

# Application POST CONSUMER



# POST CONSUMER RECYCLING

#### A new era. With EREMA.

Odour optimised, energy efficient, recyclable. And for specific applications: super clean and food contact compliant.

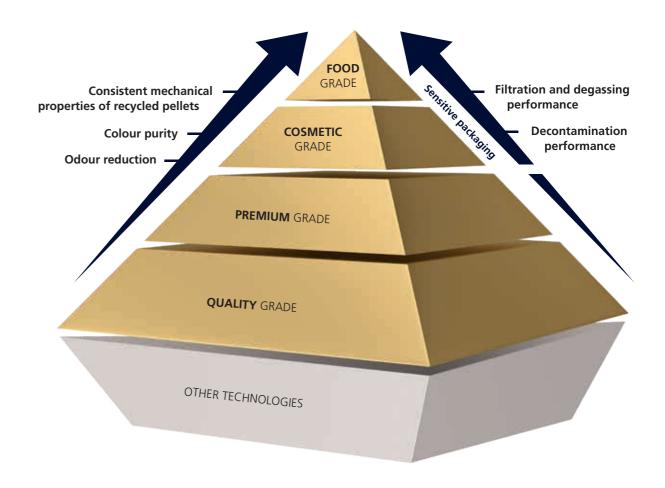
Post consumer recycled pellets of the future can do more. Get more out of your material stream with innovative EREMA technologies featuring digital assistance systems. More quality, more productivity. For a better end product. Take the new energy saving dual filtration solution INTAREMA® TVEplus® DuaFil® Compact, for example, as well as proven ReFresher anti odour technology and the smart predictive maintenance tool Predict:On. Enter this future right now with EREMA. Into the new era of post consumer recycling.

### From the challenge to the solution. EREMA supports you along the way.

Heavy contamination and mixed, damp material, and different collection systems often make recycling post consumer plastics a complex challenge. To obtain high-quality secondary raw materials from thin-walled LDPE films or thick-walled PE or PP regrind requires particularly reliable, stable processes and plant that is robustly constructed. Maximum performance with high-quality processing is what is needed, as offered by the recycling systems from EREMA that are designed for post consumer waste.

No matter what challenge you face implementing your post consumer project, with our unrivalled range of technological solutions in the most diverse fields of application and extensive experience gained from than 40 years of recycling machine construction, we are at your side.

# THE NUMBER ONE FOR ALL LEVELS



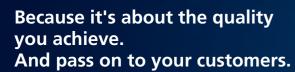


# **CAREFORMANCE**

We care about your performance.







Clean melt, clean recycled pellets. EREMA post consumer recycling machines stand for uncompromising quality, high efficiency, powerful filtration, and safe handling. For top-quality end products.







#### A reliable investment. Low TCO.

The best decision is a safe decision. EREMA systems offer an impressively low TCO (total cost of ownership), rapid ROI, low energy consumption and high uptime. Fully in keeping with high productivity, cost effectiveness and efficiency.

#### Value retention through and through.

Not just any machine. It's got to be an EREMA. Good to know that the robust construction, advanced technology and first-class EREMA service ensure a high resale value of your EREMA machine.



#### Built to perform. Built for 24/7.

Consistent processes, straightforward operation and a high degree of automation: production and operations managers appreciate these aspects of INTAREMA® recycling systems with innovative Counter Current® technology. The fact that the pellets remain stable even if the input material parameters change is a clear flexibility bonus.

With our recycling machines, you get systems which have been tried and tested thousands of times and have also put their reliability to the test in the toughest conditions. Because they are built using high-quality components and a robust design, our machines offer enhanced safety, reduce maintenance costs and ensure greater overall availability.

- Easy to operate high degree of automation
- Maximum system availability
- Low maintenance costs thanks to robust construction, durable components and the capability to carry out predictive maintenance (PredictOn digital assistance system)
- · High reliability
- Top quality components from 3 S included Key core components for extrusion and filtration are manufactured in Austria by 3 S, the EREMA Group subsidiary that specialises in the production of particularly demanding extruder parts.





#### Save costs thanks to energy efficiency.

Electrical power consumption is a key cost factor in post consumer recycling. Technologies that use energy very economically therefore have a clear advantage. For decades, EREMA has been a pioneer in energy efficiency. The latest example is the innovative INTAREMA® TVEplus® DuaFil® Compact. The fact that it operates at a reduced melt temperature and is extraordinarily compact improves the quality of the plastic melt and significantly increases energy efficiency. That really pays off. Hour after hour.

