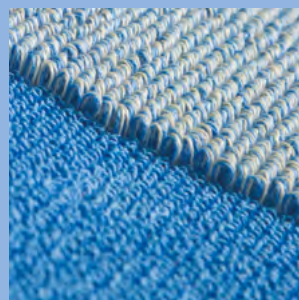
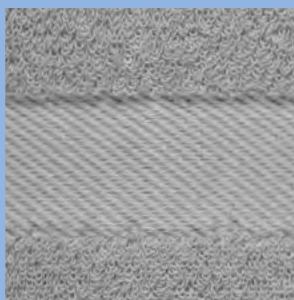
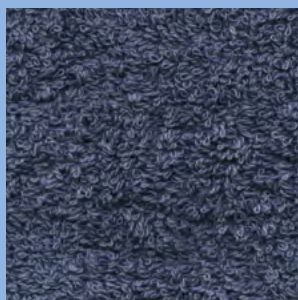
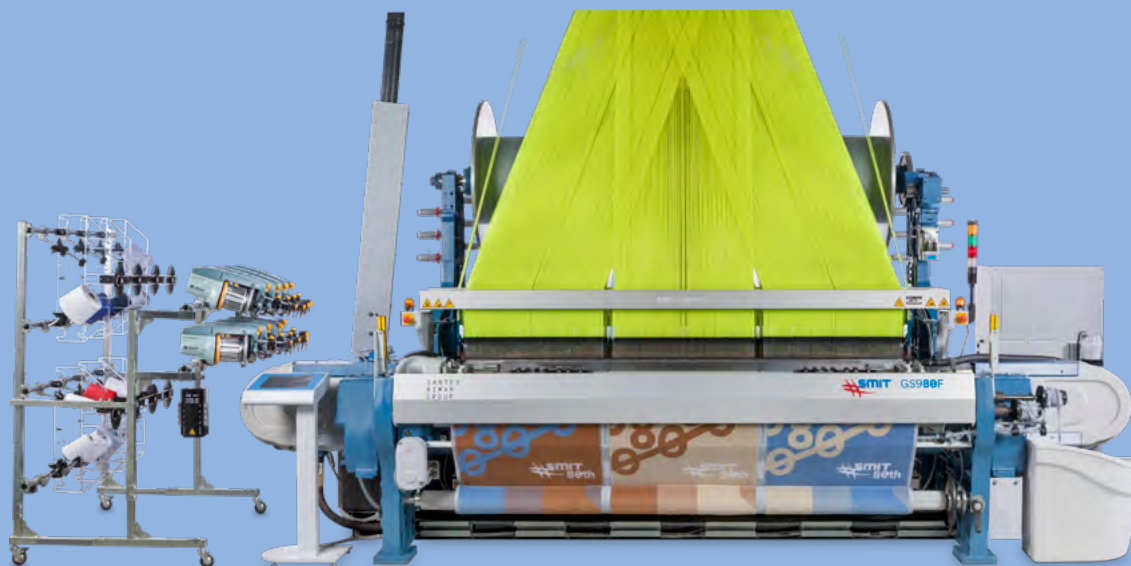


