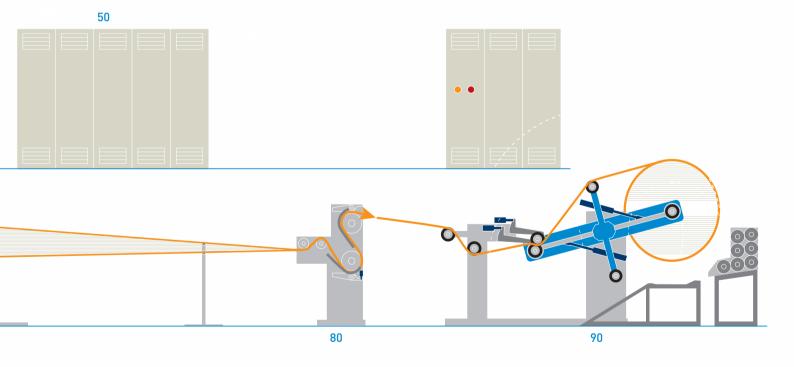
### IMPRESSIVE ENCOUNTER: TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT A COMPLETE EXTRUSION LINE FOR THE PRODUCTION OF EXPANDED SHEETS OR TUBES

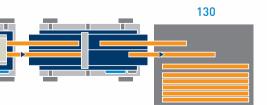




The layout shows the complete ZE60/KE150 Schaumtandex line comprising:

- 10 Gravimetric metering system with suction conveyor
- 20 ZE60Ax30D-UTX twin-screw extruder
- 25 KE150x30D single-screw extruder
- 30 Temperature control units (oil and water)
- 40 Blowing agent metering pump
- 50 Electrical control system
- 60 Blown sheet die with air cooling ring
- 70 Calibrator
- 80 S-wrap
- 90 Automatic double turret winder
- 100 Double tube die
- 110 Cooling unit
- 120 Take-off and cutting unit
- 130 Discharge system





# EXPANDED SHEETS EXCELLENT FILM QUALITY, UNPARALLELED OUTPUT RATES AND HIGH TECHNICAL RELIABILITY

KraussMaffei Schaumex and Schaumtandex lines combine matured process expertise with pioneering technologies to innovative extrusion concepts.



High-quality expanded film and sheets for the most varied applications

### **YOUR BENEFITS:**

- In-depth process expertise
- Precise temperature control
- One-stop production lines

There is a wide field of applications for foamed sheets – starting from cap seals and boxes up to rear parcel shelves. Our extrusion lines are designed for light and heavy foam sheets made of PS, PE, PP, PET and PLA. Thanks to the extremely precise temperature control, these lines ensure uncompromising sheet properties.

KraussMaffei offers tailor-made solutions for all process steps involved in expanded sheet extrusion – from metering and extrusion up to the winding of the finished film.

### Schaumex and Schaumtandex lines produce the right sheet for any application:

- in the packaging industry for food and electrical appliances, for cap seals;
- in the building industry, especially for impact sound insulation;
- for technical articles such as seals and edge protections;
- for roof and front hood linings, seals, rear parcel shelves etc. in the automotive industry
- and for countless other applications.



### TUBE AND PROFILE PRODUCTION LINES **PERFECT SYMBIOSIS OF INNOVATION AND TRADITION**

ISO-TUBE Schaumex and Schaumtandex lines meet the most exacting standards in terms of quality, productivity and reliability in the production of PE, PP and PE/EVA foam tubes or profiles.

This applies to the following machine configurations:

- Schaumex line with single-screw extruder for low output rates,
- KE/KE Schaumtandex line with two single-screw extruders for medium output rates,
- ZE/KE Schaumtandex line composed of a twin-screw extruder and a single-screw extruder for maximum throughput rates.

KraussMaffei has combined the different single process steps – i.e. metering, melting the plastics, blowing

agent incorporation, foaming, cutting or stacking – to automatically controlled systems. The line concept features tailored solutions for any customerspecific application.

