

Flexibility and Speed of Autobag® SPrint™ System Enables Serco Ryan to Bag with Improved Efficiency



Serco Ryan is a national company who offers complete supply solutions on fasteners, fixings, cutting tools, sealing products, adhesives and "C" class consumables.

When Serco Ryan won a significant contract to supply parts in kit-form to a leading sanitary-ware manufacturer, the company required a fast and flexible system to help them meet the customers' requirements. The wide variety of products they had to pack demanded a highly flexible system to enable them to create a range of kit packs. The packaging process also needed to be fast, as the operator had to bag a mixture of fasteners, washers, pressings and gaskets to form each pack.

The company looked at a number of options including the use of bowl feeders and conveyors but opted to start with a manually fed Autobag SPrint system which gave them the option to expand in the future and link the system into automated in-feed equipment. The long load area presents the operator with multiple bag openings, increasing the number of open bags they can load, which gave them maximum flexibility and packaging speed.

"We chose SPrint because it gave us total flexibility," said **Serco Ryan's Supply Chain Director, Paul Cooke**. "We supply solutions, providing our customers with product on a just-in-time basis along with contract packing facilities. Because we offer a range of products to so many industries from white goods to boats and photocopiers, the flexibility that the SPrint system offers is very important to us."

"SPrint was ideally suited to our new contract but it also offered us an additional facility for the future. We can now offer other customers a tailor-made service to quickly bag a wider mix of products in bags specifically designed to reflect the customers needs. SPrint met our immediate demand for a new application and will prove to be an investment for the future."