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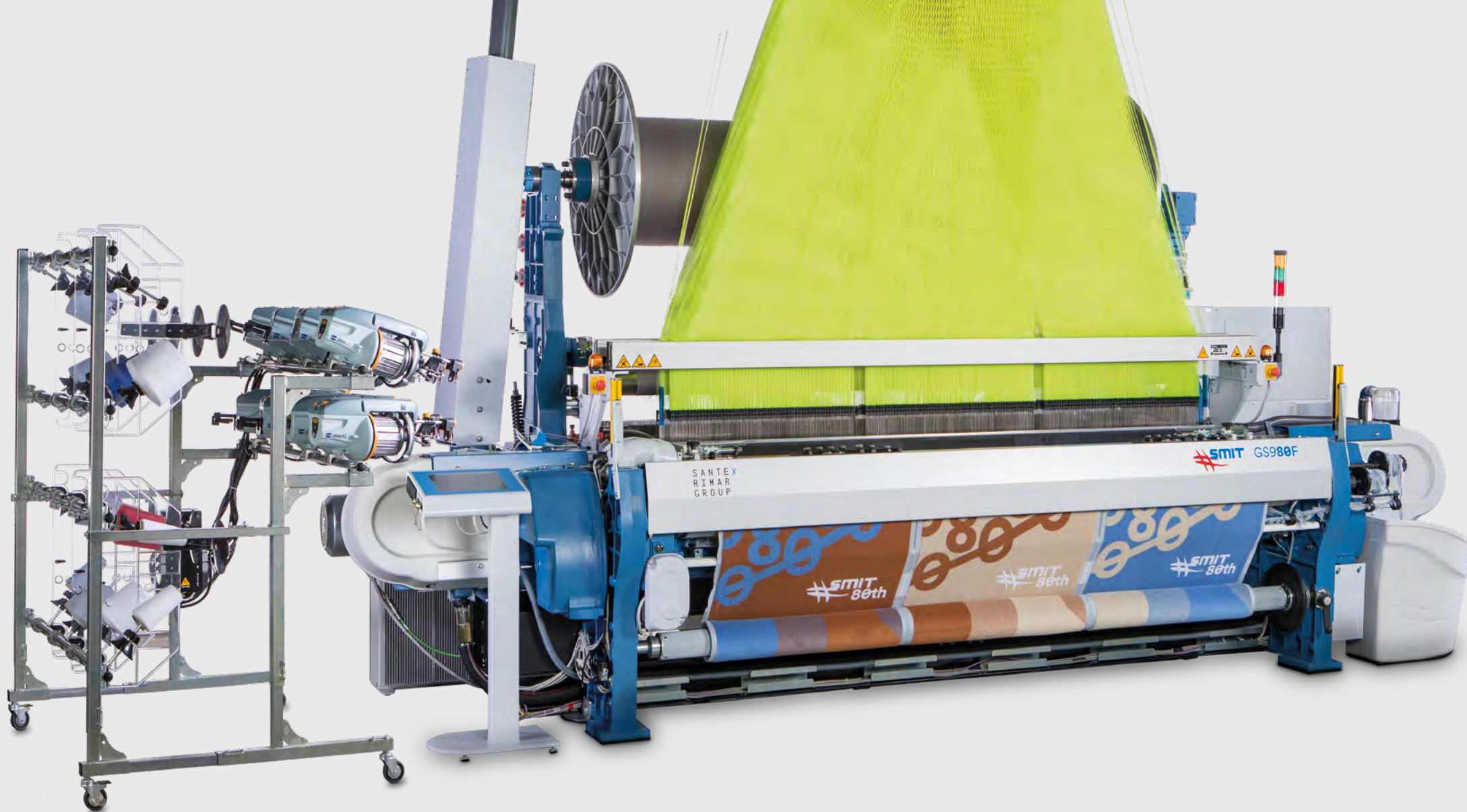


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**SMIT GS980 F** ultimate inventions improve productivity in terms of **speed** combined with **efficiency** and **versatility** for the widest range of production.

**SMIT GS980 F** ensures top-quality, exclusively patterned **terry towel fabrics**: from heavy velours to matched towels and bulk terry production.

The free flight ribbons system marks out SMIT weaving machine since many years: smart and flexible, SMIT GS980 F is conceived in Italy combining some of the most reliable SMIT features with groundbreaking function solutions to make **SMIT GS980 F** an asset that **will keep its value for a long time.**

High flexibility, excellent fabric quality, quick set-up, ergonomics, ease of use and maintenance elements that have always distinguished Smit machines, have been further improved for SMIT GS980F.



## SMIT GS980 F has improved in terms of:

### Versatility

SMIT GS980 F ensures cost-effective weaving of a wide variety of terry fabrics with outstanding performances. With seven different working widths, from 220 to 360 cm, SMIT GS980F is ideal for weaving terry fabrics, in one or several panels.

### Performance

SMIT GS980F excels in terms of performance: rugged structure and stiff drive mechanisms ensure high productivity and operational stability both in Dobby and Jacquard arrangements.

### Production Quality

SMIT GS980 F features ensure the most advantageous weaving settings to produce high quality terry fabrics for any target sector widening weavers' creativity and market opportunities.

