Ever since our first SNC model was developed in 1978, we at Shima Seiki have been at the forefront of computerized knitting technology. Furthermore with the launch of our award-winning and best-selling SES® series in 1989, Shima Seiki has secured a major portion of the market share worldwide. It therefore comes as no surprise that Shima Seiki is considered the global standard in computerized flat knitting technology.
The New Global Standard

Shima Seiki announces a whole new global standard with the introduction of the SIG® series machines. Carrying over our greatest achievements in flat knitting technology from our SES® series, SIG® offers a blend of quality, productivity, user-friendliness and cost-performance that fulfills the high expectations already held by the global fashion industry.

Nomenclature

How to “read” Shima Seiki knitting machine names. Shima Seiki’s knitting machine names consist of 4 sections:

(1) Series Code
(2) Knitting Width
(3) Number of Knitting Systems
(4) Machine Type

This system allows easy identification of SIG® and other models.
Digital Knitting at its Best
The World's First Digital Stitch Device

Considered one of the most significant breakthroughs in modern-day knitting, our patented Digital Stitch Control System (DSCS®) is the only proven digital system field-tested and market-proven in the industry for over 20 years. No other manufacturer can claim this kind of experience or level of refinement.

Inconsistency Factors

Factors such as:
- Knitting speed;
- Yarn tension;
- Cone size;
- Batch difference; and
- Humidity

all contribute to variations in loop formation. Analog systems cannot keep up with the minute adjustments required against today’s demands for high-speed knitting, resulting in inconsistent production quality.

±1%

The DSCS® Encoder

Once the DSCS®-equipped machine is programmed with the desired loop length, it monitors yarn consumption continuously and adjusts yarn feed and tension to yield consistency throughout the fabric to within a remarkable ±1% tolerance. The result is quality control that is essential to shaping and integral garment production.
Rapid Response R2Carriage®

SIG® features the new Shima Seiki R2 (Rapid Response) Carriage® System. By re-evaluating the entire carriage mechanism and software programming, maximum knitting speed increases over previous SES® models. More importantly, the R2Carriage® achieves quicker carriage returns after each course. Combined, these improvements result in an increase in productivity of over 10 per cent.

Benefits of a Compact, Lightweight Carriage

The compact size and low mass of the R2Carriage® allow a lower moment of inertia and quicker carriage returns.

For a given knitting width, a larger and heavier carriage requires more space (B) at each end of the machine to decelerate, return and accelerate back up to speed, so the actual portion where the carriage runs at full speed (A) becomes very limited. With a compact, lightweight carriage, less space is required for the carriage to make returns, allowing more area for the carriage to run at full speed. This allows faster knitting per course, resulting in higher productivity.

Typical Increases in Productivity

Significant increases in productivity can be seen throughout different portions of these garments.

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<td>No. of Courses: 3470</td>
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Sleeves: 14.9%

Back Body: 10.6%

Front Body: 12.9%

Back Body: 12.3%

Sleeves: 17.2%
A Machine for All Seasons
WideGauge® Knitting

SIG®122SV and SIG®123SV feature WideGauge® capability that allows a variety of gauges to be knit on a single machine. This allows the freedom to handle changing seasons and shifting trends without investing in a machine for every gauge or resorting to the complex, time-consuming task of gauge conversion.

A wide range of production is possible, from tighter, finer-gauge fabrics using all-needle knitting to more airy, lower-gauge textures using half-gauge (1×1) knitting.

Needle Hook Conversion

SIG®122SV and SIG®123SV WideGauge® machines are available in 07G, 12G and 14G, with a choice of needle hooks. The MM Hook has a standard-size hook, while the special LL Hook features an oversized hook that allows thicker gauges or multiple ends for increased gauge range.

Gaugeless Knitting

WideGauge® capable models can also perform Gaugeless Knitting, whereby an assortment of gauge sizes can be knit in a single garment for greater patterning possibilities.
Professional Intarsia

SIG123SV 12G

SIG123SV 14G
New Intarsia Carriers

SIG® series machines feature capacity for up to 30 intarsia carriers. The new intarsia carriers are more compact, fitting more carriers and thus allowing more color changes within a given knitting width. The improved intarsia system is also much quieter, averaging two-thirds (2/3) less noise than our previous intarsia system.

New Arch-Shaped Carrier Rails

SIG® features light and rigid aluminum yarn carrier rails that form an arch-shape. This creates equal distance and angle to the needle bed for all yarn carriers, permitting a straight yarn carrier design which in turn contributes to smooth and stable operation.

