

Packaging Smarts

Advice for better, smarter, more cost-effective packaging decisions

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Automate - All the Way to the Loading Dock

Perhaps you've just invested in a new packaging machine. Now you can wrap your product faster than ever. But, if you haven't also invested in equipment to handle your product after packaging, you're probably not getting optimum speed from the whole packaging process. The labor that your new packaging machine is saving you may need to be moved into the cartoning and carton sealing process in order to keep up with your new machine's speed.

Automating the cartoning and sealing process can be done in stages. A full cartoning system which collates wrapped product, assembles the carton, places the product into the carton, and packs cartons into shipping cases can be custom built, but is generally more costly than the packaging machine. However there are two inexpensive components that can add speed and save labor in the cartoning process:

Packaging Turntable

A packaging turntable, also known as a collection table, is designed to accumulate the product flow from a packaging line and provide a steady product flow to workers who pack product into cartons. Workers are positioned around the packaging turntable and have a continuous product flow to pack. Without a turntable, you may need to temporarily halt your wrapping process so that workers can catch up. With a turntable, the product accumulates, and your production flow is maintained at optimum speed.



Case Sealer

Nothing slows down a fast production and packaging line more than hand taping cases. The sound of a tape gun is like a pocket full of change dropping to the floor - several times per minute.

Automatic Case Sealers operate much faster than hand sealing. An operator using an automatic sealer can seal up to 6 times faster than a worker with a hand tape gun.



There are two basic types of case sealer. A semi-automatic sealer, which manually adjusts to different case sizes and a Random Case Sealer, which adjusts automatically. Both types can dramatically cut your labor costs.

Barrington Packaging Systems Group can help you complete your packaging automation. We can design a full custom cartoning system for your products, or can provide you with affordable first steps - a packaging turntable and a case sealer. And all Barrington equipment is covered by the best warranty in the packaging industry - parts and labor for two full years.

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