- Energy-saving all-in-one technology "All in one heat" concept:
- From the Preconditioning Unit to the tip of the extruder or even to the anti-odour post-treatment of the pellets in the ReFresher: this is energy-efficient material preparation in just one step
- Saves production costs
- Lowers the total cost of ownership (TCO)
- Maximum resource efficiency: technology saves energy, water and space and reduces CO, emissions

### **RECYCLING MORE DEMANDING** POST CONSUMER MATERIALS







pprox. **0.5** %

esidual contamination

#### Ideal material preparation in the **Preconditioning Unit**

the beginning of the recycling process.

Cutting, homogenising, heating, drying, compacting,

buffering and dosing – in a single stage. The dynamically

controlled Preconditioning Unit (PCU) is multitalented. It

prepares the plastic ideally for the extruder and sets the

course for consistently high end product quality already at



#### Gentle melting, low shear stress

extruder.

Because it has been preheated in the PCU, the material in the

extruder reaches the required melt temperature more quickly.

This shortens the extrusion process (shorter extruder), the

time taken to melt the material, and the time it spends in the

Moisture is removed prior to extrusion

extrusion (particularly effective with

additional Air Flush technology)

Highly volatile odours are removed prior to

Input material: up to 10 % moisture possible

# before degassing





Greater homogenisation efficiency downstream of filtration and upstream of degassing enhances the subsequent degassing performance and improves the characteristics of the melt

#### up and are therefore large enough to be removed easily and efficiently by the EREMA laser filter before the melt is homogenised.

Thanks to the low shear stress, impurities are hardly broken

#### Against odour and discolouration:

The early removal of impurities such as cellulose (wood, paper), rubber and silicone means that they can no longer outgas or overheat later and no unpleasant odours or discolourations develop, which is a decisive quality bonus for the melt.



#### Highly efficient triple degassing:

The first stage of degassing takes place at the start of the process in the PCU. Step two is reverse extruder degassing, which is made possible by the optimised screw design.

#### ... after melt filtration

The final double venting degassing at the extruder is particularly effective and removes gas inclusions which are still present from





ReFresher

High-efficiency anti-odour technology.

low-volatile, high-molecular substances. The technology keeps the pellets at the temperature required for fast and deep-cleansing discharge of volatile materials. Especially energy-saving: The ReFresher uses the system's intrinsic energy from the pellets, which are preheated during the extrusion process (at least 60 °C required). Thanks to the ideal, stable process preparation in the INTAREMA® TVEplus® only relatively short residence times are required inside the ReFresher.



#### Low volatile odours out

Continuous odour discharge with constant heated purge gas

No complex vacuum system required

First in, first out: same treatment for all pellets

#### Output stage 1

#### **QUALITY PELLETS**

Perfectly filtered, homogenised and degassed ideal for a variety of high-quality applications.

Get even more by using the QualityOn continuous quality monitoring system: only precisely specified pellets enter the ReFresher.



For even higher quality applications, e.g. in the

PREMIUM PELLETS

### **Counter Current technology**

The heart of the Preconditioning Unit is our patented Counter Current® technology. Thanks to the changed direction of rotation, the extruder handles more material in a shorter time. Thanks to the optimised intake system a wide range of materials can be processed. At amazingly low temperatures, with great process stability, high throughput and absolute flexibility.











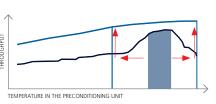








The highest possible **process** stability and flexibility thanks to Counter Current

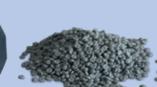


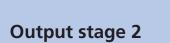
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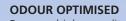




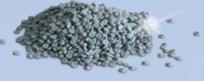








automotive, living space and design sectors.



# **APPLICATION** LD/LLDPE stretch and shrink films

such as bulk packaging and supermarket films with paper labels

#### High market potential, commercially attractive

long-term growth in the market, high-quality input material, relatively pure feed (predominantly LD/LLDPE films), thanks to high and consistent EREMA quality, high recycling rates of recycled pellets in new film products are possible (with the same mechanical performance). Depending on the current rPE market price, high cost savings in film production are possible by incorporating recycled material (compared to using all virgin material)



Large (baled) film sections



High and varying moisture



#### **High proportion of impurities:**

e.g. Paper (up to 5 %), wood particles (from pallets) Foreign polymers (e.g. strapping tapes), dust, etc.



