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Osprey Corporation Celebrates 30 Years of Success

by Jim Harpole



Osprey 30th Anniversary

January 15, 2004

This year we are celebrating Osprey's 30th anniversary. In 1974, Osprey started as an engineering and sales firm with a primary focus on the textile industry. From the very beginning, Osprey's technology was how we use air to transport material, and then separate the air from the material to produce a clean air environment.


In 1981, Osprey was the first to sell an innovative and specially designed rotary drum filter to a diaper manufacturer in Georgia. This filter replaced a bag filter that was working with a horizontal screen forming section. The filter was an instant success and continues to be the industry standard for process filtration. Since that time, Osprey has designed, manufactured, and installed more than 1,500 filters for the textile, soft disposable, paper, and plastics industry worldwide.

Over the years we added additional systems to our customer focused product line. Systems such as the patented Phoenix Filter, Final Filtration, Fluff and SAP Separation System are just a few of the new products that were first developed and then applied by Osprey.

Osprey merged with its sister company Barron Incorporated in 2002. This doubled Osprey's production facilities as well as provided access to a new product line primarily focused on the plastic extrusion industry. We are excited about our new opportunities in this developing market.

Our commitment over the years has remained the same. Osprey Corporation stands behind its systems 100 percent, and we accept complete project responsibility from concept through commissioning and training. We are confident in the value of our solid engineering, years of experience, innovative abilities, and the performance of our equipment. Osprey remains keenly aware that our most important assets are our people and loyal customers.

We would like to thank our customers and representatives for your trust and commitment over the last thirty years. We are especially proud that the average tenure for an Osprey employee is over twelve years. Now as in the past thirty years we are dedicated to improving and expanding our product line in order to meet the ever-changing demands of the industries we serve.


Jim Harpole

Osprey Quick Start Model Expansion Enables More Facilities to Benefit From These Industry-Leading Filtration Products

The expansion of the Osprey "Quick Start" series of process rotary drum filters dominates the headlines this quarter.

Osprey now offers three different sizes of the patented Phoenix technology designs and three sizes of the flat-floor economy designs. Each specific Quick Start model is selected based on the application and industry.



The Osprey model QSP24 Phoenix-based rotary drum filter.

The Osprey QSP 12, QSP 18, and the QSP 24 Phoenix-based filters utilize nearly all of the full-sized Phoenix filter features. These design elements have made the Osprey Phoenix filter the recognized industry standard for high performance filtration for sanitary products. The three Quick Start sizes cover an air volume range from 10,200 M3/H to maximum of 40,000 M3/H.

The entire Quick Start filter package is completely assembled on a robust structural channel base. All system motors and safety switches are machine-wired to a premium Osprey control panel. The total system approach enables each customer to roll the filter into place, connect the incoming process air duct, apply the discharge ducting to the nozzle vacuum fan, bring three-phase power to the electrical panel and immediately operate the system.

For our international customers, we have answered the question of appropriation of funds for the mechanical and electrical installation cost in advance. Technicians thoroughly test all Osprey Quick Start filters in our factory before shipment. This practice provides the added benefit of eliminating the Osprey supervision expenses for the filter installation and commissioning.

We welcome your inquiries regarding this latest Osprey filtration development. Please contact our systems sales department to get a Quick Start quote for your next process air filtration requirement. ☺

Osprey Prepares to Spread Wings at IDEAO4 and PLASTIMAGEN 2004

Osprey looks forward to seeing you at one of this spring's major industry conferences.

IDEAO4, the International Engineered Fabrics Conference & Expo, will take place April 27-29 at the Miami Beach Convention Center, Miami Beach, Florida. The exhibit portion will include more than 200 of the largest suppliers of materials, machinery, and services to the nonwoven industry.

If the **IDEAO4** show in Miami is on your agenda in April, please stop by the Osprey exhibit for news on the latest developments in air handling, filtration, and plastic and nonwoven waste systems. Steve Smith, Oliver Smyth, Marty Price, Dave Ankenbrandt, Ken Best, Dave Colburn, and others will represent Osprey during the three-day event. We invite you to visit us at **booth 524** to get the answers for questions concerning your production needs.

