



CONTINENTAL
GIRBAU®

GEAR LAUNDERING FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS

GEAR WASHERS AND DRYERS DESIGNED
SPECIFICALLY FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS

EXPRESSWASH

EXPRESSDRY



CLEAN GEAR

YOUR PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE, BIOHAZARDS AND CHEMICALS

Firefighters know dirty gear is dangerous. As more and more particles and chemicals attach to protective gear, it gradually loses its effectiveness — putting firefighters and those they come in contact with at risk. The apparel that's designed to protect can be hazardous when dirty because it reflects less radiant heat, becomes flammable and can even conduct electricity.

At Continental, we understand that firefighters depend on their gear to protect them and we take pride in providing laundering solutions that ensure firefighter gear is dependable. Our gear washers and dryers ensure gear is properly cleaned according to manufacturers' recommendations and NFPA 1851 guidelines; that installation is simplified; that any member of the department can do the wash without damage to protective fabrics; and that the washer's energy-efficiency keeps utility costs in check. Most of all, fire departments can feel secure knowing gear is properly cleaned for firefighter protection.

**YOU DEPEND ON YOUR GEAR.
LET US HELP KEEP YOUR GEAR DEPENDABLE!**



SUPPORT



SERVICE



QUALITY



EFFICIENCY



EQUIPMENT



PARTS



ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT PROGRAM AT WORK

Many fire departments receive grants for laundry equipment through the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program (AFG). ExpressWash Gear Washers and ExpressDry Gear Dryers regularly qualify for AFG dollars.

Continental offers free grant writing services to fire departments. Fire Chief Scott Grooms applied for funding from the Assistance to Firefighter Grant (AFG) Program to purchase Eadytown Volunteer Fire Dept.'s new ExpressWash Washer and ExpressDry Dryer. Installed in 2010, the duo properly cleans turnout gear, offers ease-of-use, and a wash/dry turnaround of around three hours. The application process took some time, according to Grooms, but was worth the effort.

To learn more, visit www.fema.gov/welcome-assistance-firefighters-grant-program.



GEAR WASHING

MAINTAINING GEAR INTEGRITY AND FIREFIGHTER SAFETY

A careful approach to cleaning gear is critical to proper decontamination and to maintaining the integrity of the protective fabric. Continental Washer-Extractors are equipped with a plethora of features to ensure your gear is properly cleaned and back into service fast.

FLEXIBLE CONTROLS

Continental Washers allow fire departments programmability of wash variables including extract speed, number of baths, water temperature and level, rotation, mechanical action and automatic chemical injection. As new protective fabrics are developed, and NFPA 1851 standards for the care of protective apparel evolve, a highly programmable washer means fire departments can easily alter how they wash gear based on changing recommendations.

EASY OPERATION

Despite advanced technology, the controls couldn't be easier to use. Once the programs are set, operators simply select a program number and push start. Continental Washers are also equipped for automatic chemical injection — eliminating the hassle of manually dispensing detergents, which ensures a consistent clean and eliminates the risk of fabric damage by improper chemical overuse.

BECAUSE SPACE MATTERS

Finding the space to install laundry equipment can be a concern for many fire departments. All Continental Washers — the ExpressWash high-performance soft-mount line, the G-Flex and REM-Series high-performance hard-mount washers — are engineered to maximize space. Continental ExpressWash Washers are freestanding and allow for quick installation without bolts and thick reinforced concrete foundations. They slide easily into place — allowing installation in unconventional locations, including truck bays, utility rooms or areas with in-floor heat. Continental G-Flex and REM-Series washers also address space concerns. While these machines must be bolted to a concrete foundation, their compact design occupies less space than other hard-mount washers with comparable basket capacities.

WATER CONSERVING FEATURES

Advanced technology on Continental Washers allows for superior wash quality using considerably less water than many competitive washers. A sump-less design, exclusive AquaFall™ system and a programmable control combine to slash water usage and ensure excellent wash quality. Less water used equates to less water heated and additional savings in utilities.

DURABILITY & LONGEVITY

Continental Washers feature inner and outer drums of durable AISI-304 stainless steel, oversized bearings and a quality sealing system. An oversized door allows for easy loading and unloading, and is equipped with heavy-duty, bolt-style hinges to withstand the rigors of constant use. No wonder Continental Washers are backed by a 5/3-year ContinentalCare warranty!





“We wash gear liners and shells, brush firefighting gear, car extrication gear and station towels. We also use a sanitizing cycle to clean items exposed to blood-borne pathogens. It couldn’t be any easier.”

— SCOTT GROOMS, FIRE CHIEF
EADYTOWN FD, EADYTOWN, S.C.