Output: high-quality homogeneous recycled pellets that have been thoroughly filtered, degassed and had any unwanted odours removed so that they are now available to produce top-quality film for first-class consumer products.









#### **TESTIMONIALS**

It is thanks to our close cooperation with EREMA and the implementation of advanced INTAREMA® TVEplus® DuaFil® Compact technology with double laser filter filtration that we have succeeded in incorporating such high proportions of PCR material in new film materials. This would have been unthinkable just a few years ago because the mechanical properties these products need was



Luis Pellejer, Director Saica Natur Cycle Plus, Spain

SAICA Natur Cycle Plus produces high-quality LDPE and LLDPE pellets from post consumer supermarket film with paper labels. What's special about this is that the high INTAREMA® TVEplus® DuaFil® Compact quality of the recycled pellets makes it possible to return up to 50 percent to the production of stretch winding film and up to 80 percent to the production of stretch hoods for pallets.

Our customers have very high quality specifications, which is why we chose an EREMA machine. With the INTAREMA® 1512 TVEplus® DuaFil® Compact we can produce high-quality pellets that are used to make film and can be used for other applications in the packaging sector.

There were many arguments in favour of this machine, including its high overall efficiency. Particularly important factors were its low energy consumption and high degree of automation, which saves on operating personnel.



Philippe Morizon, General Manager at RECUPAC, Chile







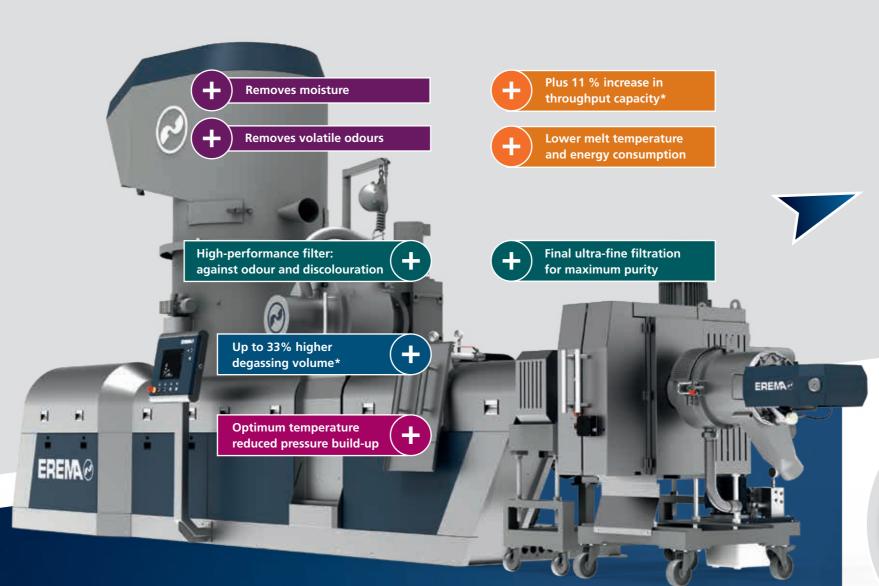
Input material: washed (LD)PE film flakes (from Lindner Washtech system) Contamination: paper, wood, adhesive tapes (foreign polymers)

INTAREMA® 1512 TVEplus® DuaFil® Compact



INTAREMA® TVEplus® DuaFil®

Compact



High-performance filter prevents burnt odours and discolouration:

Temperature-sensitive cellulose contaminants (paper labels, wood particles) are removed at an early stage. Additional bonus: because the operating temperature is lower in the DuaFil® Compact Zone, it significantly reduces the melt temperature, and every degree less counts!

Thanks to the design of the DuaFil® Compact, it delivers extremely powerful degassing performance that effectively prevents the re-gassing of already of already degassed melt

Improved, temperature-reduced pressure build-up
Patented DuaFil® Compact Zone with mild, short
transport screw instead of discharge metering zone
combined with special melt pump

Double filtration for maximum purity

Final ultra-fine filtration for particularly high pellet purity

Lower melt temperature and energy consumption for particularly high pellet and end product quality with low energy costs

\* Significant advantages in degassing and throughput capacity of the INTAREMA® TVEplus® DuaFil® Compact compared to an INTAREMA® TVEplus® without DuaFil® Compact technology: 12 to 33 % higher degassing volume (depending on speed) and 11 % more throughput when recycling LDPE supermarket film containing paper