Intarsia Design and Programming

From yarn creation and knit fabric design to machine programming and even sales promotion, our All-in-One SDS®-ONE design workstation features everything needed to create quality intarsia knitwear quickly and efficiently. Shima Seiki’s unparalleled experience and know-how in the industry make SDS®-ONE the most advanced knit design system available.
Quality Shaping
Yarn Gripper and Cutter System

Our unique yarn gripper and cutter system consists of two yarn grippers and one yarn cutter that work in precise coordination with each other. Since the gripper and cutter are separate units, they can be independently activated to delay cutting while holding, or perform holding alone. Safety features are also built-in, such as a finger guard and the use of specially configured safety blades.

The Shima Seiki Takedown System

Shima Seiki’s fabric takedown system features two sets of independently adjustable rollers and the takedown comb. The rollers provide quicker response times, permitting easier transfer especially for Aran and cable patterns. The patented takedown comb employs a fully-active row of setup needles. Their active release mechanism further offers complete, reliable, snag-free fabric release.

Spring-Type Full-Sinker System

Spring-type sinkers operate full-time regardless of carriage position, and provide gentle holddown movement, realizing significant improvement in quality and texture for complicated three-dimensional fabrics.

Stitch Presser Technology

The patented stitch presser system features a special motor-driven system which allows the pressers to carry out individual on/off adjustments in both knit and transfer, in either course direction. These pressers are able to hold down fabric gently for improved consistency and control, contributing significantly to quality shaping.

Second Stitch Control

SIG® machines feature a special Second Stitch cam that allows loose/tight stitches for shaping. Loose and tight stitches can be controlled for each individual needle, allowing instantaneous changes when needed.
The new control panel features a simple monochromatic LCD monitor with improved graphic interface for intuitive operation. The eye-level display offers improved ergonomics, while menu-interactive function buttons offer easy input and editing.
All-New Built-In Controller

SIG® features a brand-new computer-control unit that is built-in to the knitting machine. Maintenance and periodical cleaning become more efficient, and shipping and installation requirements are simplified.

USB Memory Input

The new controller accepts USB memory input to support large file sizes for increasingly complex patterns and designs. A second port is now available for supplementary connection with other USB devices as well.

Backup Power Supply

A backup power supply allows work to resume after power failures, offering the peace of mind that an entire garment will not be lost due to blackouts. This is especially effective when knitting items with high per-piece cost, such as dresses.

Shima Network Solutions

By networking multiple knitting machines with our SDS®-ONE design workstation, knitting data can be uploaded/downloaded and shared. Online production management can be used to gather important information about productivity for each individual machine. Shima Network Solutions can be customized according to your factory configuration, for up to a total of 240 machines in a single network.
The Leader in Flat Knitting Technology

Shima Seiki's advanced research, development and manufacturing facilities cover over 150,000 sq. meters.
Proudly Made in Japan

From machining, microchip loading and product testing to final assembly, Shima Seiki’s state-of-the-art equipment and skilled workers ensure product quality that is second-to-none.

In-House Testing

All machine models undergo testing for electromagnetic immunity at our own EMC testing center. Shima Seiki’s commitment to safety ensures compliance with the world’s strictest safety standards.

Getting the Basics Right

The needle bed is the most important part of the knitting machine. That’s why at Shima Seiki, we take high-strength steel and place it through an advanced numerically-controlled machining process which yields a tough, precision-cut needle bed. We also use high-precision needle plates that provide durability at high speeds and protect the needle bed in the event of broken needles and jacks.

High-Performance Needle Selection

SIG® machines feature simple, durable and economical latch needles that are motivated by special solenoid-type actuators developed and manufactured in-house by Shima Seiki. Rated as having the quickest response in the world, these actuators provide accurate, consistent and reliable needle selection.

Thinking of You

Our new company slogan says it all: Choose Shima Seiki and you’ll have the backing of the world’s premier developer of computerized flat knitting technology. You can rest assured knowing that your choice is the right choice.
More Reasons to Choose SIG

The Latest Trend Information
Cooperation with knit fashion designers and consultants, as well as participation in various fashion trend events allow Shima Seiki to offer the latest trend information in a timely manner.
Showrooms at our Wakayama headquarters, Tokyo and Osaka branch offices, as well as our Design Centers in Milan and New York always have the latest samples on display, and provide opportunities for strategic meetings among designer, apparel merchandiser, yarn spinner and knit manufacturer.

Training

Shima Seiki offers training courses at its headquarters in Japan, or at subsidiaries, branch offices and agencies worldwide.

Sales Network

For more information, please refer to the Sales Network section of the Shima Seiki Website: www.shimaseiki.co.jp/networks.html
## Average Weight

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Actual weight is dependent upon gauge and optional equipment.

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