Foam insulation tubes made of PP, PE and PE/EVA have firmly established themselves in the field of heating, sanitary and air-conditioning systems. Foamed edge protections are widely used in the furniture industry. The same applies to expanded fun articles designed for swimming pools.

		ighput city )	Expanded PE tubes and profiles: tube insula- tion, edge protection profiles, fun articles	Light PE foam: impact sound insulation, packaging film	Heavy PE foam: cap seals for glass containers	Expanded PS film and sheets: food packag- ing containers, wall and ceil- ing insulation	Expanded PP film and sheets: automotive industry, food packagings
Machine size for film/sheets and tubes	PE	PS	ISO-TUBE	ISO-PAC			
Schaumex 60	65	75					
Schaumex 90	100	120	Density	20 g/l – 250 150 g/l 400 Thickness Th	Density	Density 60 g/l – 150 g/l Thickness 1.5 mm – 5.5 mm, Width max. 2,000 mm Blowing agent – butane	Density 50 g/l – 350 g/l Thickness 1.5 mm – 5 mm, Width ap- prox. 1,500 mm Blowing agent – butane
Schaumex 120	175	210	25 g/l – 40 g/l		250 g/l – 400 g/l		
Schaumex 150	270	320	Diameter 10 mm –		Thickness 1 mm – 3 mm, Width ap- prox. 1,000 mm Blowing agent CO <sub>2</sub>		
Schaumtandex KE90/KE120	225	250	200 mm	1.5 mm – 16 mm,			
Schaumtandex KE120/KE150	360	450	Blowing agent – butane	Width max. 2,200 mm Blowing agent – butane			
Schaumtandex KE150/KE250	720	900					
Schaumtandex ZE50/KE120	225	250					
Schaumtandex ZE60/KE150	360	450					
Schaumtandex ZE75/KE250	720	900					

All product specifications may vary depending on machine size.

### IMPRESSIVE ENCOUNTER: TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT A COMPLETE BOARD EXTRUSION LINE

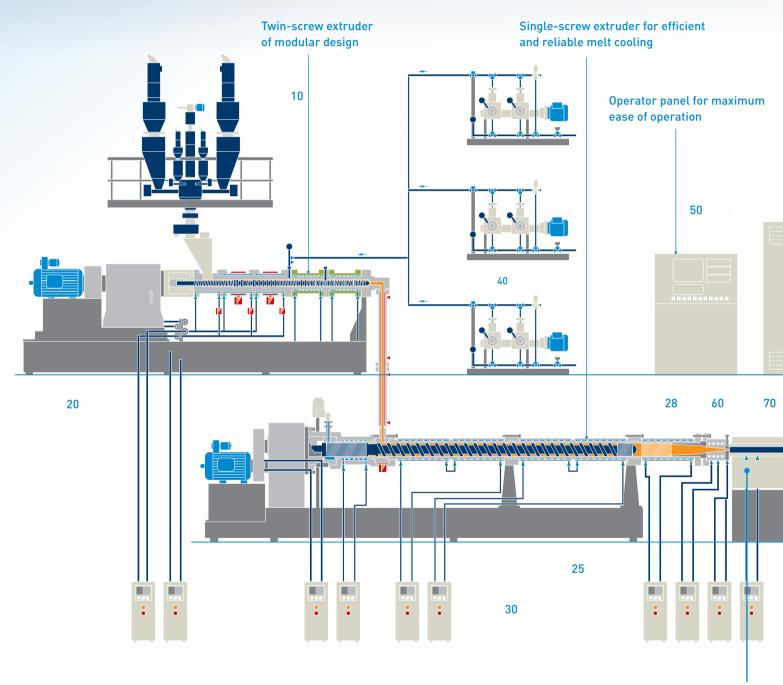
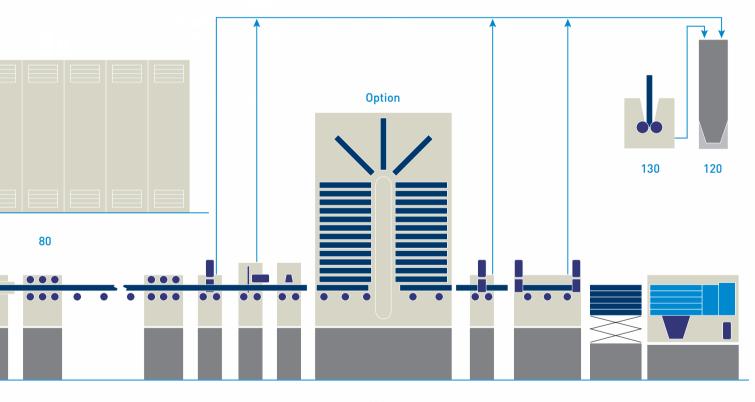


Plate calibrator for different product thicknesses and surfaces

The layout shows a ZE90/KE400 Schaumtandex line for an output rate of 800 kg/h composed of the following components:

