

## **Uhlmann Packaging Systems Introduces the Blister Express Center 500**



Uhlmann Packaging Systems, the worldwide leader in pharmaceutical packaging, has introduced the new Blister Express Center 500 (BEC 500), a double-lane, integrated blister and carton module less than 10 meters in length. Designed to maximize efficiency and versatility, the BEC 500 is exceptionally easy to operate, allows fast format changeovers, and can process up to 500 blisters and 500 cartons per minute – making it ideal for packaging medium-sized batches of standard solid-dose products using conventional forming materials.

Operating costs are kept to a minimum – and process reliability to a premium – via the BEC 500's double-lane setup. Uhlmann's time-tested direct blister transfer ensures smooth end-to-end handling, and the integrated batch management system means that product-specific format data need only be entered once to be made available at all control units. Inspection and marking systems – including Uhlmann's Track & Trace, which offers 100% inline monitoring for comprehensive pharmaceutical reliability – are easily integrated into the line.

The new machine is extraordinarily flexible. Available in rotary or platen sealing, the BEC 500 is capable of efficiently producing complex shapes, rigid aluminum pockets, calendar packs and other non-traditional packages. Between runs, the machine features a newly-simplified format changeover process that allows a single person to completely reset the entire line in just 30 minutes without the use of tools. The process is made even easier by Uhlmann's new SmartControl operating system, which offers step-by-step guidance through the entire format changeover.

The closing station in the BEC 500's cartoner module is suitable for all standard carton-closing systems, including tuck-in and hot-melt, and the modular design of the packaging line allows for customized configurations, including an additional feeder for inserts, a checkweigher, and an end-of-line packaging machine.

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And for a machine that can perform so many functions, the BEC 500 is surprisingly easy to use. An open design makes the machine simple to supervise, and unhindered operating-side access to various stations permits material charging and servicing. The machine's smooth surfaces - free of sharp corners and edges - afford quick, easy cleaning.

"The new BEC 500 offers a ratio of flexibility to ease-of-use never before realized in an integrated blister-cartoner line," said Dirk Corsten, Managing Director of Uhlmann Packaging Systems L.P. "We knew that the machine's broad range of capabilities would only be as good as our customers' ability to efficiently utilize them and, in that regards, the BEC 500 represents Uhlmann's finest blister line to date."

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