Push your projects forward
Voith Paper Technology Center
Heidenheim
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To minimize investment risks, we offer you the opportunity to assess the potential of a new machine or new technologies. Voith Technology Centers worldwide are available for customers to pre-test equipment prior to purchase and help Voith engineers to analyze the efficiency and potential of their R&D activities. The Technology Centers are constantly updated with the latest machinery and pioneering production processes for the pulp and paper industry. From stock preparation, different paper machine configurations, coating units and calenders to the reel, new configurations can be tested.
The main focus besides troubleshooting is the exploration of new furnish types, savings in furnish and energy usage, optimization of new processes, assistance in new product development, minimizing risks involved with rebuilds, and the comparison of different machine process concepts. The use of modern simulation techniques complements the trials and helps minimize and optimize the trial work.

**Your benefits of the Voith test facilities**

- Testing and comparing of process conditions and machine concepts
- Optimization of raw materials and their treatments for different paper grades
- Determination of operating parameters for start-up preparation
- Minimization of investment risk with process test under realistic conditions
- Employee training
- Development of new processes and products to generate unique selling points
- Troubleshooting of your process without affecting production
- Profit from our experts’ knowledge
The following technology centers are located in Heidenheim:

- Fiber Technology Center
- Paper and Board Technology Center
- Coating Technology Center
- Calendering Technology Center
- Laboratory and Analysis Services, including:
  - Fiber lab
  - Paper lab
  - Coating Color lab
  - Research lab
Pilot machines

1 Stock preparation

- All stock preparation processes
- Primary and secondary furnish
- Paper grades: board, packaging, speciality, graphic
- All machines in industrial scale
- Single machine tests and system trials

2 Pilot paper machine

- Test of different former types, former settings, fabrics, chemical dosing
- Shoe-blade former or roll-blade former
- Paper grades: packaging, speciality, graphic
- Speed range: 600–3,000 m/min
- Basis weights: 42–205 g/m²
- Wire width: 460 mm
3 Pilot coater

- All coating techniques: film press, size press, blade, single- and multi-layer curtain
- Paper grades: board, packaging, speciality, graphic
- Maximum speed: 2,500 m/min
- All basis weights
- Web width: 800 mm

4 Pilot calender

- Pre- and final calendering: soft nip / hard nip
- Splicing and trimming of rolls
- Web pre-conditioning
- Paper grades: board, packaging, speciality, graphic
- Maximum speed: 2,000 m/min
- All basis weights
- Web width: 300 and 800 mm
In the new Fiber Technology Center, we run for our customers stock preparation trials on primary and secondary furnish under production conditions for all paper grades.

- Development of stock preparation machines
- Development of stock preparation concepts
- Process trials from pulping to papermaking on the pilot paper machine
- Basic studies (boost yield, fiber properties, cleanliness, energy savings)
- Risk reduction prior to investment

### Available process steps

- Pulping
- Refining
- Deflaking
- Screening and Fractionation
- Cleaning
- Flotating
- Thickening and Washing
- Dispersing
- Bleaching

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Papermaking

Our pilot paper machine and different test rigs allow you to examine your process under real conditions. A vast range of different paper grades can be tested.

- Development of paper machine components
- Development of paper machine concepts
- Process trials from pulping to paper with stock preparation in Fiber Technology Center
- Basic studies (influence of machine parameters, fibers, chemicals and fabrics)
Technical data Pilot paper machine

- Two approach flow systems for multi-layer trials
- Headbox: 3 – 7 lines
- Shoe-blade former or roll-blade former
- Basis weights: 42 – 205 g/m²
- Speed range: 600 – 3,000 m/min
- Pond width: 350 mm
- Wire width: 460 mm
- Samples for paper testing

Technical data Drying section

- Single tear
- Machine speed: 250 m/min
- Maximum web width: 800 mm

Technical data Headbox test-rig

- Web width: 182 mm
- Speed range: 50 – 2,500 m/min
- Maximum flow rate: 4,000 l/min

Technical data Pilot reel

- Maximum speed: 3,000 m/min
- Maximum acceleration: 15 m/min/s
- Maximum reel width: 2,500 mm
- Maximum reel diameter 3,500 mm
- EcoChange S
- EcoChange W
- Tape turn-up system
- Air separating principle
Coating

The pilot coater at our R&D center offers ideal conditions for studying the coating process under realistic conditions. The complete coating process for every grade from specialty to board can be examined with your base paper and coating color raw materials.

