shoes & leather.

intelligent threads.
For more than 160 years, AMANN has been one of the global leaders in the field of high-quality sewing and embroidery threads. From universal sewing threads to special high-tech threads, AMANN offers a wide range of threads for all sewing and embroidery applications. Each product requires very specific thread properties – which are often not featured by off-the-shelf products. As a global player and technological leader, AMANN counts on intelligent products, individual solutions and innovative concepts.

**AMANN’s sewing and embroidery threads – intelligent, individual, innovative.**

The combination of carefully selected high quality raw yarns and processing skills that have been acquired in more than 160 years of sewing and embroidery thread production, guarantee the outstanding performance profile of AMANN’s products.

Ideally balanced thread twist and elongation level, highest possible thread strength level, highly consistent thread finish in combination with a perfectly adjusted precision winding process guarantee our customers the best sewing and processing performance resulting in higher production efficiency and reduced scrap rates.

**AMANN’s sewing threads: Best performance for our customers – any time at any place.**

**AMANN’s Code of Sustainability – maximum compliance through minimum environmental impact.**

Dealing with the environment and its resources responsibly and sustainably is an important aspect of AMANN Group’s corporate activity. This is documented by Augsburg’s production site’s certification in accordance with DIN EN ISO 14001 environmental management system as well as with DIN 50001 energy management system.

All AMANN sewing and embroidery threads including finishing consist only of non-hazardous materials and substances with no risk for people and environment. Compliance with REACH and certification under Oeko-Tex Standard 100 guarantee that AMANN’s products are not harmful.

**Reliability.**

Based on its vast expertise in the production of sewing and embroidery threads, AMANN has been serving the shoes and leather industry and its suppliers for many decades. With expert product solutions from fashion to technical applications, AMANN has become an integral part of the global textile industry.

**International Sales Team.**

More than 1,680 motivated employees and a global sales network with a comprehensive understanding of the nature of the shoes and leather business guarantee successful support regarding all business related aspects.

**Quality Management.**

Lived up to our high quality standards at any time is a core point of AMANN’s corporate philosophy. The entire group has been certified in accordance with DIN EN ISO 9001. Fulfilment of our process-oriented quality commitment for a safe production environment is proven by our Augsburg production site’s certification under the strict ISO/TS 16949 standards.

**Technical Advisory.**

Providing excellent technical and processing support is one of the key strengths of AMANN. Technical sewing and embroidery advisory services include on-site training courses, technical workshops, customised tests, as well as product and processing recommendations.

**Colour Competence.**

Colour is the key when it comes to shoes and leather. AMANN’s colour competence centre uses the latest state of the art technology. Experienced specialists work to meet the customers’ colour requests, fulfilling all standards of the shoes and leather industry. A huge globally available colour range helps to cover the most diverse requirements of all major thread consuming industries. Standard and trend shades create a large variety of colours.

**Logistics & Warehousing.**

Producing threads for the global shoes and leather industry, shipping and warehousing are part of our daily business. Just-in-time delivery, flexibility in meeting the changing customer requirements and efficient logistics management with a huge range of products – this is what AMANN stands for.
Shoes, bags and belts are important fashion accessories, so the way they look is crucial. Seams are an important design element for the look of elegant shoes and leather goods. Upholstered furniture made from leather or artificial leather also calls for extremely high-quality seams requiring durability, abrasion resistance and elasticity. Quality sewing threads from AMANN will master these tasks – individually, intelligently and innovatively.

**Serafil**

Polyester continuous filament
- the outstanding product for shoes and leather
- for closing and decorative seams
- noble soft sheen
- high seam strength
- most reliable sewing performance with perfect stitch formation

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Polyester continuous filament, bonded
- bonded version of Serafil
- resistant to untwisting and therefore ideal for multidirectional sewing
- extremely durable

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**ONYX**

Polyamide 6.6 continuous filament
- the ultra-strong sewing thread for heavy-duty seams
- for closing and topstitch seams
- robust, abrasion resistant, durable
- excellent strength properties

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Polyester continuous filament, braided
• the braided thread for individual decorative effects
• for closing and topstitch seams on leather
• decorative, impressive, effective
• waxed version available for hand sewing

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• AMANN’s all-rounder
• high-performing, outstanding sewing behaviour
• ideal abrasion resistance and strength properties
• great in tickets and colours
• textile look
• for closing and topstitch seams
• for matt embroideries

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Polyester/cotton core spun, glacé
• the sewing thread with special finish for heavy-duty applications
• for closing and decorative seams
• fine matt sheen
• extremely durable in the seam

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Raw materials for sewing threads.

