



BEST OF SHOW & BEST BODY PRESS

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Unipress: Unipress made mind-numbing improvements to their AP line of shirt presses. This was leaked to me about 4 months ago and was best described as a 3rd generation evolution of their NT/AP line introduced 5 years ago. The irony was that I didn't think that the AP needed any improvements that would ever be described as radical, but that was the adjective used. Unipress made an improvement that are so simple, so trouble-free and so important (and guess what? FREE!), that it will change the way shirt units are made forever. But it's one thing to make an improvement that enhances quality, but suppose that one simple improvement enhances quality and improves productivity? This incredibly simple device pulls down on the back of the shirt, automatically and passively, thereby eliminating every type of pressing defect on the back of the shirt. But back pulls are not a new idea. Sankosha has done it for a decade. But with theirs and other similar devices, the operator needs to position the shirt so that the padded clamp can grab the fabric. With Unipress' new LS models, the operator doesn't need to pay any attention to the back of the shirt! What could possibly speed up production more? Clamp the collar, position the front panels and send it in! And I say it's FREE because Unipress hasn't raised the price yet. (Hurry before they notice!).

My December Christmas wish list column contained the following plea: "...wishing for an "employee coolerator", ... something that is integrated into a press so that employees <can remain cool, and really> want to work on your new shirt machine! So whadaya say there old man with the hair on his jaws? Can ya make it happen?..." Hmmm. I thought that Unipress was in Tampa, not the North Pole. The LS2, double-buck model is available with an optional hood that contains the heat and exhausts it away from the operator and out of the building! The LS2 also has a productivity manager that shows the presser's shirts per hour productivity in real time. Unipress has hit a grand slam with their LS line. I will cover them as well as the other winners of the Tailwind Equipment Design Awards next month. Be prepared to be blown away!.

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