- Development of coaters and coating equipment
- Development of coating concepts
- Process trials from fiber to printing
- Basic studies (influence of machine parameters, coating color, base paper)
- Operator training
- Production of small lots for market test purposes

Technical data: Curtain test-rig

- Single sheet coating unit for small scale trials
- Curtain coater (DynaLayer)
- Maximum speed: 1,000 m/min
- Coated sheet size: 0.32 x 1 m or A3

Pilot coater
Technical data: Pilot coater

- Single and multi-layer curtain coater (DynaLayer)
- Film coaters (SpeedSizer)
- Blade or rod coater (DynaCoat) with free jet applicator (JetFlowF)
- Size press
- Flexible units for coating color and starch preparation
- Deaeration for bubble-free coating application (AirEx, AirEx AT-V)
- Efficient drying with IR and air dryers
- Sensors for measuring drying-specific parameters
- Maximum speed: 2,500 m/min
- Maximum web width: 800 mm
- Maximum reel diameter: 1,500 mm
- Core size: 3” or 6”
- Diameter of applicator/backing rolls: 1,000 and 1,500 mm
- Various roll covers (Rubber, Polyurethane, Chrome)
- Grooved and smooth rods
- Steel and ceramic blades for stiff and bent blade coating
Calendering

With our pilot calenders, the best possible combination of nip pressure, temperature and roll surface for each grade can be determined for your products, whether they are board and packaging, specialty, or graphic papers.

• Development of calenders and calender equipment
• Development of calender concepts
• Process trials in combination with coating/sizing
• Basic studies (influence of machine parameters, base paper)
• Production of small lots for market test purposes
Technical data: Pilot calender

- Soft and hard nip calender (EcoCal Soft/Hard/Plus)
- Moisturizer and steam boxes
- Climate chamber
- IR-panel
- Maximum machine speed: 2,000 m/min
- Web width: 800 mm
- Maximum reel diameter: 1,500 mm
- Core size: 3” or 6”
- Diameter of heating roll: 1,270 mm
- Diameter of hard/soft roll: 710 mm
- Maximum line load: 500 kN/m
- Maximum oil temperature: 300 °C
- Maximum surface temperature: 280 °C

Technical data: Calender test-rig (ModuCal)

- Soft and hard nip calender (EcoCal Soft/Hard/Plus)
- Moisturizer
- Maximum machine speed: 1,000 m/min
- Web width: 300 mm
- Maximum reel diameter: 1,500 mm
- Core size: 3” or 6”
- Diameter of heating roll: 500 mm
- Diameter of hard/soft roll: 360 mm
- Maximum line load: 1,000 kN/m
- Maximum oil temperature: 300 °C
- Maximum surface temperature: 260 °C
Laboratory

We provide the optimal analytical technology for fiber, paper and coating color. The samples taken from our pilot plant facilities are analyzed in the Voith laboratories using the latest techniques. This provides precise test data as a further basis for assessing the pilot plant results. For this reason, our laboratory staff works closely with our R&D experts. You, as our customer, therefore benefit from the scientific know-how of our laboratory specialists, as they can analyze samples from your own plants.

We also use the laboratory for complex measurements that solve relevant problems for you.

In addition to the standard measurements we offer

Fiber
- Fiber morphologies
- Sticky and dirt speck analysis
- Pulper, refiner, flotation in laboratory scale

Paper
- Tapio Analyzer
- Contact angle, penetration
- Print tests (Prüfbau, IGT)

Coating Color
- High shear viscosity
- Elongational viscosity (CaBER)
- Dynamic surface tension

Others
- Chemical analysis
- Mechanical and thermo-mechanical analysis
- Computer tomography
Get the full potential of your application!
Voith pilot operation facilities

Voith Paper Technology Centers provide the maximum flexibility. We help you to improve your products, develop new ones (R&D) that meet your requirements, and fulfill your customers’ needs even further. We welcome you to check the potential of new machines, components or new technologies.
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