Alternative solution:

INTAREMA® TVEplus®

(see page 6/7 for technical details and advantages)





New end product with recycled material: e.g: construction film and shrink film for bricks (solid) Stretch-to-stretch



New end product with recycled material:

e.g. stretch film with up to 50 % rPE



**New end product with recycled material:** shrink film as outer packaging



#### ReFresher

- Effective reduction of highly volatile, high molecular weight odorous material in the recycled pellets
- Thanks to the stable preparation process in the INTAREMA® TVEplus® DuaFil® Compact only relatively short residence times are required inside the ReFresher.

ReFresher technology



New end product with recycled material: e.g. bags for food

Wrapping films, silage films, agricultural stretch films, cover films, greenhouse films

#### **Great commercial potential:**

market with long-term growth, high-quality input material, relatively consistent (mainly LD/LLDPE films), low foreign polymer contamination



High and varying moisture (outdoor storage, wash system)



Very **high level of contamination**: due to abrasive, mineral material (e.g. sand, stones), organic impurities (e.g. soil, grass, vegetable scraps, roots, wood particles) and metals



and at the same time very soft and mostly only round 25 µm to 100 µm thin films (mainly LD/LLDPE films)









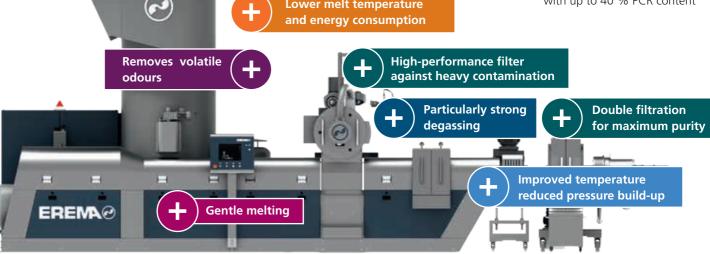


## THE SOLUTION **Agricultural film**

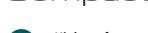




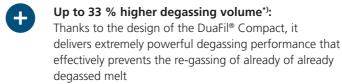
Agricultural stretch-to-stretch film with up to 40 % PCR content



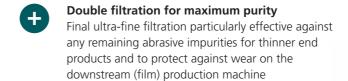
#### INTAREMA® TVEplus® DuaFil® Compact













Lower melt temperature and energy consumption for particularly high pellet and end product quality with low energy costs

#### Alternative solution:

INTAREMA® TVEplus® (see page 6/7 for technical details and advantages)







\*) Extremely strong degassing performance: Ultimately, depending on the speed, the INTAREMA® TVEplus® DuaFil® Compact has 12 to 33 % higher degassing volume compared to an INTAREMA® TVEplus® without the DuaFil® Compact system.

# HDPE and PP regrind material

from household packaging



**High moisture** up to 4 %



**Strong, varying degrees of contamination** with various impurities, e.g. rubber and silicone (from closure caps), paper and foreign polymers (PET, PA) e.g. from labels, wood



Unpleasant odours in the input material

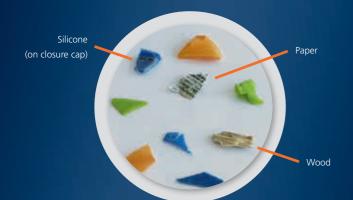
in the form of substances migrated from foodstuffs, cosmetics and cleaning agents, as well as from contaminants adhering to the surface



**Prevents additional odours in the molten state** (during the recycling process) due to potential odour triggers such as rubber, silicone, paper and wood



A wide range of regrind bulk densities (from thinwalled flakes to thick-walled regrind) and different polymers (PE, PP, PS, ABS, etc.) can be processed with just one system











# HDPE and PP regrind material



# **COSMETIC GRADE Quality on rinse off.**

Thanks to state-of-the-art EREMA technologies, many years of experience and working together closely with our partners along the value chain, high-end cosmetic applications such as packaging for rinse-off products, can be made directly from post consumer recyclate. Rinse-off products are body care products that are used to cleanse the skin and hair, but are rinsed off with water and therefore do not remain on the skin or hair.

