

2005 A Very Special Arkansas Transit State Show

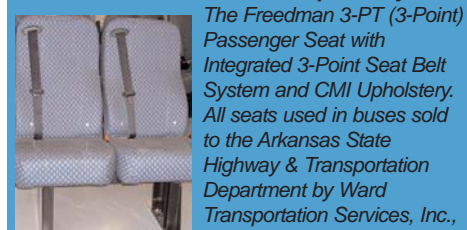
This year's annual Arkansas Transit State Show held at the North Little Rock, AR Wyndlam Riverfront Hotel from October 24th through the 27th was an extra special event. Besides celebrating Arkansas Transit Association's (ATA) 25th anniversary - it also honored the retirement of Jim Gilbert, ATA's Public Transportation Administrator. After 36 years, Jim decided it was time to relax and enjoy the good life.

"Arkansas will always be a special place to me "



2006 Eldorado-National buses ready for delivery to the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department. These are the first four buses of 100 buses ordered by the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department and sold by Ward Transportation Services, Inc., Conway, Arkansas.

Freedman 3-PT Seat with CMI Upholstery



The Freedman 3-PT (3-Point) Passenger Seat with Integrated 3-Point Seat Belt System and CMI Upholstery. All seats used in buses sold to the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department by Ward Transportation Services, Inc., Conway, Arkansas will have these seats with CMI Upholstery exclusively!

says Sandra Schrock, Director of CMI's bus and truck division. " My parents used to own land in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas. I have a lot of wonderful memories of the time our family spent there and now I will have great memories of meeting and working with Jim Gilbert and the great people of the ATA. I will always be grateful for the opportunity given to CMI by Jim," Says Sandra.

Arkansas Transit was CMI's first contract - with 2006 representing their third year doing business with Arkansas. As a result of this fine relationship, CMI gained another satisfied customer, specifically, Ward Transportation Services.

Arkansas Transit Association was incorporated May 16, 1980 - starting with 5 members. Today, more than 200 members of community transit systems, non-profit agencies serving the elderly and persons with disabilities, for-profit carriers and vendors make ATA the country's second largest state transit association.

"This year's trade show had over 200 attendees with 30 plus exhibitors," explains Ann Gilbert, Executive Director of the ATA.

"Ward Transportation has been the successful bidder for several years with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department ("AHTD"), says Jerry Williams, VP of Commercial Sales for Ward Transportation Services.

CMI has been Ward Transportation's upholstery of choice for several years now - not only because of its cosmetic appearance, which blends in well with the interior of all the AHTD buses, but also because of its unique sanitary composition and proven durability.



Clockwise from top:
Ann Gilbert, Executive Director of the ATA, addresses the gathering at her husband, Jim's retirement party.
Jim Gilbert, ATA's Public Transportation Administrator, enjoying himself with friend, Jerry Williams, VP of Commercial Sales for Ward Transportation Services.

"AHTD has chosen the "Medallion Vinyl" Series as standard and the "Dream Catcher" series as the optional fabric - all seats are the Freedman "3-PT" series seat," explains Jerry.

Ward Transportation is currently in the process of delivering approximately 100 new Eldorado-National buses to AHTD and, once again, all seats in these buses will be covered in CMI upholstery.

"My career at ATA was challenging, rewarding and fulfilling. Working with CMI and Sandra over the past three years represented some of the most enjoyable," says Jim.

"It's been a great working relationship with everyone involved, and we will surely miss Jim. We wish him and his wife, Ann, the very best," says Sandra.



CMI + NBT™ = Your Next Generation Vinyl Supplier!



Nano-Block Technology™ - Combining Hi-Tech with Hi-Performance

CMI is proud to announce the availability of NBT™ Marine, the next generation protective coating by CMI for Marine upholstery vinyls. CMI is the first coated fabrics manufacturer to use this Nanotechnology, the breakthrough technology that employs Nano-Particles to obtain far superior performance characteristics in Marine Vinyl.

"We have and always will remain a market driven company - identifying and satisfying our customers needs. However, to do so, requires us to incorporate today's technology in every aspect of our business. NBT™ Marine, reflects that commitment," says Michael Novick, CEO of CMI Enterprises.

CMI's NBT™ Marine represents the first of many other nano technologies that will follow - addressing and satisfying the technical as well as general needs of the markets and customers they serve.

