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Continental introduces new ExpressDry™ Special Ops Gear Dryer

Oshkosh, Wis.—Continental Girbau Inc.'s new ExpressDry Special Ops Gear Dryer is equipped with 12 utility drying ports and four invertible stickmen drying stations to quickly and safely dry protective gear and apparatuses used for firefighting and special operations, such as swift water, ice and dive rescues. Constructed for ease of assembly and mobility, the new ExpressDry Special Ops Gear Dryer also offers an optional boot tree capable of drying up to four pairs of soaked boots per "tree station" in just 60 minutes.

"This machine is ultra flexible," said Joel Jorgensen, Continental vice president. "It uses invertible steel stickmen to dry items like wetsuits upside down, or turnout gear right side up – something most gear dryers can't do." Additionally, according to Jorgensen, the stickmen, which are adjustable in length to fit a variety of items and sizes, can be removed and replaced with optional boot tree modules in order to quickly dry up to 16 pairs of boots (4 pair per station) simultaneously. Additionally, it features 12 accessory drying ports with valves for gloves, helmets and balaclavas, and a portable blower module with a 4-inch hose attachment that can be used for drying pumper truck plumbing systems.

"The new ExpressDry Special Ops Gear Dryer ensures special ops and firefighter gear is safely dried and returned to service in hours, rather than days," said Jorgensen. Additionally, the dryer is National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) compliant—ensuring it safely dries costly protective turnout gear, hazmat, dry and dive suits, helmets, gloves, boots, face masks and self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBAs).

Easy to operate, the ExpressDry Special Ops Gear Dryer works by using a powerful 110-volt blower system to push ambient (non-heated) air through the garment – from the inside out – at high pressure. This ensures air effectively dries the body of the gear but also areas that are hard to reach – inseam, collar and underarm – while significantly decreasing dry time.

Simple to assemble and relocate, the ExpressDry Special Ops Gear Dryer rides on roller casters, which slide easily across the floor. Constructed with a highly durable diamond plate deck and featuring steel, powder-coated stickmen, the dryer offers the ultimate in drying and location flexibility.

When the dryer is combined with a Continental ExpressWash™ Washer, fire departments can feel secure knowing gear is properly washed and dried, according to Jorgensen. “The ExpressWash washer can be programmed according to NFPA guidelines to properly wash soiled protective gear,” he said. “By properly washing gear, firefighters are better protected from fire contaminants and costly gear lasts longer. Using the ExpressDry Special Ops Gear Dryer, gear can then be properly and quickly dried—returning it to service sooner without material damage.”

The Continental ExpressDry Special Ops Gear Dryer comes standard with four invertible stickmen drying stations, a timer for automatic shut off, durable steel tube and diamond plate deck construction, roller casters for ease of movement, 12 utility drying ports, quick-attach removable blower and a noise reduction package. Boasting an operational life span of 87,000 hours, the dryer is NFPA compliant and backed by a 3-year manufacturer’s warranty.

To find out more about Continental laundry products, visit www.continentalgirbau.com.

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