

3M AccuGlide 2+ Taping Head Offers Improved Threading

At the 2004 Pack Expo show, 3M, the industry leader in packaging equipment and tapes, today announced the introduction of the new 3M AccuGlide 2+ taping head for 3M-Matic case sealers. The improved design of the AccuGlide 2+ taping head offers an open tape threading path for faster and easier changeover of tape rolls, reducing downtime.

3M AccuGlide 2+ taping heads feature a curvilinear design for smooth tape application to ensure that even lightweight cartons are securely and consistently sealed. Designed for conveyor speeds of up to 80 feet per minute (24m/min.), the friction brake drum and constant one-way tape tension roller help assure consistent tape cutting and application. Safety features of the 3M AccuGlide 2+ taping head include a protective blade guard for operator protection and consistent tape cut-off, a new latching tape drum for more secure connection of tape rolls, and a new lighter-weight design for easy handling during removal and replacement. The 3M AccuGlide 2+ taping head will become a standard feature of 3M-Matic case sealers in 2005. Like the 3M AccuGlide II taping head, the 3M AccuGlide 2+ taping head includes a 90-day warranty on blades, springs and rollers, and a three-year warranty on all other parts.

For information on the full line of 3M AccuGlide taping heads, stop by the 3M booth (N-3643), phone 1-800-362-3550, or visit <http://www.3m.com/packaging>.

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