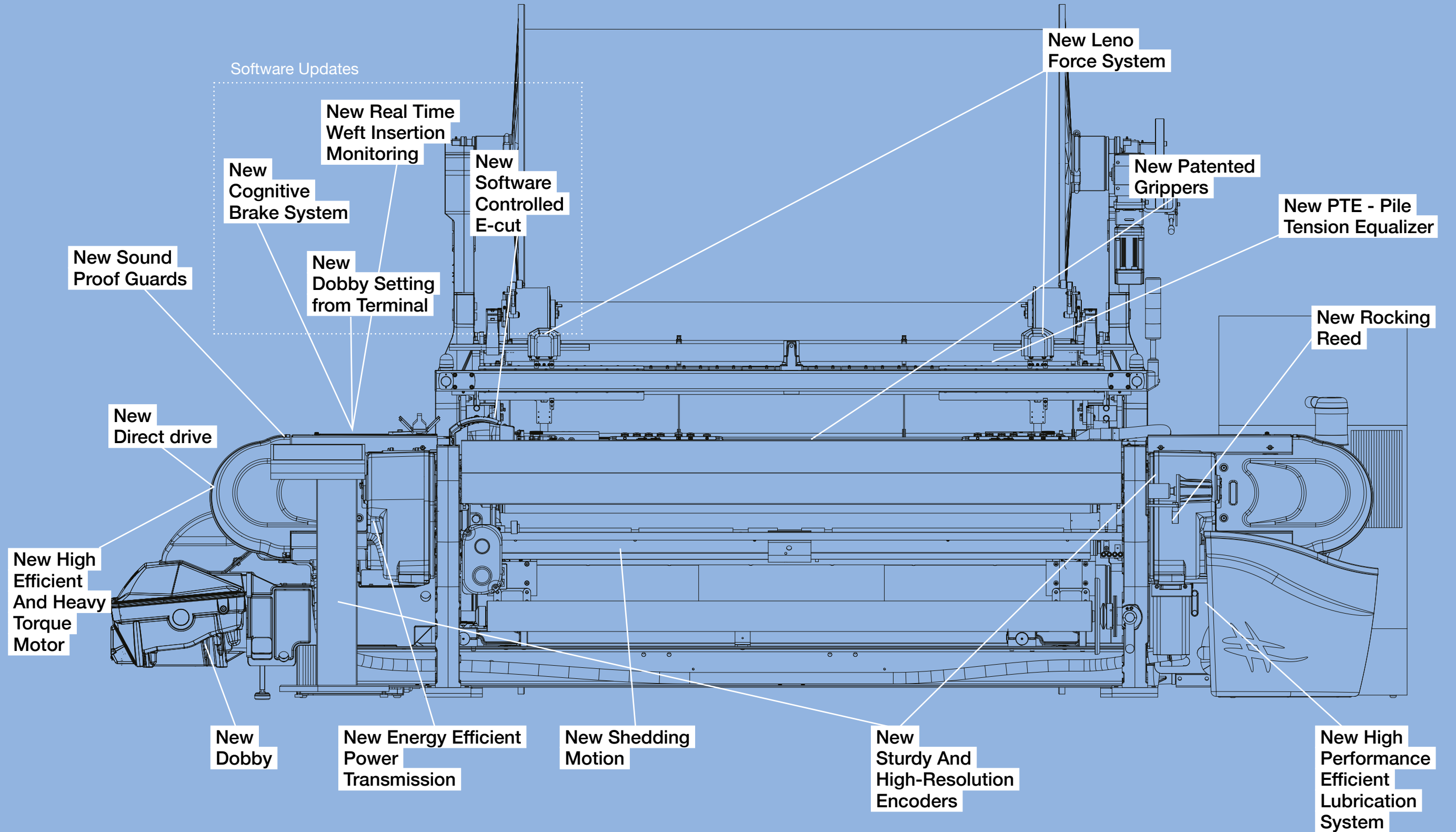
### Efficiency

SMIT GS980F fast set-up and change solutions enable to reach the highest weaving hall efficiency.

### Sustainability

SMIT GS980F energy and environmental performances are certified.

# SMIT GS980F What's New





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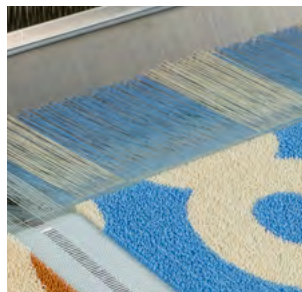
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# Versatility



01.

## **New** Rocking Reed

SMIT GS980F further enhances the greatest functional advantages of Smit terry weaving technology, to achieve top results in terms of pile regularity, pile height evenness and performance of the machine.