- 10 Gravimetric metering system with suction conveyor
- 20 ZE75 x 30D extruder
- 25 KE400 x 30D extruder
- 28 Static mixer
- 30 Temperature control units (oil and water)
- 40 Blowing agent metering unit
- 50 Electrical control system
- 60 Slot die
- 70 Plate calibrator
- 80 Roller take-off unit
- 100 Board milling and stacking unit
- 110 Packaging system
- 120 Suction system with silo
- 130 Granulator



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## ISO-BOARD SCHAUMTANDEX LINES PREMIUM TECHNOLOGY PROVIDES SUBSTANTIAL ADDED VALUE

ISO-Board Schaumtandex lines are the world's most successful systems for manufacturing XPS heat insulation boards. Amazing? Not really! KraussMaffei is well familiar with the challenging requirements that a Schaumtandex line must fulfill to create added value – both today and in the future!

ISO-BOARD Schaumtandex lines are the leading technology to enhance productivity and cost effectiveness in the production of XPS boards. In addition to the technical extruder layout, perfect coordination of the different line components is of decisive importance. Schaumtandex lines give excellent quality, uncompromising reliability and long durability.

We provide you with one-stop solutions – from the choice of the suitable equipment for your specific process task up to engineering and manufacturing tailored production lines, which ensures maximum safety. Thanks to our extensive know-how and longstanding experience, we are in a position to offer the expertise, technical competence, reliability and innovative capacity required for successful board production. KraussMaffei develops all line components – from raw material handling, metering of individual formulation components, extrusion technology and board processing all the way to board packaging and storage – or designs the equipment in close cooperation with renowned suppliers. All ISO-BOARD Schaumtandex lines are suited for the use of eco-friendly blowing agents. Thanks to different line sizes, boards with a width ranging between 600 mm and 1,200 mm can be produced.

Parameter	Unit	Data 30-200 600-1,200 30-45	
Board thickness	mm		
Board width	mm		
Density	kg/m <sup>3</sup>		
Compressive strength	kPa	250 - 700	
Thermal conductivity	W/mK	0.030 - 0.035	

### **YOUR BENEFITS:**

- High productivity and efficiency
- Use of eco-friendly blowing agents
- Board thickness of up to 200 mm



Plate calibrator of an ISO-BOARD Schaumtandex line



XPS insulating boards of different thicknesses

# ZE/KE SCHAUMTANDEX LINES THE DIRECT WAY TO SUCCESS – PROFITABLE SYMBIOSIS OF FLEXIBILITY AND PERFORMANCE

Innovative productivity enhancement based on a well-proven line concept – ZE/KE Schaumtandex lines combine the groundbreaking ZE twin-screw extruder technology with the efficient cooling properties of the KE single-screw extruder.

Throughput rates of up to 2,800 kg/h and the suitability for a wide range of different raw materials give enhanced productivity and uncompromising cost effectiveness. Versatile, highly productive and all-around profitable – the ZE/KE Schaumtandex sets new standards in physical foaming of plastics.

The technology concept of the ZE/KE Schaumtandex line with its unparalleled process flexibility is our future-oriented answer to ever-increasing market demands in terms of product quality. This line concept gives you the competitive edge to meet the most varied customer wishes. With its modular barrel and screw design, the ZE compounding extruder can be individually configured to process formulations with up to 8 different components.

Thanks to the specially designed single-screw extruder for melt cooling, the line achieves a consistently high product quality. Melting and cooling extruders are perfectly coordinated to optimize cooling effect and quality, even with maximum output rate, high blowing agent content or sophisticated formulations. There is no line available on the market that achieves similar productivity! The highly effective cooling gives superior product quality.

As a pioneer in the field of eco-friendly plastics foaming, KraussMaffei developed a solution for the safe use of environmentally compatible blowing agents and the reuse of start-up scrap, edge trims and web scrap in the production process. This development substantially enhances environmental compatibility in physical foaming of plastics.

Depending on the specific requirements, ZE/KE Schaumtandex lines can be equipped with different dies – i.e. blown film die, four-die tube head or slot die. The result: tailor-made lines for maximum productivity!





