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Clamshell sealing – Starview’s Hot/Cold process takes the market by storm.



Starview’s PHS3-1418 Three-station entry level Rotary Clamshell and Blister Sealing Machine shown beside our PHS8-1824 Eight-station large format, high output Rotary Clamshell and Blister Packaging Machine

Starview’s Patent Pending Hot/Cold Plastic-to-Plastic sealing process for Clamshell packages continues to generate substantial machine and tooling activity. Most of our clients now have multiple machines ordered over a several year time span.

The process uses a heated sealing station to bring the plastic being sealed to a fluid condition. A cooled press immediately following the heated press fuses the two pieces of plastic together while rendering the plastic rigid again for handling.

Starview’s PHS Series machines offer maximum versatility. Any of the PHS machines may be utilized as standard blister packaging machines by turning off the cooled sealing station and installing typical blister sealing tooling.

The PHS series machines will seal typical PVC Clamshells. The PHS Series can be even more productive with the PETG, GAG PET or GRG PET materials that are becoming more popular with the drive toward sustainable packaging.

In addition, these machines are capable of producing packages that have a superior appearance to those run on a standard blister sealing machine for the Blisterguard® high security double card style currently be offered by Rohrer Corporation and Colbert Packaging Corporation. The heated press makes the seal while the cooled press squeezes out any puckers and gives the adhesive between the cards the final set to produce a flat and secure package.

Last year we introduced the PHS3-1418 as shown on the left above. This small footprint machine has produced sales well beyond our expectations for a new product launch. Not only did it satisfy the need for an entry level clamshell sealing machine it has been well accepted by several large corporations for use in cellular manufacturing.

The next most productive units in the product line are the PHS6-1418 and PHS6-1824 machines. These semi-automatic machines allow for higher production rates through the availability of 4 open stations for packaging materials and product loading and unloading as well as an optional finished package unloader.

The eight station PHS8-1418 and PHS8-1824 machines offer even more open stations for loading/unloading plus the added option of a card feed mechanism. The PHS8-1824 is shown at the right hand side of the photo above. This machine is designed for high output of smaller packages and production of the large club pack style packages.

For the very high production clients we offer the PHS8A-1418 and PHS8A-1824 Rotary Machines as well as BSC II Series Carousel style machines. These machines include front and back blister feeders, insert card feeders as well as the finished package unloader.

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Summer Vacation Schedule.



Start planning now! Starview production will be at a substantially reduced level during the Canadian Construction Holidays. This will occur during the weeks beginning July 16th and July 23rd 2007. We will have a minimum staff present to insure that we can ship replacement parts and some tooling. We will return to work on July 30th.

Have a great summer vacation!

Let Starview assist your customers with machines designed to make the total manufacturing process more effective. Contact one of our sales staff for packaging solutions to help your customers reduce cost and stay competitive.

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