**Dynamic Pile Control** is the distinguishing Smit system of pile formation by sley deferred motion (**Rocking reed**), with loose pick distance up to 24 mm, securing the gentlest treatment of warp yarns for a first-rate terry fabric.

The innovative **Dynamic Pile Control**, once programmed on loom terminal or jacquard memory, allows to switch from one pick ratio to another while machine is running to **create unique relief patterns and effects like pile waveforms.**



02.

## **New** Leno Force System (for Dobby version)

New SMIT GS980 F programmable Leno-Force System allows to program the false selvage and leno yarn crossing, pick-by pick, independently for each side which means:

- Quick adaptation to the most varied types of yarns filled in the different parts of the towel (terry cloth, border)

- Maximum effectiveness in the control of the weft stretching and weft tail reduction, ensured at the highest operational speed
- Higher tension in the fast selvage and more precise opening of the shedshed



03.

## **New** Patented Grippers and Supporting Teeth



- Reduced grippers cross section shaped in accordance with the warp shed geometry to benefit of very low pile warp tension
- Great versatility for every type of yarn
- Rapier sliding supporting teeth, specific for terry fabrics ensure easy settings and self-cleaning warp shed



04.

## **New** Software Controlled E-Cut

New SMIT GS980 F software-controlled E-cut ensures optimal cutting conditions and top performance even when terry towels, mostly in the border, require the insertion of several types of weft

different in terms of count and fiber, from mercerized cotton to multifilament (bright Rayon) or Fancy Yarns and Chenille.

05.

## Electronic Weft Selector (Ews)

The modular and expandable Electronic Weft Selector for 4-8-12 weft channels, with converging presentation fingers, ensures optimal weft distinction, also when

very different types and counts of weft are used respectively for the terrycloth and the border of the towel.

06.

## Wide Range of Warping Solutions



The ground warp beam, up to 1000 mm in diameter, and the overhead pile warp beam, up to 1250 mm, Euronorm solutions and quick beam change systems are available upon request.

# Performance

01.

## **New** High Efficient and Heavy Torque Motor

New SMIT GS980 F high efficient and heavy torque motor motion is improved with optimal acceleration, high speed and less vibrations.



02.

## **New** High Performance Jacquard Drive (for Jacquard version)



The new sturdy and high torque drive for Jacquard ensures the top running regularity and speed, also in combination with the largest Jumbo Jacquard machines.



03.

## **New** Dobby (for Dobby version)

Shed motion is ensured by the new electronic dobbie (up to 20 shafts). New dobbie guarantees better performances: weaving with SMIT GS980 F is faster and smoother. **Higher performance with minimum maintenance.**

04.

## **New** Shedding Motion (for Dobby version)



The new dobbie drive with increased transmission capacity and the new shedding motion, optimized in combination with the latest dobbie model, ensure minimal vibrations of heald frames, with increased warp efficiency at top speed.

05.

## Rapier Drive and Optimized Distribution of the Mechanism Masses



The Rapier Drive, carried out by a “spherical crankshaft” and one gear stage, ensures minimum weft cutting, transfer and release speed, with the highest regularity in weft insertion.

The sturdy machine structure and the optimized distribution of the mechanism masses ensure the greatest stability and the most effective reduction of dynamic load on the floor.



06.

## **New** Sturdy and High-Resolution Encoders

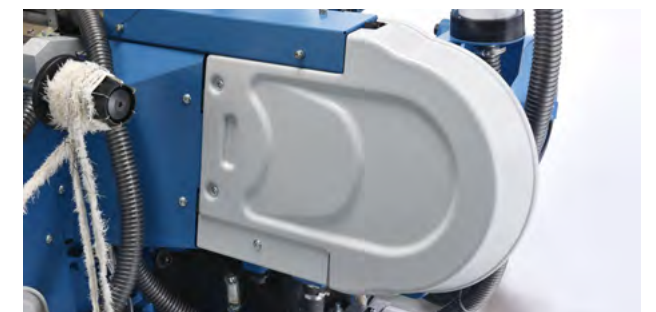
SMIT GS980 F is equipped with two sturdy magnetic encoders to control the crossing position of the shed in relation to the beating up point.

SMIT GS980 F new high-resolution encoders are less sensitive to loom vibrations, dirt, oil and water, are more reliable and need very low maintenance.

07.

## **New** Sounds Proofs Guards

New crankcase to cover the moving parts of the machine for operator safety are made of polymeric materials to reduce the noise.





