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Success story: Voith ProTect ensures safe press felt measurement

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In the last 24 month Voith has already installed 37 of its ProTect systems that enable press felt measurements to be taken safely while the machine is running. Another 32 such systems have been ordered by various customers in Europe and overseas.

Measurements of the running press fabrics are absolutely indispensable for efficient paper production. They monitor the condition of the felts and from the data conclusion about irregularities are drawn, so that age-related wear or variations in the felt can be reliably identified during operation. Previously, these measurements could only be done manually. For safety reasons, various paper manufacturers and governments have recently started to prohibit these kinds of manual measurements.

With ProTect, Voith has developed a solution to replace the manual measuring work conducted by service personnel. It consists of a stand-alone self-propelled carriage on fixed cross beams that can accommodate conventional manual measuring devices for safe use outside the felt run. ProTect can be mounted even in very confined spaces. The system features a battery and integrated water tank, so it does not have to be connected to a power or water supply.

In combination with Voith's OnV FeltView measuring system, ProTect covers the entire spectrum of felt measurement requirements. OnV FeltView can also be integrated into the OnView information system.

Further information is available on the Voith website at www.voith.com/paper. Voith Paper is also on [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

Voith Paper is a division of the Voith Group and the leading partner to and pioneer in the paper industry. Through constant innovations, Voith Paper is optimizing the paper manufacturing process, focusing on developing resource-saving products to reduce the use of energy, water, and fibers. Fur-

thermore, Voith Paper offers a broad service portfolio for all sections of the paper manufacturing process.

Voith sets standards in the markets of energy, oil & gas, paper, raw materials and transport & automotive. Founded in 1867, Voith today has more than 39,000 employees, sales of €5.3 billion and locations in more than 50 countries, making it one of the largest family-owned companies in Europe.

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