

Ready, Set, BOX!

25 Years of Commitment to Short-Run Box Making Equipment

The year 2004 marked the 25th anniversary of Autobox in manufacturing and supplying machines for short-run corrugated box making. Since its creation in 1979, the company has grown from its small beginnings in Leighton Buzzard, UK to become the world leader in its field. Autobox stands out in the industry as a company with extensive experience and which has sold machines to many different countries around the world.



When Autobox identified the short-run box making concept in its early days, it began by supplying 2 pass boxmaker machines to the end user market. Following growth in demand for short-run production of boxes, the company subsequently marketed its machines to sheet plants and the packaging industry and added single pass machines, as well as all the ancillary finishing equipment necessary to ensure that short-run corrugated box making could be achieved speedily and economically across all markets. Today, Autobox is an established and dynamic business in the expanding short-run box making market, with an extensive global network of outlets selling machines worldwide.

„A new Generation.“

During 2004 Autobox launched its new Generation 7 machines, which includes both the Boxmaker and Hipak ranges. This new generation of machines is a significant leap forward in short-run corrugated box making machines with advanced features and functions. The new Generation 7 has improved hardware, which incorporates both the B&R 5.7” and 10.4” color touch screen Power Panel control technology. Both machines use the ACOPOS servo drive systems. As with all Autobox machines, the new versions provide a high degree of flexibility in production and can be set up extremely quickly without requiring any specialist skills. The new display software developed in conjunction with B&R is easier and clearer to program as well as effortless to learn and set up. A simple to use color touch screen now means that changing batch orders is quicker and easier, and production data can be readily captured, stored and retrieved. The software can also record timings for future production scheduling and retain batch information.

“Output can be increased by up to 50%.”

With all these enhancements the new machines are even faster to set up, making smaller runs even more cost effective and increasing production output by up to 50%. Machine accuracy and repeatability have also been further improved. Kevin Pilcher, Tech-



“All our machines were delivered on schedule and our clients were all delighted with the graphic displays on color touch screens and the faster, more accurate box production.”

Mike Charlesworth
Managing Director
Autobox

nical Manager at Autobox, said „we are very excited by the improvements that we have achieved and our customers will agree when they see them – the benefits are clear. The feedback to date has been extremely positive.“

„Just in Time.“

The new Generation 7 machines allow companies to manufacture their own corrugated boxes on a just-in-time basis from a vast range of FEFCO styles with a set up time of only a few seconds. Create your own boxes, large or small, from a production run of one to thousands! These are truly significant advances in the field of short run box making machinery.

Since the new machines introduction Autobox has had unprecedented success as a result of exhibiting at recent exhibitions such as Total Birmingham UK, East Pack in New York, the Drupa in Düsseldorf, FachPack in Nuremberg, SuperCorr in Atlanta and the Salon de l’emballage in Paris.

“New Machine achieves unprecedented success.”

A record number of orders were taken during the shows and additional orders have been completed since from



The intuitive operator interface employs a Power Panel with Touch Screen. Box style, size, operating speed and many other parameters are set using clear, easy to understand graphics and symbols. Even multiple interface languages are no problem.

the enquiries made as a direct result of the company’s participation at these events. Naturally, at all of Autobox’s exhibition displays, the excellent benefits of the full range of products are actively demonstrated. This makes the exhibition environment an ideal opportunity for potential users to see for themselves the real benefits of the Autobox short-run box making machines.

Mike Charlesworth, Managing Director, comments “Looking into the future, we continue to anticipate significant growth opportunities in the short-run corrugated box making market and we are well placed to make sure that our customers can profit from both our expertise and equipment. We are very proud to have reached 25 years in this industry.”