# Production Quality

## 01. Pile Tension Control System



SMIT GS980F offers the greatest functional advantages of the Pile Tension Control System for the pile warp yarns, especially designed to achieve:

- Top evenness of pile height
- Light rocking cylinder and supports that grant minimal and regular pile warp tension for the most delicate yarns
- Pile warp path optimized to ensure high accessibility to warp stop motion

- High stiffness and precision of warp tensioning
- High sensitivity of tension detectors and pile warp let-off control
- Interactive utilities between pile tension control system and the machine main control terminal, for optimal “self-learning” set-up of textile parameters
- High productivity of the loom

## 02. **New** PTE - Pile Tension Equalizer

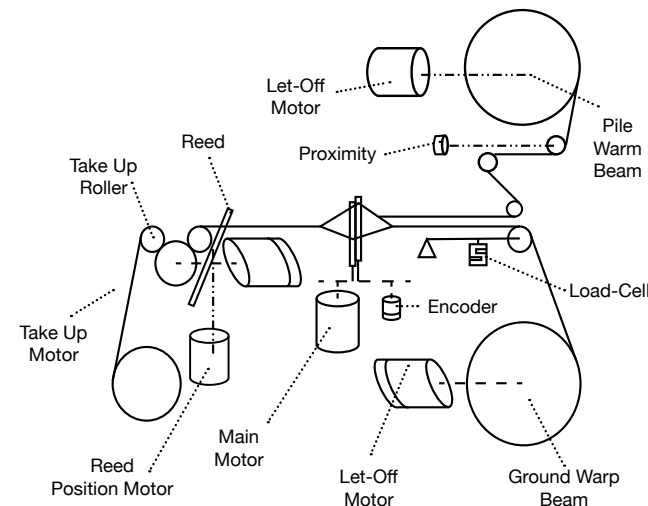


The new PTE - Pile Tension Equalizer system, ensures the gentlest treatment of warp yarns, for a first-rate terry quality, guaranteeing the highest performances also with single-ply and low torsion pile yarn, for the most soft, absorbent and luxurious terry fabrics.

The gentlest treatment of the pile yarn grants high loom productivity and perfectly evened pile also in presence of not necessarily strong staple yarns to achieve significant savings on the row material cost.

## 03. Warp Let-Off, Electronic Take-Up and Main Direct Drive, simultaneously Controlled

Warp let-off, electronic take-up, pile formation drive and main direct drive, simultaneously controlled ensure maximum accuracy in the electronic warp control and excellent and stable fabric quality for whatever yarn count and type of pattern.



## 04. Optimized Textile Geometries and Warp Control by High Precision Load Cell



Precision of the electronic let-off motion, stability and repeatability of the warp tension parameters are granted by high accuracy load cell with “self-learning utilities” which ensure excellent fabric quality with

whatever count and type of yarn and steady terry fabric weight, from full to empty beam.

## 05. **New** Direct Drive



Thanks to the new direct drive and the short kinematic arrangement, higher regularity is achieved with the lowest vibration and noise level.

### Electronic speed control without frequency converter:

- High “power factor”
- Low energy consumption
- Low heat generation (no auxiliary cooling device required)
- Control of weaving speed at start and stop phases within one beat-up cycle
- Full stop control in case of black-out (no defects on the cloth)

### Features:

- High performance permanent magnet motor with feedback by resolver for high response
- Speed control by terminal
- No clutch, neither brake
- Slow-motion and pick finding by main drive. The slow-motion clutch and auxiliary drive are not more necessary

### Advantages:

- High fabric quality
- Low energy consumption
- Reduced air conditioning cooling load
- Low maintenance
- User friendly speed setup and programming
- High speed stability and low vibrations

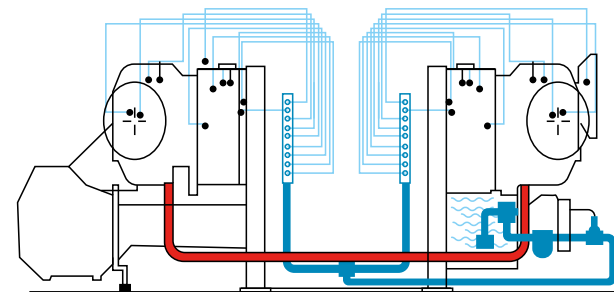
# Efficiency



01. **New**  
Dobby and  
Jacquard Setting  
From Terminal

The new functionality of shed-crossing phase setting from touch screen terminal shortens considerably the set-up and start-up time in combination with both dobbie and jacquard.

