

3M Introduces New 3M-Matic Random Case Sealer 2000rf; Fully Automatic Random Case Sealer Speeds Packaging Operations

At the 2004 Pack Expo show, 3M, the industry leader in packaging equipment and tapes, today announced the introduction of the new, high-speed 3M-Matic fully automatic random case sealer 2000rf. The fast and efficient 3M-Matic case sealer 2000rf will seal a wide range of case sizes at speeds of up to 20 cases per minute.

The 3M-Matic case sealer 2000rf provides productivity and automation for demanding packaging line operations. It features an optically controlled, powered in-feed that separates cases for metered feeding into the flap folding and taping area. The Allen Bradley Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) and advanced servo motors offer customers programmability and precision in their packaging operations. Additional features include 3M AccuGlide II taping heads for smooth tape application, upper flap folding, pneumatically operated rear flap folder and top compression rollers.

Safety features of the 3M-Matic case sealer 2000rf include emergency stop buttons, safety interlocked side guarding and machine interlock shut-off features. The 3M-Matic case sealer 2000rf can be customized to meet exact customer specifications.

"The 3M-Matic random case sealer 2000rf builds upon the quality and precision available in all of our 3M-Matic automatic case sealers. The 3M-Matic random case sealer 2000rf is our most advanced design for customers who need 3M reliability, random case size capabilities and significantly faster throughput speeds," said Michael Koller, packaging business unit manager, 3M Industrial Adhesives and Tapes Division.

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

3M in Packaging

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