

Automation – Special machine construction

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Straight layer (for finer cutting of tobacco leafs)

This machine is used in primary to improve cutting quality of the tobacco leafs.

- Tobacco leafs fall into the machine (back side of the machine).
- The machine orientates the leafs in such way that all veins in the tobacco leafs tend to be parallel (perpendicular to the cutting knife)
- The machine compact the tobacco leafs, and creates an infinite extruded flow (with rectangular shape)
- The exit of the machine is directly coupled to a cutting machine (eg Hauni, or similar). The extruded flow is cut, as the orientation of the veins in the leafs is mainly perpendicular to the cutting knife, the veins will be cut, so the machine prevents the presence of long veins in the cut tobacco

Advantage: finer cutting of the tobacco (significant reduction of long veins in the cut tobacco).



2 high capacity Straight layers (capacity of each machine : 2.500 kg of tobacco leafs/h)

	Medium capacity machine (V10-0162)	High capacity machine (V15-0018)
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Capacity	1.250 kg/h	2.500 kg/h
Typical cut width	0.3mm	0.3mm
Typical belt speed (at output of our straight layer)	1m/min	2m/min
Width of compressed tobacco at exit of straight	400mm	500mm
layer (= required cutter belt width)		
Tobacco height @cutter infeed	±200mm	±350mm



long version (capacity 2500 kg/h) - back side



Short version (capacity 1250 kg/h) - front side



Tobacco leafs fall into compartments (forcing them to fall in a determined orientation).



Compression of the leafs to an infinite extruded rectangular flow



Horizontal & vertical compression, to an infinite rectangular flow



Output of the machine is connected directly to the cutting machine

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