Schaumtandex ZE30/KE60 ISO-B0ARD

ZE/KE Schaumtandex lines: various formulation components and high blowing agent content for throughput rates of up to 2,800 kg/h

# KE/KE SCHAUMTANDEX LINES THE COST-EFFECTIVE SOLUTION FOR OUTPUT RATES OF UP TO 900 KG/H



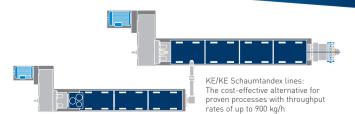
The KE/KE Schaumtandex line is the all-rounder for a wide variety of applications in physical foaming of plastics. It stands for high production reliability and maximum ease of operation at medium output rates of up to 900 kg/h. The advanced technology is suited for processing a broad spectrum of standard plastics.

Due to its special screw design, the single-screw extruder for plastics melting and mixing, which is unique in its class, provides for optimum melt homogeneity. Function and performance of the single-screw cooling extruder in this KraussMaffei line configuration are tailored to the specific application.

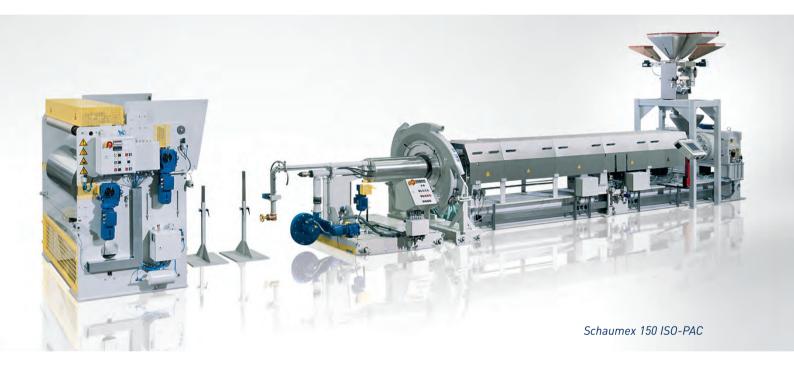
The result is a system that is easy to operate, offers proven technology at attractive conditions and contributes to success by means of efficient value creation. Thus plastics processors have the option of offering their customers a wide range of premium quality film, sheets, tubes or boards at the best prices.

### YOUR BENEFITS:

- Uncompromising production reliability
- Special screw geometries
- Easy operation



# SCHAUMEX LINES MAXIMUM PRODUCTIVITY COMBINED WITH MINIMUM SPACE REQUIREMENTS



Schaumex lines are the ideal solution for the production of high-quality foam products at output rates of up to 320 kg/h. The complete foaming process is performed in a single extruder – from polymer melting, blowing agent injection and incorporation up to melt cooling. Thanks to the compact design, the line needs only little space to develop its full potential. In addition, the high degree of automation ensures maximum ease of operation.



Schaumex lines: Compact and sturdy machine design

### **YOUR BENEFITS:**

- High degree of automation
- Throughput rates of up to 320 kg/h
- Compact design



### KE COOLING EXTRUDER ACTIVE MELT SEAL AND OPTIMIZED COOLING CAPACITY

#### Active melt seal

Schaumtandex extruders equipped with the patented active melt seal (ASD) set new standards of reliability for sealing the processing section at the gear box end. Sensitive foaming processes using liquid or gaseous blowing agents – sometimes in high concentrations – plus high system pressure call for constant operating conditions, which are ensured by the active melt seal.

#### Unparalleled cooling capacity

To ensure high melt quality, absolutely reliable temperature control is a must. This calls for efficient cooling of the melt in the extruder. With our barrel sections and "wet" liners we offer an optimum system that provides for high heat removal rates and maximum cost effectiveness.

Cooling capacities of up to 110 kW/m<sup>2</sup>  $^{\circ}\text{K}$  are achieved through the use of:

- pressurized water
- "wet" liners
- special screw profile

#### **Cooling screw**

Based on state-of-the-art calculation and simulation methods, the cooling screw design is tailored for specific cooling tasks. Thanks to the special screw geometry, high efficiency and perfect melt cooling are achieved at low

drive power. This reduces the energy consumption by 30 to 40%.

As the screw features internal temperature control over the entire length, an extremely uniform melt cooling is ensured.



Active melt seal

Schaumtandex line consisting of ZE 110 twin-screw extruder and KE 500 cooling extruder

# ZE TWIN-SCREW EXTRUDER MODULAR DESIGN AND TAILORED PROCESSING SECTIONS

#### Modular design

ZE extruder screw elements and barrel sections are based on the building block principle. Thanks to different design and equipment, these components can be combined to an almost unlimited number of screw/barrel configurations and can thus be tailored to specific process requirements.

