

NOVUS[®] Air Cushion Material Handling Options on Display at PACK EXPO

Addresses operator convenience while increasing productivity

Redwood City, CA (October 29, 2006) – FP International will showcase its new material handling options for the NOVUS[®] air cushion system in Booth N-5411 at Pack Expo 2006. FP International developed its NOVUS machine accessories and material handling options to meet customer requirements for faster, more efficient air cushion delivery to pack stations.

The new NOVUS Overhead Dispensing Bags provide out-of-the way air cushion storage as well as drop-down delivery at the pack station. One Overhead Dispensing Bag, filled by one NOVUS machine, can supply either two or four pack stations. Overhead Dispensing Bags are available with either two or four six by 24 inch openings.

NOVUS material handling and optional machine accessories comprise a complete packing system that provides air cushions as fast as packers can use them. A pneumatic NOVUS Machine Stand raises and lowers the NOVUS machine for quick film loading. The NOVUS Dispensing Arm attaches directly to the NOVUS machine to move air cushions over a conveyor and into position over cartons for easy packing. A Sonic Sensor keys cushion production by automatically replenishing cushions as they're used. A Pre-Tear Unit partially separates cushion perforations so tearing a string of air cushions is easier and quicker for the packer. A Bundle Winder produces three-foot-diameter bundles for air cushions for distribution to pack stations. With these innovative NOVUS optional accessories and material handling choices, high speed packing is possible since packers always have air cushions available.

The NOVUS machine is fast, producing 70 lineal feet of air cushions per minute. Using unique, pre-configured films, the machine makes four different cushion shapes that can be used for void fill, to wrap corners and to replace traditional bubble material.

In addition to the NOVUS equipment, FP International will display other innovative interior packaging products. Featured are two new films designed to provide superior cushioning. A new film for the PILLOW PAK'R[®] machine, Quilt Medium Barrier Film, will be introduced. The PILLOW PAK'R Quilt

Medium Barrier film is designed to meet Military Specifications PPP-C-795D and the 7/8 inch thick inflated film provides greater protection than traditional bubble.

Show visitors can also see the new CELL-O[®] EZ Double Cushion Film. The CELL-O EZ Double Cushion film uses FP International's innovative air transfer technology that allows air movement within the large 8 x 12 inch CELL-O cushions to provide continuous product protection during shipment.

Also displayed will be the FASTTrack PAPER'R[®] system that is the fastest paper dispensing machine available, dispensing crumpled Kraft paper at speeds up to 5½ feet per second. New for the PAPER PAK'R system are a modular PAPER PAK'R Stand with adjustable height and an "easy lift" feature and an optional Dual Roll Paper Kit for producing two-ply paper cushioning.

FP International develops, produces and markets interior packaging products in the United States and the European Union. The company, founded in 1967 to market loose fill packaging, has diversified and now offers a full range of interior packaging products, equipment and material handling options for air cushions, paper and loose fill packaging.

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