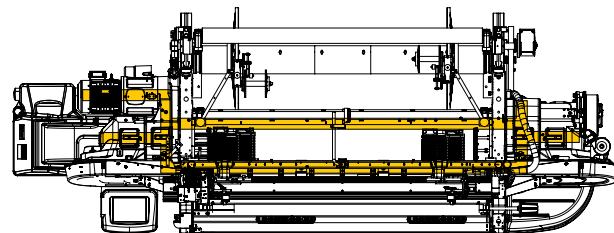
02. **New** High Performance  
Lubrication System



SMIT GS980 is excellently reliable thanks to continuous lubrication and oil filtering.

The new efficient lubrication system, with forced oil circulation, guarantees the lowest energy dissipation in the mechanisms, avoiding the adoption of additional oil cooling systems. Extended lubricant life time reduces maintenance costs.

03. **New**  
Energy  
Efficient Power  
Transmission



The new Energy efficient power transmission ensures the highest regularity and the lowest energy consumption, also in combination with Jacquard.

04.  
Fast Change Operations



Fast set-up and style change solutions enable to reach the highest weaving hall efficiency:

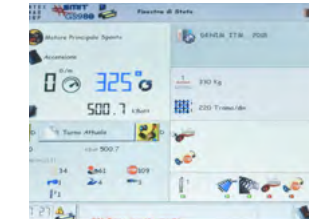
- Fast working width (symmetrical or asymmetrical) changes as no ribbon hooks are requested.
- Buttons keyboards opportunely located to ensure efficient weaver operations
- Quick fastening of soundproof guards to ensure high protection and ease of access to the regulating parts.
- Easy removal of the rocking cylinders to effectively arrange the pile warp on the clamping rails of warp tying frame

05. Long-Lasting Rapier Drive  
Components

The Free Flight Ribbons System solution ensures the most effective reduction of power consumption and ribbons are longer granted by the friction-free movement.



07.  
Electronic  
Platform and  
Touch Screen



Easy control of technical parameters. Simplified maintenance by the modular arrangement of both cabinet and machine wiring system. Multilingual user-friendly touch screen.

# Sustainability

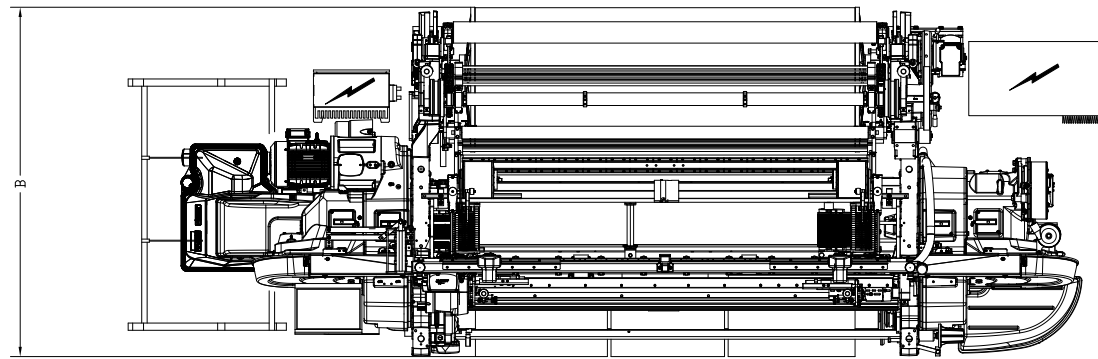
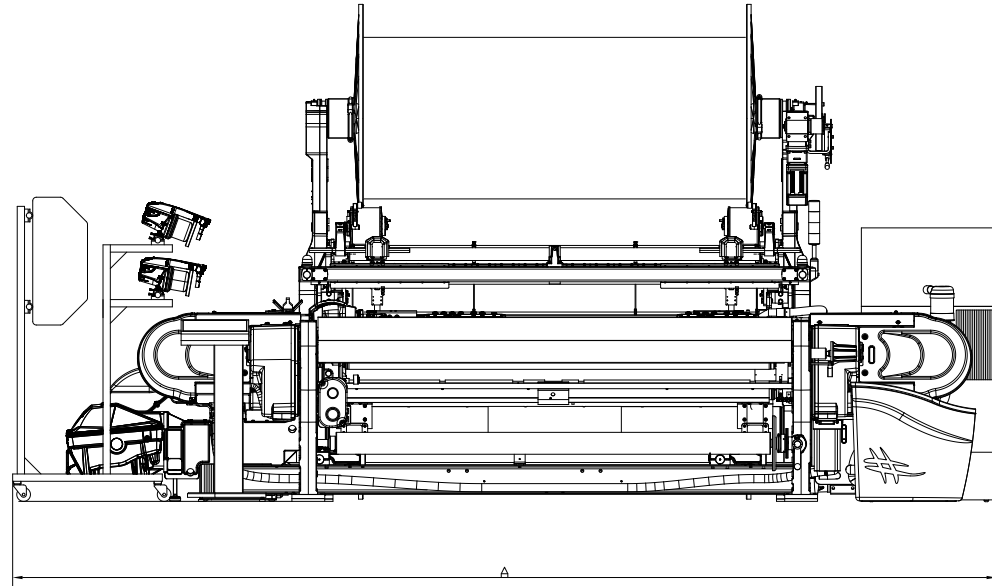
01.  
Green Certified



