# Aesthetic Finishes

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## softening

- Textiles can have a pleasant, soft touch, slight smothness, increased flexibility, and improved drape.
- Because natural oils and waxes, as well as fiber preparations, are removed during preparation, textiles might become embrittled.
- disadvantage: reduce crock fastness, yellowing of white goods

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#### desirable properties of textile softener

- it should be easy to handle
- it should not be affect the shade of the material
- it should not affect the fastness of dyed material
- it should not cause any yellowing effect on dyed and finished
  - material
- it should be stable to high temperature

#### anionic softeners

- heat stable at normal textile processing temperature, and compatible with other components of dye and bleach
- can easily be washed off

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• disadvantage: limited durability to laundering and dry cleaning

#### amphoteric softners

good softening effects, low antistatic effects

#### non ionic softeners

effect on wet fastness

#### cationic softeners

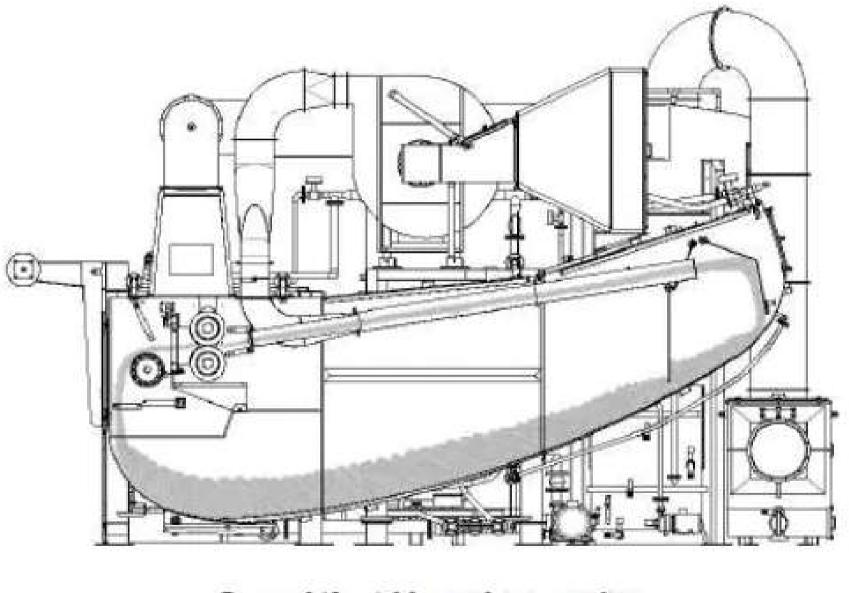
- Cationic softeners are the softest and most durable when it comes to laundry
- cationic softeners attract soil, may cause yellowing upon exposure to high temperature

- permanence to washing and high

high lubricity, stable to extreme pH condition, usually have negative







Picture 145 – A fabric softening machine



### stiffening

- forming a film on the surface of a fiber influences the touch of the product and has stiffening effect
- agents: starches- finishing of cotton cloth dextrines- used for dyed and printed fabric natural gum- mainly used in printing as well as finishing process



#### acid stiffening

it involves rapid immersion in sulphuric acid, the finish is permanent











#### **FUNCTIONAL FINISHES**

#### crease resistant



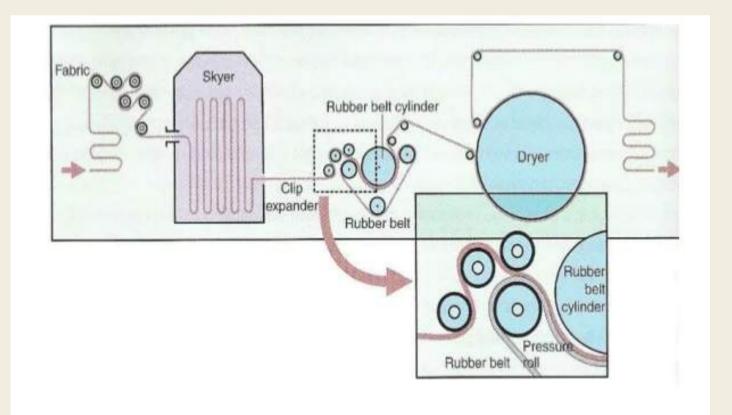
- creasing can be controlled by physical deposition of suitable polymeric material in amorphous region.
- the fabric becomes stiffer, less absorbent and more resistant wrinkling
- advantage: improves comfort, decreases pilling, chemical treated cotton fabric dry more easily
- disadvantage: decrease breaking strength, decrease tearing strength

crease occurs due to the hydrogen bonds of the cellulosic molecules in the amorphous region.

#### shrinkage control

fabric is stable when retains original size and shape during use and care

- relaxation shrinkage: occurs during



washing, steam pressing or dry cleaning • progressive shrinkage: continues at smaller rates for several additional care cycles