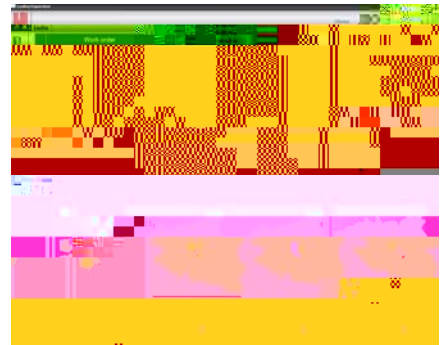
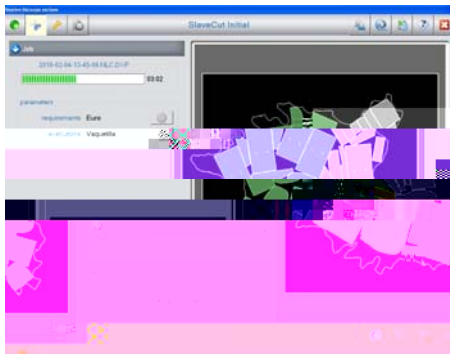


Lectra leads the leather cutting solutions market with Leather Suite V3R1

This state-of-the-art solution represents a vital breakthrough for Lectra, enabling automotive and furniture companies to significantly enhance their overall performance

Paris, March 8, 2011 – Lectra, the world leader in integrated materials—textiles, leather, industrial fabrics, and composite materials—, is pleased to announce the release of the new Leather Suite V3R1, specially designed for leather cutting and aimed at manufacturers in the automotive and furniture markets.





Delivers the productivity and flexibility required by manufacturers in the leather industries

Regardless of the market, improving productivity in preparing leathers is a constant priority for manufacturers. With the new V3R1 software suite, the calculation time needed to work out the best marker has been reduced by 30%. This is due not only to the efficiency of the nesting algorithms, but also to the performance of the whole solution, which now has powerful new processors integrated into the systems that control the cutting machines.

Another new feature that should significantly enhance manufacturers' productivity is the integration of Lectra's new operating pilot software, which comes from a technology already available on the Vector® range, into Lectra's leather cutting solutions. For the numerous companies working with separate equipment specific to leather or fabrics, this innovation will provide a more uniform experience of operating Lectra cutting machines. Any operator trained on Lectra's fabric cutting machines can easily work on equipment specially designed for leather, without switching to a new software environment. Leather industry manufacturers will now have a considerable advantage in terms of flexibility and versatility, enabling them to adapt easily to fluctuations in demand, while benefiting from new features that allow them to improve cut quality and enhance production performance.

An efficient solution for optimizing cutting room management and analysis

Lectra's V3R1 software suite also allows manufacturers to significantly improve the management and analysis of their cutting room performance through a completely revised reporting and monitoring module. This upgrade will not only enable them to analyze production data in depth, but also to check—prior to the cutting process—that supplier specifications have been followed (leather quality, production cost per type of supplier over different periods, etc.).