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Heinz save time and money with semi-automatic pallet wrapping from Orion Packaging

The efficiency of cheesecake production at HJ Heinz Frozen & Chilled Foods was greatly improved by the recent introduction of a semi-automatic pallet wrapper at their Oakhampton factory in Devon.

Supplied by Orion Packaging, the LP400pps is a medium-duty, low-profile machine that uses power pre-stretch film control to wrap pallets at 16 to 18 rpm. According to Heinz Store Supervisor, Lxxxx Dxxxx, the Orion machine delivered impressive savings from day one:

“Most significant was that the LP400 is at least 30 per cent quicker than our old machine. This means that the two people who supply and remove products to and from the production line can now comfortably handle the job with time to spare to carry out other essential work around the factory.

“Equally important,” Lxxxx continued, “are the savings of up to 20 per cent on stretch wrap film which Orion’s pre-stretch film system provides.”

As part of this enhanced productivity, Orion developed bespoke software to ensure that each wrapped pallet is presented to the fork-lift truck operator on its longer side for immediate loading onto waiting lorries.

This eliminated the time-wasting process of having to turn every pallet the crucial quarter-turn by hand (as had been the case previously) which in turn speeds up the pallet wrapping and despatch process.

With 300 pallets of finished products per day going through the factory, this change represented an important improvement in efficiency.

“It was the ‘can-do’ attitude of Orion which persuaded us to go for that particular machine,” said Lxxxx. “By adapting their machine to our specific needs, we now have an excellent wrapping and handling solution.”

Editorial note

The powered pre-stretch capability of the LP400pps is based on an electric motor which turns two specially surfaced rollers rotating at different speeds. The film is threaded around these rollers and pre-stretched to make it much stronger and therefore able to contain bigger or shifting loads. This process also increases the yield of the film roll which makes stretch wrapping a highly economical way to unitise pallet loads.

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