

Trade fair premier for winner of the German Packaging Award

High performance in the smallest spaces: The Vertical Multilane Wrapper (VMW)

(Lahnau, 14.03.2017) Wrapping rectangular or round sandwich-cookies and cookies has now become much easier: Hastamat presents its new Vertical Multilane Wrapper VMW. From 4th to 10th May 2017 the company based in Lahnau, Hesse will present its latest innovation in Hall 15/A41 at interpack, the leading trade fair for processes and packaging.

The revolutionary machine concept of the VMW brings together a grouping unit for small piece goods and a vertical wrapping process. "The machine combines the advantages of a horizontal packaging machine with those of a vertical one", explains Olaf Piepenbrock, executive partner of the Piepenbrock Group, Hastamat's parent company. "With two different loading positions it is possible to pack products upright standing (on edge) or one above the other (on pile) on the same machine." This is achieved by a completely new grouping module. The packaging format can be changed in less than five minutes, thus allowing the VMW to produce different packaging sizes.

Award-winning efficiency and product handling

"One of the machine's key advantages is its space-saving, compact design, which enables it to be used in production sites with limited space", states Mr. Piepenbrock. With its clear modular design and flexible, scalable versions, the VMW also impresses by being able to operate several lanes in parallel. This translates into the machine being able to pack up to 500 cookies per lane with a packaging material saving of up to 22%. The system can be optionally expanded up to a total packaging output of up to 12,000 products per minute. A further advantage of the new development: the Vertical Multilane Wrapper packs sandwich products non-cooled, thus saving the procurement and operating costs for a cooling tunnel. The packaging

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machine handles the product with the utmost care to ensure the often fragile cookies are not damaged. "Nonetheless, the packaging still lies close to the product. With no format tube, the product is fed in on a patented conveying system and packed with no product back-up", says Mr. Piepenbrock. The VMW processes both heat sealable and cold sealable films. A host of patented detail solutions that are integrated in the machine emphasise the innovative machine concept. The efficiency and technical know-how of the innovative packaging solution from Hastamat also convinced the jurors of the Deutschen Verpackungsinstitut (DVI) (German Packaging Institute) who presented the machine with the German Packaging Award in the "Engineering and Technology" category.

About Hastamat Verpackungstechnik

Hastamat Verpackungstechnik GmbH is a leading international manufacturer of packaging machines and systems with headquarters in Lahnau near Wetzlar. In its product lines, this subsidiary of the Piepenbrock Corporate Group bundles innovative technical solutions and it satisfies the highest quality requirements. Modern and rational production methods as well as extensive quality management underlie these technically sophisticated and economical high-quality machines. Hastamat offers complete packaging lines from a single source – from planning to installation on-site. The company's product portfolio is widely diversified and includes, in addition to multihead weighers, also systems for aligning, arranging, counting and weighing food and non-food products. Furthermore, Hastamat's portfolio of services includes vertical form, fill and seal machines and a broad spectrum of custom-tailored special solutions.

Hastamat does not shirk responsibility - and that includes the environment. Under the 'carbon neutral packaging' maxim, already today Hastamat offers its customers the CO₂-neutral machine. Emissions that are released during the value creation process are offset by climate protection projects - certified by a TÜV-attested emission specialist. Hastamat goes even further: The company plants trees in the Piepenbrock Forest, Rheinshagen thus securing CO₂-neutral operation of packaging machines at the customer.

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- HAS_int_001: Vertical Multilane Wrapper VMW
- HAS_int_002: Hastamat headquarter in Lahnau
- HAS_int_003: Hastamat logo