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## ***News Release***

### **New Gas-powered Heat Tunnel from Douglas Cuts Costs and Improves Production**

*Switching to gas reaps energy savings up to 75 percent*

ALEXANDRIA, Minn., April 5, 2011 – [Douglas Machine Inc.](http://www.douglas-machine.com) launches the [Contour](#)™ Gas-powered Heat Tunnel that reduces energy costs and decreases production downtime with a shorter heat-up time.

“Using gas instead of electricity to heat the shrink tunnel reduces energy costs,” said Jon Ballou, Corporate Vice President of Sales and Marketing. “Tunnels heat from 75 degrees F to 360 degrees F in just 15 minutes cutting the heat-up time by almost 30%. Depending on local energy costs and the type of machine used with the gas tunnel, we estimate that companies could cut energy costs up to 75 percent.”

Another advantage to using the Contour Gas-powered Heat Tunnel is a burner design that optimizes heat distribution while minimizing emissions, which are well below industry standards. The burner utilizes a patent pending burner box design to ensure even heat distribution and maximize burn efficiency.

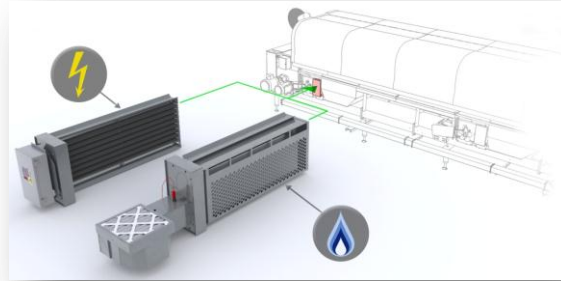
Customers can continue to count on the newest addition to the Contour shrink systems line to ensure minimal graphic distortion, consistent bull’s-eyes and a tight, durable wrap. The gas-powered heat tunnel also uses Douglas’ proprietary laminar airflow to precisely balance the tunnel’s heated air. Turbulent airflow, used by most shrink systems, can cause shrinking inconsistencies, but laminar flow coats the film from every direction evenly and consistently.

Call today to learn the benefits of the gas-powered tunnel or view the complete line of [Contour](#) shrink wrap systems. For more information, call 320.763.6587 or visit [www.douglas-machine.com](http://www.douglas-machine.com).

#### **About Douglas Machine Inc.**

Founded in 1964, Douglas Machine Inc. is recognized as a global leader in automated secondary packaging solutions for paperboard, corrugated, and shrink-film. The company specializes in the design and manufacture of cartoners, sleeves, case and tray packers, and shrink wrap systems. Based in Alexandria, Minnesota, Douglas is an employee-owned company that has installed more than 7,000 machines in 30 countries. For more information, visit [www.douglas-machine.com](http://www.douglas-machine.com).

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