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Douglas Machine Inc. receives patent on revolutionary pinless metering technology.

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Douglas Machine Inc. was recently awarded a patent on its revolutionary Pinless Metering system that utilizes slip-sheet technology and servo drives to gently, but quickly, meter bottled, canned and cartoned products into their appropriate pack patterns. The Pinless Metering technology also eliminates product damage that can occur when using traditional metering concepts.

Features include solid conveyors stabilizing product flow and minimal surge pressure resulting in speeds up to 50% faster metering capability than traditional technology.

Changeovers are accomplished with simple adjustments and intuitive steps through the control panel. No change tools are required in the metering area. Pinless Metering is used on

Douglas product lines including the new Axiom™ Servo Case/Tray Packers and Contour™ Shrink-Wrap Systems.

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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, sleeves, 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.