"It's a natural fit for our marine markets," says Jorge Canamero, President CMI Enterprises. "Before the development and introduction of NBT™ Marine, spills and stains were common on boats, where waves, kids, food, drinks and playing often combined for an accident to happen with a permanent stain being the end result - but that's all changed now."

"This innovative product gives our Marine vinyl superior cleanability while also protecting a boat's upholstery. There is no cause for concern, just grab a rag and wipe up the accident and continue enjoying the time on the water with your family," says Michael. Even the toughest stains like ballpoint pen, permanent marker, mustard, and ketchup come off using CMI's cleaning instructions.

In addition to its superior cleanability, NBT™ Marine "Blocks" the surface from being affected by mildew, mold and other fungal problems that are common in the marine environment. It not only forms a barrier to mildew, but also has an active "Nano" agent to kill bacteria that causes mildew and fungus. The "Nano" technology or agent that is used to actively kill mildew - is self-renewing and will be active throughout the entire life of the upholstery.

The story even gets better. NBT™ Marine has a Nano UV inhibitor that will keep the color of boats looking brand new - longer than ever before. CMI's research and development facility conducted both lab and field-testing. The results show that NBT™ Marine protects the vinyl upholstery up to three times longer than conventional finishes. Boat manufacturers can now offer their dealers the brightest colors and newest styles without fear of the sun fading the vinyl upholstery.

"That's something every boat owner is concerned with," says Jorge. The protective barrier that NBT™ Marine forms on the vinyl upholstery material gives the boat owner the confidence that their boat will continue to look like new. It forms a protective barrier against abrasions, grease, grime, sun tan oils and even gasoline.

"It's at the core of our business and market development plan - incorporating technology into every facet of CMI's business. It's how we stay ahead of the product design and development curve while meeting the varied needs of the diverse markets and customers we serve," says Michael.



NBT™ Nano-Block Technology

Benefits of NBT™

- ◆NBT™ provides you with superior clean-ability - the toughest stains easily wipe clean
- ◆NBT™ "Blocks" the vinyl surface from mildew and other microbial problems
- ◆NBT™ has a Nano UV inhibitor that protects your vinyl upholstery up to three times longer than conventional finishes - maintaining and preserving the color longer than ever before
- ◆NBT™ forms a protective barrier against abrasions, grease, grime sun tan oils and even gasoline

How to Clean Products with NBT™ Protective Finish

- Cleaning Steps**
- Step 1 - Soap and Water -** To be liberally applied with a cloth or sponge. Rinse with clean water and dry with a clean cloth.
- Step 2 - CMI Marine Vinyl Cleaner** should be liberally sprayed on both the vinyl surface and a damp sponge or soft cloth. Rinse with clean water and dry with a clean cloth. See NBT™ Page 3

Introducing O.T.R. TRUCK BINDER



CMI's new Over The Road Truck Binder has been designed to assist in the creative process for the design of new interiors for the Truck Industry. "Designers, Engineers and Project Managers will all appreciate what they see when they take a look," says Sandra Schrock, Director of CMI's bus and truck division.

The O.T.R. binder is a one-source guide for the latest in new technology and design for vinyl, leather and other exciting products. You will see color and grain sampling on both trim grade products like Miracle - and seating grade products like Dearborn and Mystic. In addition, CMI's matching programs of Optima leather and O vinyl will be included. The new privacy curtain with color coordinated backing will also be presented.

The primary idea behind the O.T.R. Binder - is just that - a tool to promote creative design ideas. It says it on the cover of the binder "Creating functional Elegance". Let us show you how to turn your interiors into an elegant, functional, eye catching product.

For your very own copy of the O.T.R. Binder contact us at **1-800-346-0475** or send your request to otr@cmiautomotive.com

Sitting in the Lap of Luxury

What do you get when you combine the nation's premier supplier of soft-trim textiles and fabrication solutions with the world's leading manufacturer of public seating? A luxurious and comfortable place to sit, relax and enjoy!



Just ask Miami Dolphins' owner Wayne Huizenga - whose private suite at Miami Dolphin Stadium was equipped with Irwin Seats upholstered in CMI's Optima Leather line - specifically, Caressa.

"We chose Caressa, part of CMI's Optima Leather line over their other coated fabrics, primarily, because of its soft, buttery feel and texture," says Dave Southwell, Sales Representative for Irwin Seating.