GEAR DRYING

GETTING YOU BACK IN ACTION FASTER

Continental ExpressDry Gear Dryers are engineered to safely and quickly dry personal protective equipment, including turnout gear, special operations suits, helmets, gloves, boots, face masks and self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs). Available in two models, the ExpressDry Gear Dryer and the ExpressDry Special Ops Gear Dryer both work by blowing a large volume of ambient air, at high pressure, safely through the garment — drying the body of the gear and also the hard-to-reach areas, such as inseam, collar and underarm. NFPA compliant, the dryers accommodate multiple sets of turnout and/or special ops gear simultaneously — ensuring it is safely dried and returned to service in hours, not days.

DRYING TECHNOLOGY

ExpressDry Dryers utilize a powerful and highly efficient 110-volt fan to push a large air volume through the garment from the inside out. This high-pressure flow ensures air effectively dries areas that are hard to reach without air loss — significantly decreasing dry time. Because the fan operates using ambient air, the dryers are more energy efficient than cabinet style dryers, which require heated air and align with requirements set forth by gear manufacturers. Thus, by using the ExpressDry Gear Dryer or the ExpressDry Special Ops Gear Dryer, fire departments ensure gear manufacturers' warranties are NOT voided.

FLEXIBILITY FOR GEAR COMPONENT DRYING

Quick and easy to use, the ExpressDry Gear Dryer adapts to specific types and sizes of bunker gear without turning them inside out. The dryer can simultaneously accommodate up to six suits, along with helmets, gloves, boots, face masks and SCBAs.

FLEXIBILITY FOR SPECIAL OPS DRYING

Adding dimension, the ExpressDry Special Ops Gear Dryer is best suited for fire departments responsible for everything from firefighting to swift water and ice rescues. It is equipped with 12 drying ports and four invertible stickmen to quickly and safely dry special ops protective gear and apparatuses. The stickmen, which are adjustable in length to fit different sized suits, can be inverted for drying special ops gear upside down. It also offers optional boot trees, each capable of drying up to four pairs of soaked boots in just 60 minutes. The ExpressDry Special Ops Gear Dryer features 12 accessory drying ports with valves for gloves, helmets and balaclavas.

STANDARD INCLUSIONS

All Continental ExpressDry Dryers come standard with an LED timer with automatic shut off, steel construction, casters for ease of movement, up to 12 component drying ports, removable 800 cfm blower and a noise reduction package. Boasting high-quality construction and an operational life span of 87,000 hours, they are NFPA compliant and backed by a 3-year ContinentalCare warranty.

BLOWER FOR DRYING PUMPER PLUMBING

Not only can ExpressDry Dryers be used to dry gear, as an added option, the dryer can be removed and attached to your pump's water ports for quick winter drying — preventing damage from winter freeze ups (utility hose not included).





“The dryer is amazing. It works by blowing a large volume of cool air, at high pressure, safely through the garment — drying even hard-to-reach areas. NFPA compliant, it features side vents for quickly drying gloves, facemasks and boots. Soaked gloves are completely dry in just three or four hours.”

— CAPTAIN MATTHEW HARTMAN,
FIREFIGHTER AND PARAMEDIC
MUNSON FD, MUNSON TOWNSHIP, OHIO

CONTINENTAL GIRBAU INC. & GIRBAU GROUP

Continental Girbau Inc. (Continental) was established in 1995 as the North American subsidiary of the commercial laundry equipment manufacturer, Girbau Group, headquartered in Vic, Spain. Family owned, Girbau employs more than 900 people throughout its corporate headquarters in Vic and 15 subsidiaries throughout the world. It markets its industrial and commercial laundry products to more than 100 countries worldwide.



THE TOTAL LAUNDRY SOLUTION

Continental delivers the total laundry solution to vended, on-premise and industrial laundries throughout North America. As the provider of highly efficient batch tunnel washers, washer-extractors, drying tumblers, feeders, ironers, folders, stackers and related machinery, Continental serves the complete laundry production and efficiency needs of virtually any application. Proven durable and reliable, Continental laundry systems are engineered for unrivaled productivity, efficiency and ease of use.



OUR MISSION: YOUR SUCCESS

Continental's mantra — "Our Mission: Your Success" — reflects the company's commitment to its distributors and customers. Backed by unrivaled customer care, we offer the most expansive line of laundry systems in the industry.

SIZING & CONFIGURATION

Every laundry operation is unique, with a distinctive set of production and efficiency goals. Uniquely, Continental Girbau and Girbau Industrial laundry equipment offer the flexibility and programmability to meet any need — boosting production and lowering labor, water and energy usage. Our team of experts work closely with facilities to properly size equipment for improved laundry room efficiency and productivity.

FINANCING

Financing allows you to retain full ownership of your business and its assets while helping to preserve your cash, liquidity and revolving lines of credit for emergency use, working capital and other investments. Through CustomSelect Financing, Continental Girbau offers flexible financing and competitive fixed rates to all qualifying applicants.

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

Continental laundry products meet rigorous environmental and safety standards established by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), including ISO9001 and ISO14001. Ever focused on laundry efficiency, Continental Girbau is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that developed the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System.



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