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New Cartoner from Douglas Machine Creates One-stop Shop for Secondary Packaging Solutions

Efficiency powered by servo technology is the hallmark of new Vectra Cartoner

ALEXANDRIA, Minn., Jan. 27, 2011 – Douglas Machine adds the Vectra[™] Cartoner to its packaging line-up rounding out its product line of secondary packaging solutions and giving customers a single source for cartoning and case packing equipment. The parts and programming of the Vectra Cartoner are compatible and align perfectly with the design criteria of Douglas Machine's Axiom® and Invex® case/tray packers.

The Vectra Cartoner is a heavy-duty, mid- to high-speed cartoner handling up to 300 cartons per minute. The cartoner boasts all-servo technology. Servo-driven technology ensures absolute product control in all machine phases from infeed to discharge. Servo operation at the point of motion ensures overload protection at all machine functions. The live servo-driven flap tuckers and compression offer tuck or glue for a wide range of carton styles. Menu-driven servo adjustments and precise screw adjustments result in more efficient and precise changeovers.

"Most changeovers are accomplished through a simple menu-driven process on the HMI. Operators simply select from pre-programmed "recipes" for specific products, and servo motors precisely make the required adjustments virtually eliminating changeover errors," said Jon Ballou, Corporate Vice President of Sales and Marketing. "Generally, operators can expect tool-less changeovers to further simplify the process." Trouble-shooting is handled the same way with a diagnostic menu on the HMI pinpointing the root cause of any problems.

The open architecture design of the Vectra Cartoner handles a variety of plant conditions from dry, wet to hostile washdown environments. The fall-through, balcony design, overhead wiring and servo cable mounting are ideal for dusty or wet environments. The cartoner is accessible for operators making it easy to clean, sanitize and maintain.

Read more about how the <u>Vectra Cartoner</u> can improve secondary packaging operations. For more information, call 320.763.6587 or visit <u>www.douglas-machine.com</u>.

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, sleevers, 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.



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