Irwin Seating Company is the world's leading manufacturer of public seating for movie theatres, auditoriums, arenas, performing arts centers, and convention centers.

"Paul Zeman, an independent manufacturing representative, introduced us to CMI and their product line. He's a hard worker and extremely knowledgeable of his product lines," says Dave.

"I was onboard when CMI entered the Contract Market - I guess I was their first contract rep - going on 4 years now," says Paul.

Phase I of the project started in the summer of 2005 before the NFL season went into full swing. Phase II, the project's completion is scheduled for this coming summer.

With a very short lead-time and a number of hoops to jump through, Irwin Seating needed to move quickly. Choosing a manufacturer who could produce a luxurious and comfortable seating solution was paramount and critical to the project.

"That's part of our commitment to the marketplace and our customers. We provide customized solutions with short lead times while never sacrificing quality and/or service," says Michael Novick, CEO of CMI.

The Miami Dolphins Stadium project included over 3,000 seats



upholstered with CMI's Caressa line, exclusively used in the suite and luxury box seats. The yearlong project was a result of a complete and comprehensive retrofitting and gutting of the luxury boxes and seats.

"We were so pleased with Paul and CMI, that we plan on using their Optima Leather/Illusion II product line at the new Washington Redskins FedEx Field. There is a semi-outdoor club that will require approximately 1,000 seats - and we're looking forward to another well-organized and satisfactory project," says Dave.

Other projects involving CMI and Irwin Seating include two in Glendale, Arizona. The Glendale Arena that will feature the Phoenix Coyotes and the new outdoor stadium for the Phoenix Cardinals - the latter featuring 88 luxury suites with 7,400 Club Seats.

"Irwin Seating Company joined forces through the efforts of our local sales rep, Paul Zeman, who introduced us to the product line. Two things really stood out for us. First, the hand of the Illusion II product was far superior to the vinyl products we were using, at a similar price point. In fact, it felt closer to leather than to vinyl. Second, the Caressa OptimaLeather product gave us competitive faux leather product at an attractive price point," says Bill MacLeod, Director of Marketing at Irwin Seating.



The fact that CMI could single source the two complimentary products sealed the deal with Irwin Seating.

CMI's Optima Leather will be used for the luxury seating while the Illusion II line will be dyed Cardinal red to match the team and corporate colors.

"The product durability and customization CMI offers allows Irwin Seating to meet the detailed and precise needs inherent to so many projects," says Joe Hoy, Sales Representative for Irwin Seating.

From the fan who spills his favorite beverage on his seat when his team scores the winning touchdown to the one who drops a full box of buttered popcorn on hers, Irwin Seating knows where to turn for best in comfort, durability and cleaning ability.

What is NanoTechnology?

CMI is actively involved in pursuing promising research to develop vinyl upholstery products using Nanotechnology. Nanotechnology is the science of manipulating materials at the atomic and molecular level to develop new or enhanced materials and products.

"Our collaborations with chemists, universities, and leading edge nanotechnology companies, are allowing CMI to introduce new upholstery products with unprecedented performance. These new products will lead the industry in abrasion resistance, antimicrobial protection, mildew protection, harmful UV protection, cleanability, and protection from harsh cleaners," says Michael Novick, CEO CMI Enterprises

Nanotechnology is a catchall phrase for materials and devices that operate at the nanoscale. In the metric system of measurement, "Nano" equals a billionth and therefore a nanometer is one-billionth of a meter. References to nano materials, nanoelectronics, nano devices and nanopowders simply mean the material or activity can be measured in nanometers. To appreciate the size, the smallest particle size used in vinyl was 6 microns, equivalent to 6,000 nanometers. The current nanotechnology components CMI uses in our vinyl products are 10 nanometers. A human red blood cell is over 2,000 nanometers long, virtually outside the nanoscale range.

Nanotechnology is expected to have an impact on nearly every industry. The U.S. National Science Foundation has predicted that the global market for nanotechnologies will reach \$1 trillion or more within 20 years. The research community is actively pursuing hundreds of applications in nanomaterials, nanoelectronics, and bionanotechnology. Most near term (1-5 years) applications of

nanotechnology are in the form of nanomaterials. These include materials such as lighter and stronger nanocomposites, antibacterial nanoparticles, and nanostructured catalysts.