Today, shoes and leather are almost exclusively sewn using synthetic sewing threads. For this, mainly polyester or polyamide continuous filaments are used.

Serafil, Serabond, sabaf, Serabraid and the bearing core of Rasant-Oxella are made of high-strength polyester filaments* which are responsible for their high seam quality and the optimal functional properties. Due to the high breaking strength and abrasion resistance of polyester, shoe seams are very durable over a long period of time. In addition, polyester has a high resistance to chemicals and UV.

Due to their higher specific weight compared to polyamide sewing threads of the same ticket number, polyester sewing threads have a finer cross section and are accordingly thinner. This allows the use of smaller needle sizes which reduces the needle heating and leads to a more appealing look of the seam. The risk of perforation is reduced when cutting needles are used and conditions for sealing are improved.

ONYX is made of polyamide 6.6 filaments. Although polyamide doesn’t feature the universal characteristics of polyester, it is superior in regards to breaking strength and abrasion resistance.

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Further quality features.

In addition to the before mentioned properties, Serafil and ONYX offer the following quality features:

- high thermal resistance during the sewing process
- antistatic properties
- outstanding sewing performance

The smooth surface of Serafil and ONYX provides a lustrous appearance where decorative seams are required.

Besides our continuous filaments, the shoes and leather industry also appreciates our polyester/polyester and polyester/cotton core spun threads, sabas and Rasant-Oxella are high-performing core spun threads which offer an alternative to smooth continuous filaments due to their textile surface. For example:

- as bobbin thread in lockstitch seams in combination with Serafil as needle thread
- as needle thread in zigzag machines
- for an optimized stitch adhesion on shoe lining
- for sewing of boot linings with flatlock or overlock sewing machines
- for decorative seams, especially on upholstery
Water-repellent seams.

The requirement for shoes to be waterproof is nothing new. Due to their texture, sewing threads have a wicking effect. The thread, even when part of a seam, soaks up the water and transports it through the stitch holes towards the inside. In order to prevent this, there are sewing threads with a water-repellent (WR) finish.

No water-repellent seams

Water stains on the seam when using sewing threads without WR-finish (capillary action/wicking)

Water-repellent seams

No water stains/dry seam when using sewing threads with WR-finish

AMANN is continuously testing its WR-finish by applying the so-called rising-test. All laboratories are equipped with the respective test equipment.

We care.

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Needles.

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- Using bigger needles than recommended is not a problem – using finer needles can lead to thread breakage, skipped stitches and damages in the sewing thread.
- The needle protects the sewing thread during the sewing process – provided that the size of the needle and the size of the sewing thread match.
- We strongly recommend to use high quality needles. Low quality needles are mostly polished badly and could damage the sewing thread – which finally leads to thread breakage.
- Many needle manufacturers offer special needles for difficult materials and seams. We recommend to contact the needle manufacturers for professional advice.
- All AMANN threads have a special protective finish that not only provides excellent gliding performance of the sewing thread but also reduces the temperature at the eye of the needle. In exceptional cases, the use of thread lubricant (for example silicone oil) or a precisely calibrated machine aircooling system may be an alternative.
- AMANN thread lubricator provides cooling for the needle and keeps it clean; it also simplifies the penetration of the needle and the thread passing through needle and material.

Ideal needle size:
The sewing thread is perfectly protected and guided = best sewing result

Needle is too small:
Thread breakage/thread damage, uneven seam appearance, knotty seams

Needle is too big:
Skipped stitches/thread breakage

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- AMANN thread lubricator provides cooling for the needle and keeps it clean; it also simplifies the penetration of the needle and the thread passing through needle and material.

Ideal needle size:
The sewing thread is perfectly protected and guided = best sewing result

Needle is too small:
Thread breakage/thread damage, uneven seam appearance, knotty seams

Needle is too big:
Skipped stitches/thread breakage

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Water-repellent seams.

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No water-repellent seams

Water stains on the seam when using sewing threads without WR-finish (capillary action/wicking)

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No water stains/dry seam when using sewing threads with WR-finish

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Please keep in mind:

- Using bigger needles than recommended is not a problem – using finer needles can lead to thread breakage, skipped stitches and damages in the sewing thread.
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