Smit is an Italian textile machinery manufacturer registered as Supplier of Sustainable Technologies.

SMIT GS980 F comes with ACIMIT Green Label certification that aims to identify energy and environmental performances of the machine.

# Technical Data



## PERFORMANCE

Up to 1550 m/min

## SPEED\*

<b>Loom width</b>	260 cm	360 cm
<b>Speed</b>	500 rpm	430 rpm

## YARN RANGE

Spun yarns: 4 Tex – 400 Tex (Ne 150 ÷ 1,5)

Filament yarns: 10 Den – 3500 Den  
(11 dTex ÷ 400 Tex)

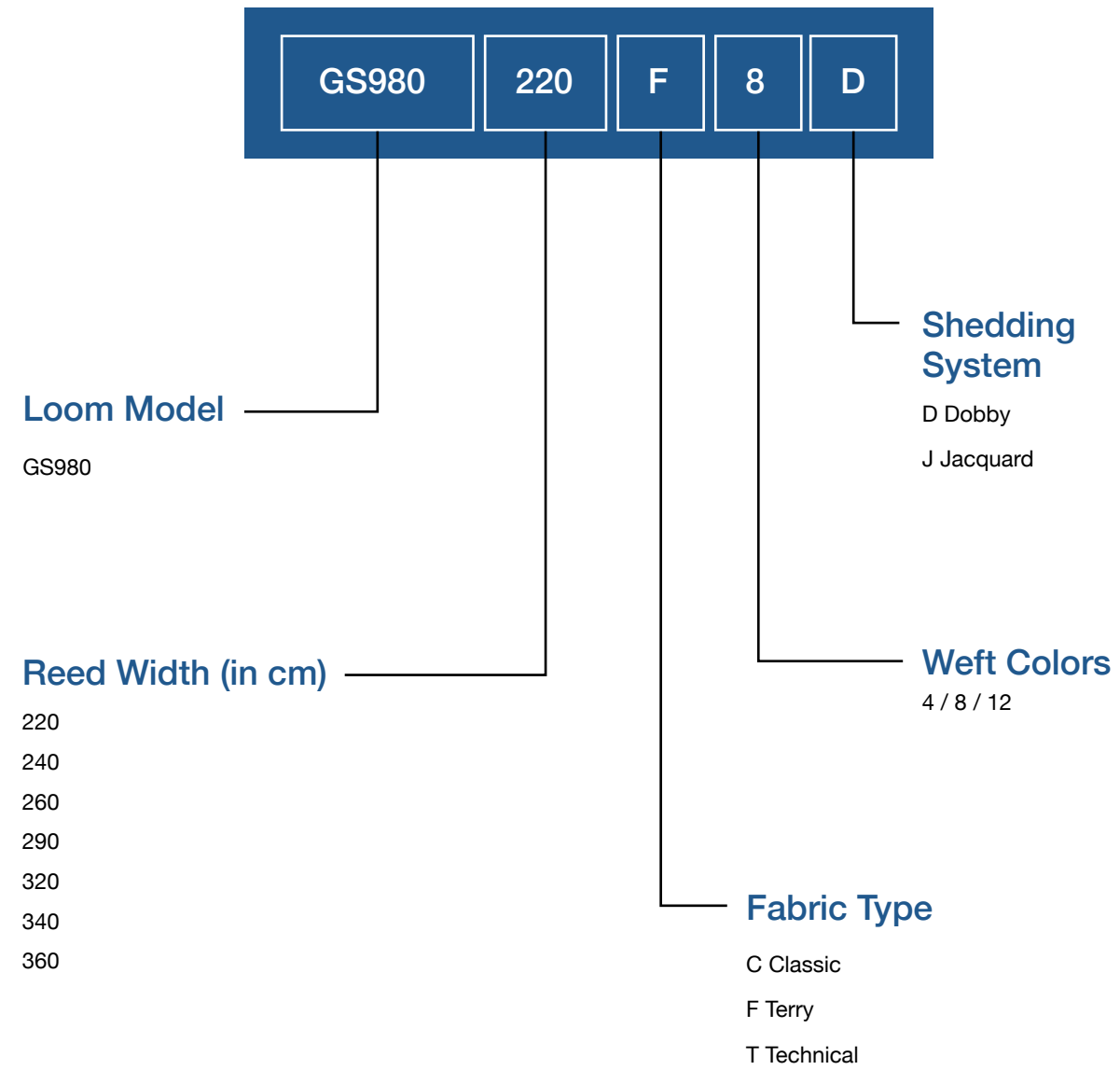
Fancy yarn (for border): slub, bouclè,  
twisted, brushed up to 2 Nm (500 Tex)

