# AX Grinding/Brushing Machines



The modular concept for modern polishing lines



### Concepts

The new Imeas' **AX** machines represent the state of the art for polishing of flat materials, such as coils, sheets and plates; the flexible design is the key factor of their success.

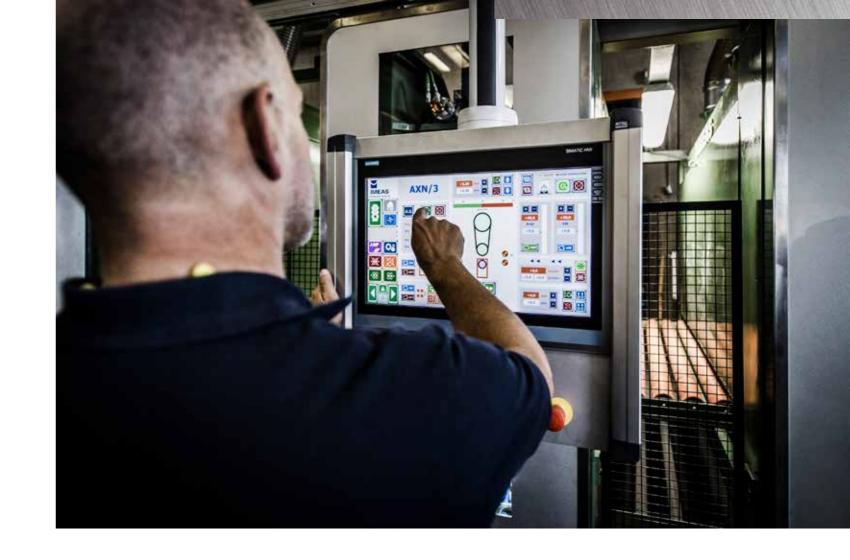
The **AX**s are based on the well-proven concept of modular design that simplifies the layout and makes possible to add more units at any time; this concept reduces the stock of spare parts, minimizing maintenance and operational costs, too.

Each module is built around a very sturdy, monolithic frame designed to absorb all the working loads: in this way greater forces can be applied to process a wide range of materials such as cold- and hot-rolled stainless steel, aluminum and others.

The **AX** family of machines includes different models designed to fit any need our customers may have:

- **AXN**, top grinding unit for no.3 and no.4 finish
- **AXNI**, bottom unit for no.3 and no.4 finish
- **AXR**, top unit for ScotchBrite<sup>TM</sup> effect
- AXHL, top module for hair-line (HL) effect

Every model is available either as "dry" or "wet" processing: the former using only air to remove the dust produced during the process, the latter using a water-based emulsion instead. To reach an even higher flexibility, it's possible to mix dry and wet modules, too!



# Highlights

#### INCREASED FLEXIBILITY

The new **AX** polishing machines can be used to process a wide range of materials, including stainless steel, copper, brass, aluminum and various types of plastic and composites.

#### GRAPHICAL INTERFACE

The redesigned operator panel interface sets the **AX** apart from all other competing machines: engineered to be intuitive and easy to use, all functions have been grouped in well recognizable, stylized icons and rearranged in a logical order that follows the natural work flow of the machine. Operators have full control over working parameters, consumables and recipes management.

#### **COIL & SHEETS COMBINED**

The **AX** series is designed to process both coil and sheets, and it is also possible to realize combined lines for both applications, switching from coil to sheet with the touch of a button.

#### **CONSTANT FINISHING**

To assures a smooth and homogeneous surface finishing meter after meter, all **AX** modules are equipped with Imeas' Constant Load Technology, which adapts the abrasive belt and ScothBrite<sup>TM</sup> positions to maintain the main motors loads within the thresholds defined by the operator. This is also useful to compensate the wearing of the abrasives.

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#### QUICK CHANGE BILLY-ROLL

As an option, each **AX** module can be equipped with a fast change system that allows to swap a worn-out Billy-roll in few minutes, reducing downtime and increasing the line productivity.

#### **NEW FEEDING SYSTEM**

The **AX** machines are equipped with a redesigned feeding system which uses two motors to drive the in-feed and out-feed rolls independently: this simplify the mechanics, offers better speed synchronization and improves the processing of thin sheets.

The new feeding system also offers the capability to process plates up to 15mm: by simply typing the thickness on the HMI interface, the machine will do all the necessary setups.

#### HI-PERFORMANCE SCOTCHBRITE™

The high performances of **AXR** machines are achieved through a patented oscillation system which realizes a true sinusoidal movement of the ScotchBrite<sup>TM</sup> roll at very high speed. It offers a wide range of adjustments as well, so that it is easy to find the optimal settings to always produce a perfect surface.

Each **AXR** module is also equipped with an expandable shaft that reduces the changing time to a mere five minutes.

An integrated dressing device is part of the ScotchBrite<sup>TM</sup> unit: very helpful to maintain the brush roll always sharp, the dressing device can be used even during the process to increase production.





#### OTHER KEY FEATURES

- Main motors up to 110 kW on AXN & AXNI and up to 18 kW on AXR
- Full Control Belt technology (FCB) for improved and precise abrasive belt tracking New
- Wider processing range to satisfy every production need
- Redesigned feeding system with independent motors for improved material handling New
- Increased productivity due to reduced maintenance and simplified setup
- HMI interface for easiness of use and increased productivity
- Fast change Billy roll (as option<sup>1</sup>) New
- New front door designed for easy access to all serviceable parts New
- Integrated LEDs lighting to inspect the material during the process New

#### STANDARD FEATURES

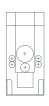
- Frames made of electro welded steel, stress relieved, CNC milled
- Safety PLC, Siemens S7 type with ProfiNET<sup>TM</sup>
- High efficiency motors
- Wide screen with touch panel graphical interface
- Long-life grease lubricated bearings
- On-board pneumatic plant with emergency tank, lockable inlet, manometer and pressure adjustment
- PLC Allen-Bradley (as option<sup>1</sup>)

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### Technical Data Sheet









AXNI

Model	AXNI	AXN	AXR	AXHL	
No. of working units	One bottom	One top	One top	One top	
Process type	Bottom grinding	Top grinding	Brushing	Hair-line	
ersions error	Sheets (L), Coils (C), Dry or Wet (U) process				
Jseful widths	1600 - 2100 mm				
Contact roll diameter	240 mm	240 mm	n/a	240 mm	
ScotchBrite™ diameter			210mm inside; 450mm outside		
ScotchBrite™ performance			700 cycle/min; 0-25 mm amplitude		
Thickness range	0,4-4,0 on coils; C	),4-15,0 mm on plate	s (others on request)		
Machine opening	50 mm				
Feeding speed	up to 50 m/min				
Main motors	up to 110 kW	up to 110 kW	up to 18 kW	n/a	
Abrasive belt length	2800 mm	2800 mm	n/a	100 m (coil)	
Machine weight <sup>(2)</sup>	8500 kg	8000 kg	6500 kg	6000 kg	

#### NOTES

- Some of these features may be available at extra price.
- Weight refers to the 1600mm working width model.

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