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Preface

Rieter's involvement in technology commenced with spinning machinery in the early 19th century, and passed through important phases of diversification into other sectors. Recently it has concentrated on the field of spinning in staple and continuous filament installations, special plastics applications, and the technology of noise control and thermal insulation.

Technical developments are referred to only briefly in the first jubilee volume of «Rieter's 200 Years», which concerns itself mainly with historical events from 1795 to 1995. This second

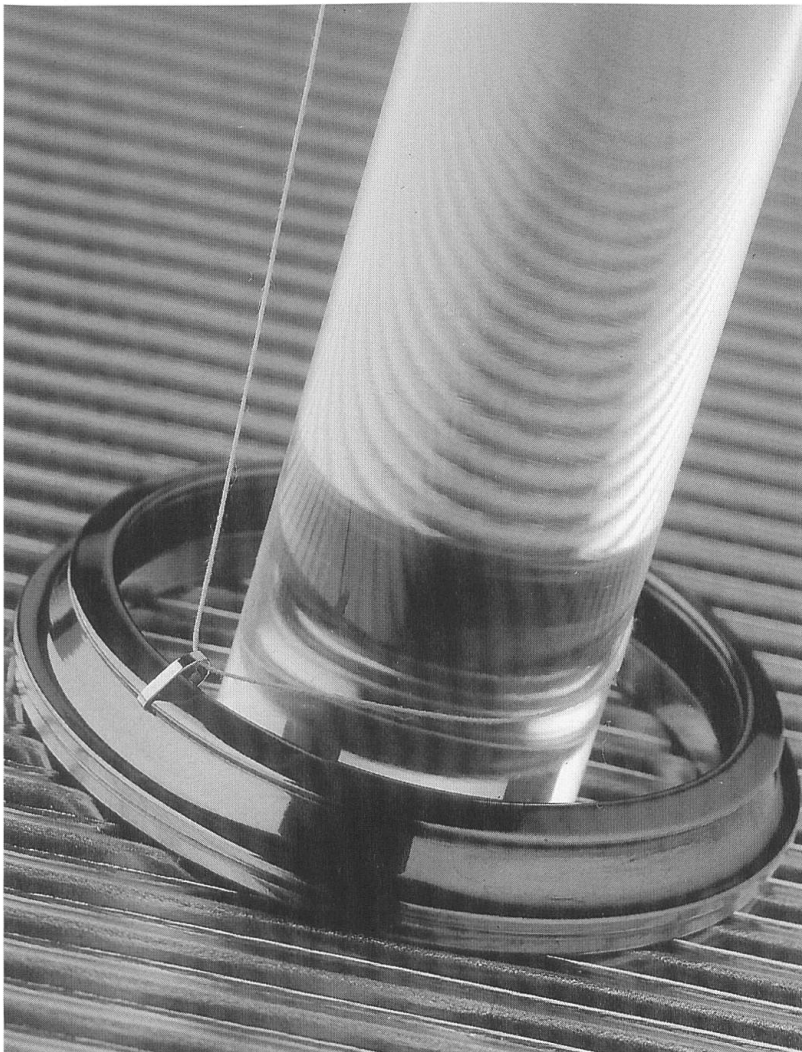
volume focusing on Rieter's spinning systems has therefore been compiled as a supplement to this. By way of a continuation of the jubilee volumes published in 1945 and 1970, we shall concentrate our attention on the past fifty years, but without losing sight of overall developments and of machinery manufacture in general.