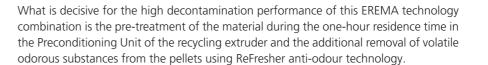
#### **100 % post consumer PCR-HDPE**

from the yellow bag

In a joint project, Werner & Mertz, EREMA and The Group with the Green Dot developed the first shower gel bottle made of 100% PCR-HDPE that has been approved for use in the cosmetics sector.









# THE SOLUTION **HDPE** and **PP** regrind material

No-compromise gentle processing of regrind material - from melting to pelletising.



Universal screw for a wide range of regrind types





Flexibility plus: very wide range of bulk densities

RegrindPro<sup>1</sup>

Homogeneous material heating thanks to long residence time

removes volatile odours

**Removes moisture** 



**High-performance filter prevents** heavy contamination and odours



High-performance filtration for maximum purity

RegrindPro®



Homogeneous heating thick-walled flakes made from regrind material

- Long residence time (up to 1 hour), thanks to the slow rotation of the specially designed rotor disc with simultaneously higher filling level
- Additional bonus: additives such as CaCO<sub>3</sub> are distributed homogeneously thanks to the longer residence time and high filling level.
- Additional flexibility: very wide range of input bulk density from 30 to 800 g/l

Perfect for thin-walled rigid flakes and thick-walled regrind material as well as for other forms of material such as films and non-woven applications.

The advantage of being able to process material regardless of its bulk density is that, compared to conventional twin screw solutions, this complies with the trend towards ever thinner packaging films.



No-compromise gentle processing of regrind material - from melting to pelletising.

For a particularly high-quality recycled pellets and end products with the best specifications in terms of mechanical properties, surface quality, dyeability, odour, etc. and with a particularly high recyclate content.



High-performance filter prevents heavy soiling

Early and effective removal of rubber, silicone, paper, wood, etc. counteracts subsequent burnt odours



High-performance filtration for maximum purity

Considerably higher filtration efficiency compared to conventional single screw and twin screw systems



Fast changeover without changing the screw - from thin-walled HDPE or PP flakes to thick-walled WEEE





Highly efficient anti-odour ReFresher technology

regrind particles and even film in no time at all

## **FOOD GRADE**

Can food contact compliant products also be made from recycled post consumer polyolefin pellets?

#### **SUPERCLEAN** recycling process

In August 2019, the superclean recycling process was certified by an American food safety authority as suitable for the production of milk and juice bottles, as well as meat trays, disposable tableware and cutlery, provided the input material comes from milk and juice bottles. In November 2020, this authority confirmed an additional input stream and more application uses for the recyclate treated using this process. In addition to all HDPE beverage containers, HDPE closures of HDPE, PP and PET beverage bottles can also be processed. Material containing up to 100 percent recyclate can be used in the production of containers for direct contact with food of all kinds.



#### YES!

EREMA technologies for the recycling of PO materials (polyolefins) have already been approved by a North American food safety authority: the combination of the INTAREMA® TVEplus® with the ReFresher module allows recycled PO pellets from defined input streams to be reused in food packaging in proportions of up to 100 per cent.

#### **EREMA.** Pioneer and expert in food contact compliance

We have been developing technologies and building machines that produce foodgrade recycled pellets for more than 25 years, especially for high-quality PET and bottle recycling, where EREMA is a global leader, as confirmed by more than 400 VACUREMA® and VACUNITE® systems worldwide.

Thanks to our extensive expertise in the PET sector, coupled with knowledge specific to the post consumer polyolefin sector, as well as our company infrastructure featuring the very latest equipment, including an advanced laboratory, and many years of working together with leading institutes, EREMA has also become the industry leader in the area of food contact compliance in the polyolefin sector.

#### **HDPE** regrind material

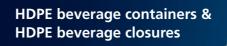
- NOL EREMA for a superclean recycling process
- NOL EREMA customers (Australia, Ireland, Mexico, India, etc.)
- Technology: INTAREMA® TVEplus® RegrindPro® + ReFresher

#### **PP regrind material**

- NOL EREMA customers (China, UK, US post consumer recyclers)
- Technology: INTAREMA® TVEplus® RegrindPro® + ReFresher

#### LLDPE/LDPE film

- NOL EREMA customer (US post consumer recycler: INTAREMA® 2021 T-VEplus®)
- NOL EREMA customer (US post consumer recycler: LDPE stretch and shrink film)



- All HDPE beverage containers, e.g. milk and juice bottles
- HDPE beverage closures (from HDPE, PP and PET beverage bottles)



e.g. milk and juice bottles, meat trays, etc.