#### The right turn

Our range of screw elements comprises:

- Conveying elements in various lengths and pitches, multi-flighted, closely intermeshing with self-sealing profile or with flight edge profile and increased free screw volume
- Mixing elements in various lengths



Kneading elements and kneading disks



Multi-spline shaft



- Blisters and returning elements

#### The optimum processing section

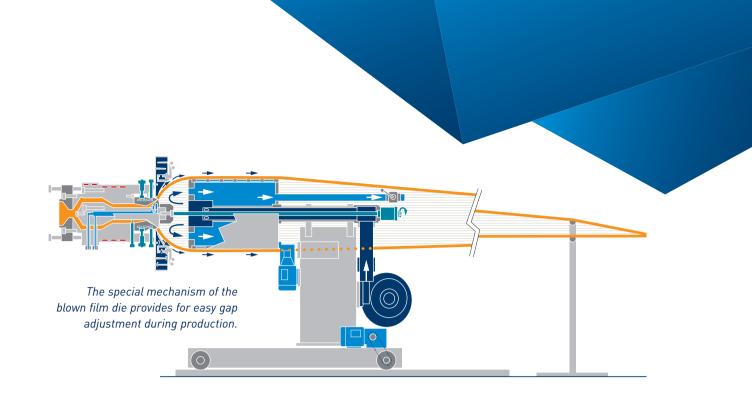
The processing section of our twin-screw extruder is configurable to match individual foaming processes. There are barrels in 4D and 6D lengths

- in open or closed design or
- designed as 4D side-feed barrels and 6D combined barrels.

All barrels for foaming processes are gas-tight and can be fitted with spacer rings for injection of the blowing agent.



Modular processing sections for maximum flexibility



# EXTRUDER DOWNSTREAM EQUIPMENT SPECIAL DESIGN FOR OPTIMUM FILM, SHEET, TUBE OR PROFILE PRODUCTION

#### Customized ancillary equipment

Our XE Schaumex and Schaumtandex lines are complemented by ancillary equipment of tailor-made design that we either produce at our own facilities or subcontract to specialist suppliers.

#### Blown film die

Our blown film die provides high flexibility in the production of film with various thicknesses. A special mechanism allows the die gap to be easily adjusted during the production process. In addition, three inde-

pendent oil units heat and cool the die, which gives extremely precise temperature control in the head up to the discharge from the die. This is particularly important for PP foam, since the processing parameters of PP are substantially limited as compared to other polymers.

### Technical benefits of the ISO-Tube four-die head at a glance:

- Thanks to the reduced line speed at constant output rate, the cooling bath length can also be reduced.
- Die changes can be made without interrupting production, because the flow channels can be individually shut off using a directional valve.
- As die changes are simple and straightforward, the production of profiles and rods poses no problem.
- PP, PE and PE/EVA blends can also be extruded.
- The multiple-die heads boost productivity.



ISO-TUBE four-die head



#### Foam film calibrator

The motor-driven calibrators are designed for precise calibration and cooling of expanded sheets. The mandrel with fluid temperature control and the air cooling system are tailored to specific process requirements. The die gap can be adjusted during production. After the discharge from the dies, the foam hose is cut to a sheet using a circular knife. The calibrator is operated at the control panel arranged next to the system. To minimize downtimes, the calibrator is additionally equipped with a photoelectric scanner for tear-off monitoring.

#### **Board calibrator**

KraussMaffei board calibrators are designed for boards with a wide variety of thicknesses and surfaces. Using the infinitely adjustable preformer bars, the foam board thickness can be precisely adjusted during production.

#### Slot die

Slot dies are perfectly suited for Schaumtandex lines with high output rates of over 1,000 kg/h and board widths of up to 1,200 mm. The special flow channel geometry inside the die ensures even melt distribution over the entire width. The 4-zone oil temperature control system and additional cartridge heaters provide rapid and controlled heating or cooling of the slot die. Precise temperature control gives enhanced product quality and reduces the start-up time. An additional thermal insulation shell avoids external heat dissipation.



Foam sheet calibrator



Plate calibrator



Customized slot die for board widths of up to 1,200 mm



# LABORATORY AND PILOT LINES PROCESS OPTIMIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEW MATERIALS AND APPLICATIONS

### The Schaumtandex lines are an excellent and unique machine combination for research institutes and R&D centers.

Designed for low output rates, the Schaumtandex line is suited for processing all standard plastics and a wide range of high-temperature plastics up to a maximum temperature of 350°C. The eco-friendly blowing agent is injected in liquid form through appropriate nozzles into the processing section of the twin-screw extruder and subsequently mixed in. Thanks to the extensive screw and barrel portfolio, the extruder can be retrofitted for new process applications at any time.

