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CASE STUDY

Plumbing Parts Manufacturer Uses Custom Bag Packaging to Support Multiple Brands with Distinctive Solutions



Connections AML, of the United Kingdom, packages more than 4,000 different plumbing components for a large number of commercial and retail customers. Most of Connections' customers want their own unique branded plastic bags. The company previously used manual baggers to accommodate the required flexibility of fast and frequent changeovers.

In 2006, Connections AML asked Automated Packaging Systems to help create a solution for faster, more cost-effective packaging. They needed a bag packaging system that would provide high throughput, fast changeovers and custom printing capabilities for a wide range of bag sizes and volumes.

The Autobag® Solution

Automated Packaging Systems recommended their Autobag AB 180 baggers with AutoLabel™ PI 412cw™ Prism thermal transfer imprinters. This bag-on-a-roll packaging system is engineered for high-throughput

applications in automatic and semi-automatic modes. The system can package and print up to 80 bags per minute and accommodates a wide range of clear, colored or pre-printed bag-on-a-roll materials.

This particular configuration includes a thermal transfer printer for easy customized printing directly onto the bag just before it is packed. This inline printer can print on two sides of the bag at the same time. It prints 12 inches per second at 203 dpi and supports virtually all bar code formats.

Connections AML installed two of these Autobag systems in 2006. Two years later, having realized the benefits in productivity, efficiency and cost savings, they installed four more systems with the same Autobag AB 180 bagger and AutoLabel PI 412cw Prism printer.

The Benefits

Automated Packaging Systems was able to deliver a bag packaging solution with:

- Reduced Costs
- Increased Productivity
- Ease of Use
- Fast Changeover Between Runs



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