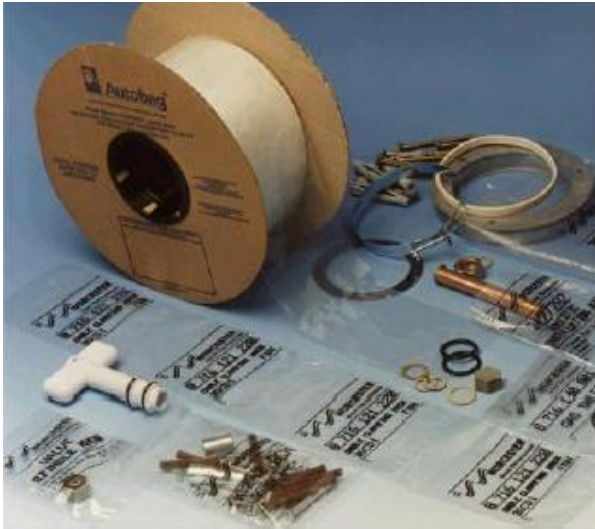


## Autobag<sup>®</sup> Increases Productivity for Worcester Bosch by 50%



Worcester Bosch, manufacturers of domestic gas and oil-fired boilers traditionally used mini-grip bags with self-adhesive labels to package its installation kits. As part of the procedure, labeled sub-kits were packed and then collated and packed again in larger boxes.

The company recognized a need to automate its packaging and labeling procedures and gain greater productivity through automation.

Automated Packaging Systems was approached and supplied an Autobag "Print-n-Pack" system, comprising of an Excel<sup>™</sup> bagger and Precision<sup>™</sup> thermal transfer imprinter, with a Maximizer in-feed conveyor. This

configuration allowed the sub-kits to be sorted and PE bags to be both filled and printed in a single pass. As the printing was part of the bagging process, there were immediate savings in labor times and costs.

**Sue Williams, Print Pack Team Leader** at Worcester Bosch said, "Using Autobag equipment helped us to achieve our productivity goals and we experienced an overall productivity increase of 50 percent in our kit packaging operation. Much of this improvement was directly attributable to the Autobag system and elimination of the need for printing separate labels. A further bonus was a near 100 percent accuracy of kit contents with neater and better looking bags."

Sue Williams concluded, "Because Autobag bags are permanently sealed, they are tamper-evident, giving much improved security as an additional and important benefit."

