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Ripress, a company specialized in the regeneration of used presses for more than 30 years, will introduce Italy to a new series of IT injection machines produced based on semi-assembled presses made in China.



The basic philosophy of the project, explained Salvatore Lisciandrello, one of the company's partners, who spoke to Polimerica's editorial staff over the phone, is to purchase semi-assembled machines in China (base, toggle, with a few parts of European origin), install the electric parts, electric panels and peripherals, thus providing a

savings in production costs that ranges from 30% to 40% compared to European manufactured presses.

The mechanical parts are manufactured in Ningbo by Liguang, a leading manufacturer of small injection presses (based on Chinese standards): "We preferred to reach an agreement with a company that targets quality and not quantity," added Lisciandrello, "in order to have the ability to influence machine design and establish a technology partnership with the supplier."

The IT series, 5 models with clamping forces from 90 to 260 tons, has technical features such as the use of a variable flow rate pump with closed loop control, Rexroth solenoid valves for the hydraulic circuit management, magnostriptive CAN-bus position transducers, external USB connections for saving data, and Ethernet jack for network connection. The control unit uses a touch screen and Linux O/S.

Ripress, who will sell the machines under its own brand, will provide after-sales service and spare parts.

Salvatore Lisciandrello di not want to comment on the sales objectives for 2008: "The sale of 50 machines or so would be considered a good result," he limited himself to stating.

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