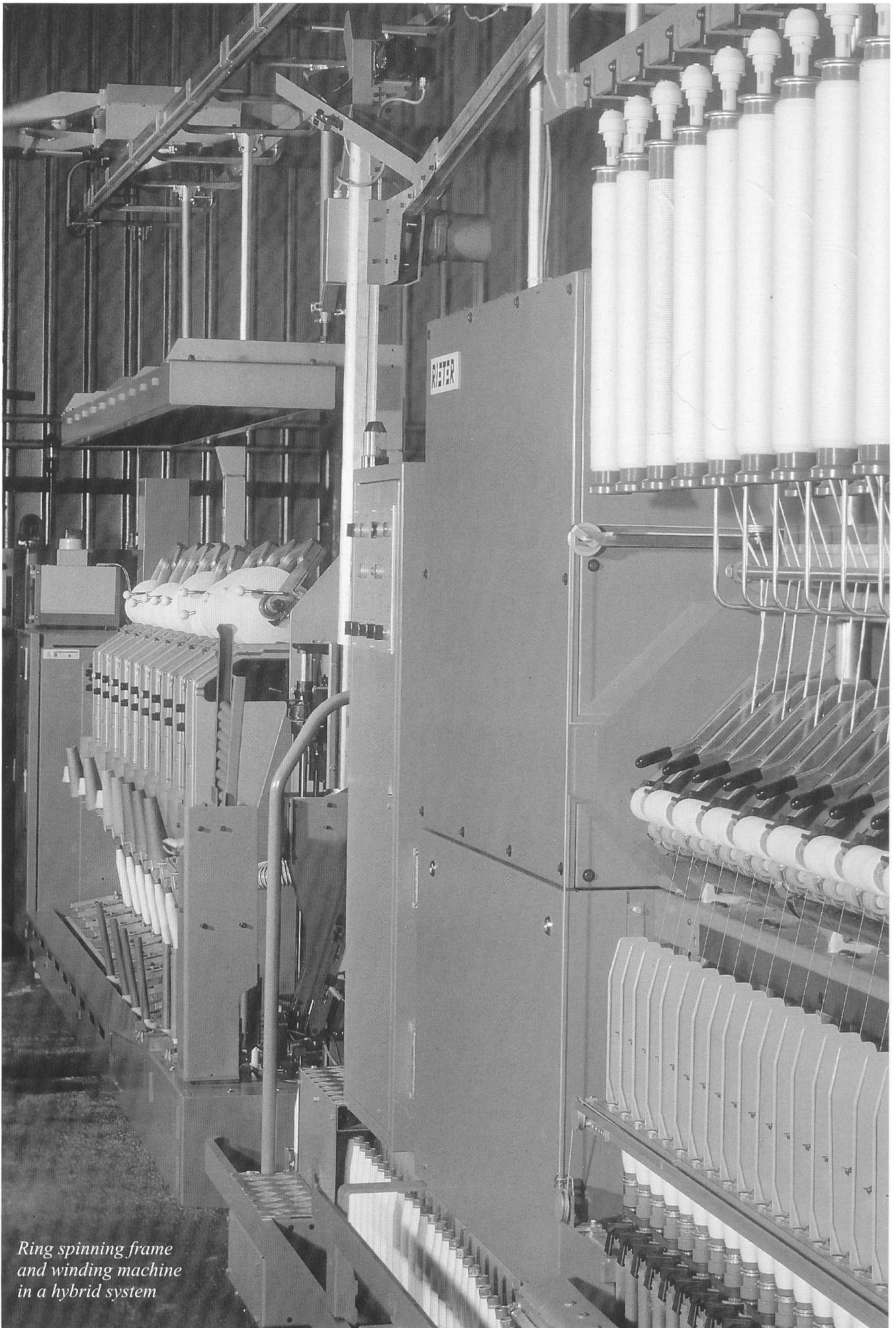
Technical terms and the most important abbreviations used are explained in the appendix in order to make this volume accessible to a broad readership.

Rieter has always attached proper importance to technical literature. The author of this work had to evaluate a wide range of information during his research, and the selection for this chronicle therefore shows his personal assessment. He takes responsibility for this and hopes this will be appreciated by his readers.

Winterthur, Summer 1994
Alfred J. Furrer

Ring and traveller of the ORBIT system for high performance ring spinning frames





*Ring spinning frame
and winding machine
in a hybrid system*