Nanodevices and nanoelectronics are farther off, perhaps 5-15 years, and will have applications in medical treatments and diagnostics, faster computers, and in sensors.

Nanoparticles have also made a breakthrough in the clothing industry in Eddie Bauer's stain-resistant Nano Care™ khakis. Small whisker-like particles are used to coat the surface fibers of the fabric, creating a stain-repelling surface. Healthcare companies are now marketing antimicrobial bandages coated with proprietary nanomaterials.

Concurrently, nanoparticles on the surfaces of many new refrigerators, air conditioners, and laundry machines act as antibacterial and antifungal agents.

Nanocomposites are also seeing commercial use. Plastic nanocomposites are used for strong, lighter, and rustproof car components. Toyota recently began using nanocomposites in bumpers that makes them 60% lighter and twice as resistant to denting and scratching. The biomedical field is manufacturing artificial bone composites from nanocrystalline calcium phosphates. These composites are made of the same mineral as natural bone, yet have strength in compression equal to stainless steel.

"As this technology becomes increasingly important in the world of chemistry and polymer science, CMI will stay on the cutting edge of applications that make our vinyl upholstery products the most advanced in the world," concludes Michael.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Texas Transit
April 24 - 25
Galveston, TX

EVTEKS
May 17 - 21
Istanbul, Turkey

CTA Show
June 4 - 7
Orlando, FL.

Showtime Fabric Fair
June 4 - 7
High Point, NC

NBT™

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Step 3 - CMI NBT Cleaner, should be liberally applied to a clean soft cloth, rubbing the stain to remove. Rinse cleaned area with clean water and dry with a clean cloth.

Special Cleaning Problems

Although vinyl's protected with NBT are resistant to most common stains. Some fabric dyes have the ability to create a permanent stain. To minimize these and other stains, it is recommended that all stains be cleaned as soon as they are noticed per the listed cleaning steps above.

Staining Agent | Cleaning Steps

Coffee, Tea, Hair Oil, Blood, Urine, Grape Juice, Olive Oil, Motor Oil, Chocolate, Ketchup, Mustard, Baby Oil, Grease, Crayons, Lipstick

1,2,3



Ballpoint Pen, Permanent Marker, Spray Paint

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Technology - CMI's Next Generation Product Provider

With a new year comes change - and with change - comes opportunity. We're off to a great start in 2006. CMI is both pleased and excited about our R&D efforts, especially in developing our new NBT™, the next generation protective coating for our upholstery vinyls.

Through our unrelenting approach, established on the sound principles of dedication, commitment and product innovation, we will continue to investigate and examine all the opportunities available in today's high-speed technological world. By means of this business obligation -

we will remain ahead of the competition to continually offer our customers and their respective markets, superior soft-trim textiles and fabrication solutions.

As illustrated in the Insider's article titled - What Is Nanotechnology - clearly, it will be the vehicle that drives product innovation and ultimately, customer satisfaction. And CMI is committed to being seated directly behind its steering wheel.

We would like to extend a huge customer appreciation and thank you to

Irwin Seating as well as the Arkansas Transit Association and Ward Transportation - first-rate customers who CMI Enterprises is delighted to be working with.

Our representative, Paul Zeman, has done an outstanding job at introducing CMI and Irwin Seating. Through his product knowledge and sales expertise, we were successful in contracting with Irwin Seating in the Miami Dolphins Stadium (Miami, FL) and the Glendale Arena (Glendale, AZ) ventures. Two high-profile and challenging projects that brought out the very best each company has to offer.

The 2005 Arkansas Transit Association Trade Show marked 25 successful years! We want to thank Jim Gilbert and his wife, Ann, for the opportunity to work closely with each of them and their fine organization. The CMI family wishes them both the very best on Jim's retirement.

And it's companies like Ward Transportation - who were introduced to CMI through the Arkansas Transit Association - that make the business world one of mutual respect, satisfaction, long-term success and enjoyment.

As you can see, we're excited about 2006. We have an aggressive business and marketing plan whose goals and objectives have been set higher than in any previous year. We are convinced that we will not only achieve them but also exceed them.

This position of confidence is not an ostentatious posture - but rather, a collaborative synergy built upon CMI's family of highly talented and dedicated employees and our customers and markets that demand only the very best in products, services and innovative technology.



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