The show provides an ideal opportunity to bring your questions or new projects to us in person so your organization can benefit from our combined experience.

PLASTIMAGEN 2004 will take place April 27-29 in Mexico City, Mexico at the Expo Santa Fe Center. The PLASTIMAGEN show has become the region's largest and most important exposition and conference event for the plastics industry. Osprey considers this show very important for our Latin American market and looks forward to the opportunity to promote our products and services to customers in the region. Kirk Harpole, Eduardo and Norma Koch will represent Osprey during the show. If your plans include the show, **please visit us at booth 518**. To find out more about the show, please visit www.plastimagen.com.mx. ☺





Ken Best Becomes Plant Manager at Osprey's Conyers Facility

Ken Best recently assumed the responsibilities of the Plant Manager at our Conyers facility.

Ken began working with Osprey in 1996 after spending most of his career in the production management of soft disposable products. Ken will continue to have some responsibilities in marketing and field service in order to keep in touch with customers and their changing needs and manufacturing trends. ☺

Moving On...

Osprey Bids a Fond Farewell to Pat Phillips

Pat Phillips, Osprey's engineering manager, recently left Osprey to pursue a new career opportunity closer to his home.

Pat started working with Osprey back in 1985, when he attended Georgia Tech in Atlanta. Pat worked as a project engineer and served as the department's manager for more than eight years. He also went on to earn his professional engineering degree while working at Osprey full time.

Pat has made many contributions to Osprey's product line, such as high temperature filtration, Phoenix design filters, and process fan development engineering. Everyone at Osprey will miss Pat, and we extend our best wishes to him and his family.

For the time being, Dave Ankenbrandt will replace Pat while also continuing his role as operations manager. ☺

Osprey 100 Series Scrap Compactor Turns Scrap Problems Into Money- and Space-Saving Solutions

The Osprey 100 series scrap compactor gives you the power to convert your flexible poly-based scrap into manageable product.

The device can compress plastic and nonwoven trims and cutouts into rigid high bulk density bricks that can easily be manually handled or stacked. A customer can dispose of the bricks, burn them for energy, or reprocess the material.

An automatic trim pick-up system delivers scrap such as bag tails, leg cutouts, and edge trim to the unit, which can also be hand fed as well. A vacuum

draws material into the compacting chamber, which then compresses the waste into a 4-inch-by-4-inch brick form with adjustable lengths. The unit then heats the outer surface of the material, which creates a thin rigid outer shell that maintains the brick-like shape.

The compactor can be operated in-line with an extrusion, bagging, or converting operation. With one power connection and a pneumatic attachment, the system can be ready to run in five minutes.

For more information, please contact us or visit our web site at www.ospreyfilters.com. ☺



The Osprey Series 100 scrap compactor.

What's New

- ◆ **Used and Surplus Equipment** List now available on our web site.
- ◆ **Soft Start & Overload Kit** to replace traditional shear pin assembly on drum filter drive.
- ◆ **Phoenix Filter Features** available as upgrades to standard drum filter (trapeze nozzles, outside drive, special lights, etc.).
- ◆ **Dust Control Nozzles** for tissue production lines.
- ◆ **Compact Central Vacuum System** for filter areas (clusters), reclaim operations, shop or other problem housekeeping areas.
- ◆ **Special Separation Screens** for all MS series mechanical separators. Available in both 50 and 32 mesh. Fine stainless steel screen is diffusion bonded to perforated stainless steel support structure. Controls the amount of fine particles being exhausted.
- ◆ **Filter Media** for special situations.
- ◆ **Fiber-Opening Fans** for those situations where fiber opening equipment is just not enough. Achieves additional fiber opening in the transport system. Also, ideal for chopping and conveying some airlaid and other soft edge trim in one step, without an in-line cutter.

Please call Osprey at (404) 321-7776 for more information about any of these topics. ☺

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You Can Now Order Osprey Spare Parts On-Line

To make it easy for you to purchase Osprey parts when it's most convenient for you, Osprey now accepts on-line orders for equipment spare parts.

You can also take advantage of this convenient new option to review and confirm the items on our web site before placing

an order the same way that you have in the past. For more information, please visit our web site at www.ospreyfilters.com. 