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Welcome to the **27th Edition** of the AVL e-shuttle!

The New Products Extravaganza

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1. The "A Series" Looms are Here!

In honor of Jim Ahrens, AVL's Founding Father, AVL Looms has revamped its line with the remarkable new "A" Series. Henceforth all AVLs will have the ability to utilize options that were once seen only on Industrial Looms. So in addition to longtime favorites like the Automatic Cloth Advance, Automatic Warp Tension, and Automatic Cloth Storage, the "A" Series also offers the following innovations:

- Low Profile Front Verticals
- Pressure Roller
- Temple Rollers
- New-Style Automatic Cloth Advance
- Choice of Classic Mechanical Dobby or Compu-Dobby III
- And Now ***The Super Compu-Dobby III*** with *PocketWeave* and Onboard Color Screen

What this means is that AVL looms will yield a level and consistency of fabric never before seen on

handloom. Better yet, "A" Series looms are more comfortable and easier to use than any prior AVL model. For a complete description and photos, go to http://www.avlusa.com/looms/A_Series_Main.htm.

2. Introducing *PocketWeave*

PocketWeave, the newest weave software from AVL, transports weaving into the mobile age by allowing you to control your AVL Compu-Dobby loom with a Pocket PC device.

A Pocket PC is a handheld device (also known as a Personal Digital Assistant or PDA) that enables you to store and retrieve e-mail, contacts, appointments, browse the Web, and now weave! The Pocket PC provides the power of a personal computer with exceptional portability and integration. Unlocking its power begins with customizing your Pocket PC so that it becomes an extension of your desktop or laptop computer. Normally the price on *PocketWeave* is 4225, but now through May 30, 2003, the price is \$200.

For more go to our [PocketWeave](#) page.

3. *WeaveMaker 8.0* is Here

Mac Users! The long wait is over. *WeaveMaker* is now native for Mac OsX ... plus for you Windows fans, *WeaveMaker* has been revamped for use with Windows XP. But compatibility with the cutting edge operation systems is just the tip of the iceberg. *WeaveMaker* has some wonderful new functions:

- A high quality **wool simulation** is now available in a reasonably priced handweaver's product. This may be the best simulation ever for a handweaving product ... it's so good you may never weave again. It is also an excellent simulation for cotton.
- **Expanded Capacity.** Now *WeaveMaker* can handle up to 3200 ends and 150 harnesses (and no that's not a hint of future AVLs).
- **Pickout!** This new feature provides you with two capabilities. First, it lets you analyze a woven fabric and input it into the software. It's specifically set up so you can enter a weave with just one hand and without having to look at the screen; thus you can be looking in a linen tester or other magnifying glass, studying a fabric, while you're also inputting the weave structure into the software, without taking your eyes off the fabric (so you don't lose your place). Second, it lets you freehand draw any design and have it analyzed into a woven structure.
- **Color Mixer.** If you like color ... and what weaver doesn't, then he new Color Mixer is a must. It is a revolutionary new way to look at and choose colors. You can now arrange colors in a palette size of your own choice ... line up two palettes next one another ... or even have four. Mix, match, and choose. It's a fantastic way to get to subtle colors. When couple with the new wool simulation, well, as previously stated, you may never throw a shuttle again. Upgrade price for both Mac and Windows is \$99.

4. Don't Miss our eShuttle Specials!

- Barely used 16 harness dobbie bars (old style). Set of 20. Normally \$99. Now...\$50.
- NEW Shuttle Trays for PDL and TDLs. Normally \$95; now \$50.