#### Various laboratory line configurations

Compounding extruders can be equipped with cooling extruders or static coolers designed for melt cooling.

- ZE 25 compounding extruder with static cooler
- ZE 30 compounding extruder with static cooler or with KE 60 cooling extruder
- ZE 40 compounding extruder with static cooler or with KE 90 cooling extruder

#### Reliable technology

In the standard version, the KE 60 single-screw extruder is equipped with the patent-registered "active melt seal" that prevents the blowing agent from leaking towards the gear unit. In the extruder, the melt provided with the blowing agent is cooled down to a temperature just above the solidification point.

The laboratory line is a downscaled version featuring all technical characteristics of a production line. All control and operating functions can be easily activated by simply pressing the corresponding button on the central touchscreen. The operating concept is clear and intuitive.

### **YOUR BENEFITS:**

• Processing of all standard plastics

- Extensive screw and barrel portfolio
- Cooling extruder with "active melt

seal"



The entire laboratory-scale line is monitored and controlled from the central operator station.



Operator panels for the most important functions are located directly at the line.

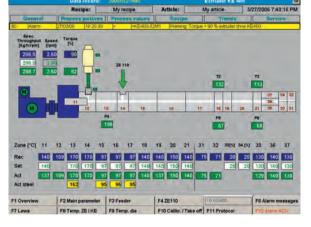
# AUTOMATION AND CONTROL MAXIMUM EASE OF OPERATION AND FLEXIBILITY

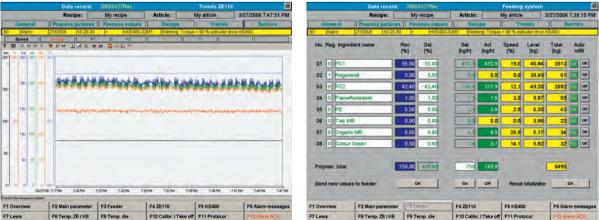
The process management systems employed by KraussMaffei are based on the Windows<sup>®</sup> operating system and provide the following features:

- Line visualization with fully graphical representation, input monitoring and data logging
- Long-term data filing system offering the possibility of external data storage (network, tape, CD-ROM,etc.)
- Trend display of recorded data in variable configuration
- Recipe management for all process data (upon request also in MS Access)

- Filing of fault and warning messages for subsequent fault visualization in the process images
- Full support of Windows® network functions
- Easy integration of standard software
- Optional production planning: several preset batches can be processed one after the other
- Optional computer coupling: recipe data, trend and production planning data can be converted and made available to other systems (network, control station), if required

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The process management systems used are based on the Windows<sup>®</sup> operating system and provide a wide range of functions and additional options.



#### Practice-oriented control systems

The standard equipment comprises all control and visualization functions and features machine-specific flexible scaling:

- Process survey, large-scale display of key parameters
- Access via different authorization levels
- MDA (optional, on separate PC): Our Windows-based measuring data acquisition includes trend display, long-term data acquisition and recipe management.

### PLC and process management system for unparalleled flexibility and ease of operation

Depending on process task and machine configuration, the control system is tailored to specific requirements. Only state-of-the-art PLC components are used for this purpose.

- Programming to IEC 1131-3
- Modular architecture
- Networking of peripheral equipment
- Coupling to the master control system
- Modem-based remote assistance

### YOUR BENEFITS:

- Maximum ease of operation
- Innovative and practice-oriented
- operator guidance
- Precise control



# **KRAUSSMAFFEI –** PIONEERING PLASTICS



#### Extensive expertise from a single supplier

KraussMaffei is one of the world's leading manufacturers of machinery and systems for producing and processing plastics and rubber. Our brand has been synonymous with cutting-edge technology for over 180 years. Our product range includes all technologies in injection molding, extrusion and reaction process machinery. KraussMaffei has a unique selling proposition in the industry as a result. By drawing on our proven innovative capacity, we can guarantee our customers sustained additional value over their entire value-adding chain through our standardized and individual product, process, digital and service solutions. The range of our products and services allows us to serve customers in many sectors including the automotive, packaging, medical and construction industries. We also supply manufacturers of electrical and electronic products and household appliances.

#### At your service all over the world

KraussMaffei is represented all over the world. Subsidiaries provide you with support in the countries shown in light blue. Our sales and service partners take care of you in the regions shown in white.

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