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New Apex™ Sleever designed for versatile performance



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The new Douglas Apex™ Sleever utilizes servo technology, ensuring versatile performance and smooth, quiet operation.

The Apex™ series features stainless steel construction, maximizing machine durability in environments requiring sanitation, open flap detection and rejection, reducing downtime, and exclusive sleeve containment discs for tightly wrapped products. Multiple product sizes can be

run at speeds to 300 sleeves per minute (application dependent). The simple, clean design ensures a small footprint and less maintenance.

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About Douglas Machine Inc.

Founded in 1964, Douglas Machine Inc. is recognized as a global leader in automated packaging solutions for paperboard, corrugated, and shrink-film. Today the company specializes in the design and manufacture of cartoners, slevers, case and tray packers, and shrink-wrap systems. Customers from many different markets including food, beverage, personal care, and pharmaceutical, have come to rely on Douglas' automation expertise and value-added services to maximize their throughput. Based in Alexandria, Minnesota, Douglas Machine also has operations in Deerwood, Minnesota.