 With up to 100 % PCR HDPE content in the end product





INTAREMA® TVEplus® RegrindPro® with ReFresher

In order to produce a recyclate of such high quality from PCR material, the recycling machine needs to deliver very high decontamination performance. While the INTAREMA® TVEplus high degassing extrusion system removes mainly highly volatile, low molecular weight substances, the ReFresher ensures a significant reduction of the low volatile, high molecular weight organic compounds in the recycled pellets. At the same time, the thermo-physical process works in a particularly energy-saving way, because it makes use of the thermal energy of the recycled pellets that are still warm after the extrusion process.



In the EU, the permit for food-safe recycled pellets is based on a novel technology (Regulation 2022/1616). EREMA supports recycling companies in generating data and evidence for the EFSA (European Food Safety Authority) assessment process.



APPROVED

• Injection moulded parts with or without glass fibre reinforcement made of PE, PP, PA, PC, ABS etc

Automotive (injection moulded) parts with and without (glass) fibre reinforcement

- Bumpers, intake hoses, pipes, fuel tanks, car battery housings, covers
- Textiles (car mats, floor mats)
- Safety belts
- PE tyre cord from used tyres
- Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)
- Regrind material with different particle sizes, high bulk density
- Plastic films, detached from laminated safety glass (windscreens)

#### Better eco-balance as a result of recycling

With the increasing use of plastics in the automotive sector, pressure is also growing on the industry to recycle plastic components in vehicles at the end of their service life.

To improve the eco-balance of vehicles, the automotive industry faces the tasks of firstly avoiding the creation of waste by improving product designs, and secondly, using plastics in a way that they can be recycled







No-compromise gentle processing of regrind material - from melting to pelletising.

Universal screw for a wide range of regrind types

Homogeneous distribution of additives such as CaCO<sub>3</sub> thanks to longer residence time and high filling level



High-performance filter against strong

contamination and to prevent odours

**High-performance filtration for maximum purity** 











Highly efficient anti-odour ReFresher technology

**THE SOLUTION Automotive &** WEEE

Homogeneous material heating thanks to long residence time

**Removes volatile odours** 

**Removes moisture** 

very wide range of bulk densities



COREMA® RegrindPro®

Recycling and compounding regrind material in a single processing step.

**COREMA®** combines the advantages of recycling and compounding in a single machine. During the recycling process, raw material (e.g. WEEE regrind) is converted into a gently treated, filtered melt using EREMA technology and then fed directly into a co-rotating twin screw extruder. With its excellent mixing and gas removal properties, this part of the system can handle all compounding tasks. Besides the dosing of a wide variety of additives, such as CaCO<sub>3</sub>talc and Peroxyd, large amounts of fillers and reinforcing agents can also be admixed. The result is customised plastic recyclates for high-quality applications.

Mixing of additives, fillers and reinforcing materials

Powerful twin screw degassing

Twin screw compounder

extruder



**APPLICATION** 

Washed LD/LLDPE

film flakes

from household waste collection (e.g. DSD 310)



**High and varying moisture: Up to 12 %** mainly due to upstream washing process



#### Heavy, varying contamination





Organic contamination mainly from food residues and lactic acid

 Other foreign polymers such as nitrile rubber (NBR) from disposable gloves





#### **WHAT THE EXPERT SAYS**



As far as I'm concerned, only the INTAREMA® TVEplus® DuaFil® Compact can process washed LD film flakes from household waste. High moisture, paper and aluminium particles, foreign polymers and organic contamination make this a real challenge. This machine does an excellent job.

In addition to removing paper and aluminium, high-performance double filtration also handles multilayer film contaminants without problems. The very high degassing performance is particularly impressive. Thanks to the DuaFil® Compact system, there is no need for renewed degassing of the already degassed melt, making ultra-fine final filtration possible.

This is a powerful solution that covers every aspect of this challenging post consumer application."



