

PRESS RELEASE

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VMI introduces the new Strainer Plate Cleaning station (SPC).

VMI Rubber is introducing a new stand alone Strainer Plate Cleaning station to automate the labor-intensive task of cleaning the strainer plates, reducing labor costs, improving operator ergonomics and enhancing the ease of operations.

When the filters in straining systems need to be replaced, for example because of a compound or size change, the strainer plate must be cleaned before it can be reused. Depending on the plate size manual cleaning takes up to 5 hours of labor, the Strainer Plate Cleaning station completes the same task in approximately an hour and a half, with the operator free to handle other jobs.

The strainer plate can easily be positioned in the Strainer Plate Cleaning station by the operator and after a one button selection of the strainer plate size the systems specially developed software 'knows' the dimensions and position of the holes. Once the size has been selected the operator can push the start button.

The VMI Strainer Plate Cleaning station is a fully automatic and mobile stand alone station that cleans all the holes of the strainer plate. It is designed to handle a complete range of plate sizes.

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