<b>GS980</b>	2200	2400	2600	2900	3200	3400	3600
<b>A</b>	5390	5590	5790	6190	6590	6790	6990
<b>B-Beam 800</b>	1955	1955	1955	1955	1955	1955	1955
<b>B-Beam 1000</b>	2150	2150	2150	2150	2150	2150	2150

\*Free flying technology

\*Mechanical speed. Weaving speed and weft insertion rate are influenced by the type of fabrics, yarn quality, yarn count and shedding motion. For textile technical reason, reductions in speed may be required.

# Loom Codifications



## Reed widths

- 220 - 360 (Free Flying)

## Width reduction

- 80 - 100 depending on the reed width

## Performance

- Up to 1550 m/min depending on style and machine width

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## Shed geometry

- Optimized warp shed angle and geometry both for pile and ground
- Gripper tip position closer to the reed, far from cloth fell

## Filling selection

- 1 – 12 colors electronically controlled

## Filling monitor

- Piezo electric detector with double pick prevention

## Filling cutter

- Mechanical cutter
- Electronic Weft Disk Cutter EWC-A,
- Programmable Motorized Weft Cutter E-CUT

## Insertions

- Prewinder switch-off
- Pneumatic feeder threading up
- Active filling brake

## Ribbon motion

- One gear stage

## Reed motion

- Positive conjugated cam outside fabric area

## Pile formation

- Pile formation by “rocking reed”
- Pile height up to 12 mm

## Shed Control

- 3020 electronic dobby upto 20 frames (VR, DRC4, DRC10)
- Electronic jacquard
- Electronic setting of the crossing moment

## Selvedge formation

- Independent Lenomat
- Tucked selvedge (mechanical)
- Central selvedge

## Let-off motion

- Load-cell electronically controlled lower warp let-off system
- Proximity sensor electronically controlled upper warp let-off system

## Warp beam

- Lower beam diameter: 800, 1000
- Upper beam diameter: 800, 1000, 1250

## Back-rest

- Single roller with breaking system
- Deviation cylinder

## Warp stop motion

- 2+2 bars
- Sectional warp stop motion

## Cloth take-up

- Electronically controlled take-up system
- Batching motion unit
- Fabric illumination

## Cloth roller

- 600 mm

## Machine drive

- Direct machine drive (DD)
- I-torque motor (optional for big sized jacquard)

## Pick-finding

- Automatic full pick-finding

## Machine controls

- Color touch-screen (USB and ethernet connection)
- Push buttons on front panel

## Lubrication

- By forced circulation of filtered oil

## Monitoring

- Stop-distribution reporting
- Connection provided for major weaving room monitoring systems

## Automation

- Quick Style Change (beam, harness, reed and warp stop motion)

## Safety

- Light curtain, protection guards

## Regulations

- CE Mark



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