Clemens Kitzberger
Business Development Manager,
Application Post Consumer

**EREMA GROUP** 

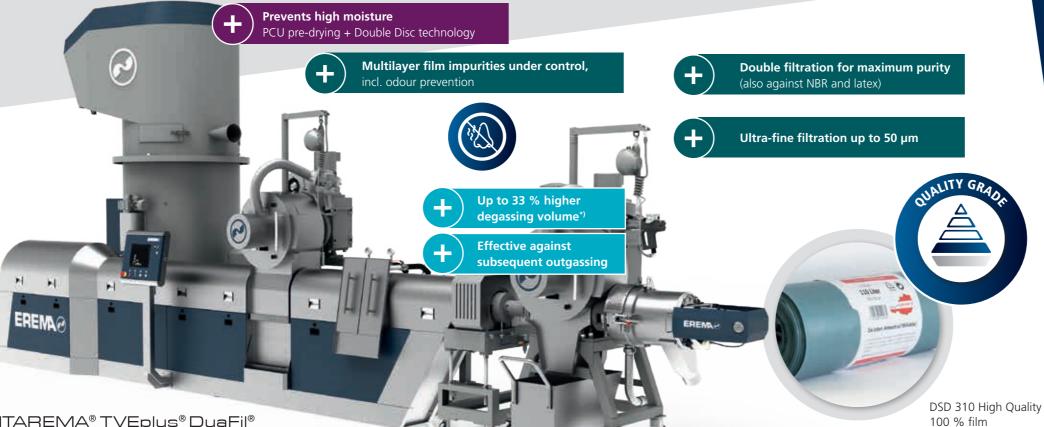


## THE SOLUTION Washed LD/LLDPE film flakes

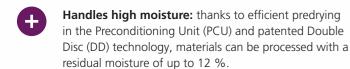
**Consistently gentle melt** 

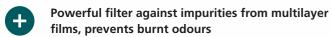
Lower melt temperature and energy consumption

from household waste collection (e.g. DSD 310)



INTAREMA® TVEplus® DuaFil® Compact





The EREMA laser filter efficiently removes contamination from multilayer films such as aluminium and foreign polymers (PET, PA). Effective against burnt odours: temperature-sensitive paper fragments are eliminated at an early stage.



#### Final ultra-fine filtration for maximum purity

- Ultra-fine filtration down to 50 µm possible thanks to temperature-reduced DuaFil® Compact mode of
- Also ideal for handling application-typical NBR or latex particles from disposable gloves



#### Effective against organic contamination (mainly from food residues, and lactic acid)

- Initial **pre-degassing** takes place in the Preconditioning Unit (additional bonus: also protects the extruder screw)
- High-performance filtration
- Up to 33 % higher degassing volume\*: Extremely high degassing performance thanks to DuaFil® Compact design
- Prevents subsequent outgassing: because it is isolated from the build up of pressure and temperature, unlike in other dual filtration solutions, in the DuaFil® Compact the highest temperature is not at the end of the extruder, but already upstream of the degassing stage. This counteracts subsequent outgassing of the melt.







Lower melt temperature and energy consumption for particularly high pellet and end product quality with low energy costs



INTAREMA® TVEplus® (See pages 6-7 for technical details and advantages)









Highly efficient anti-odour ReFresher technology



30 % DSD 310 recycled pellet content in final film: sorted (natural), hot wash, gentle extrusion with 50 µm double filtration, ReFresher odour optimisation

\* Extremely strong degassing performance: Ultimately, depending on the speed, the INTAREMA® TVEplus® DuaFil® Compact has 12 to 33 % higher degassing volume compared to an INTAREMA® TVEplus® without the DuaFil® Compact system.

# **BluPort®**

Digital assistance systems. Apps for your support.

Get even more out of your machine with BluPort®, EREMA's digital platform with many useful assistance systems for boosting machine performance.



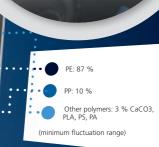
# **QualityOn**

Efficient online quality measurement. Directly in the recycling process.

**Continuous quality monitoring** during the process at the machine instead of later in the laboratory.

- Polymer and filler composition of input material
- MVR value (Melt Volume Rate)
- Colour value (L\*a\*b\* colour space)
- IV value (Intrinsic Viscosity)





# **PredictOn**

# Stay productive! The predictive maintenance tool

Take action today to prevent downtime tomorrow for more machine availability and higher productivity! The new predictive maintenance tool from EREMA provides machine data relating to the condition of the plant that enables predictions regarding the maintenance work that is needed. Digital machine monitoring for early detection of anomalies on critical components enhances the expertise of your experienced maintenance experts.



Whether it's the motor temperature, gear teeth, or pump bearings, PredictOn:Drive provides you with a comprehensive solution for the monitoring and predictive maintenance of all main drive trains on the Preconditioning Unit and extruder.



#### **Headquarters & Production Facilities**

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