

continued from page 76
space. — *FineLine Technologies*, 157 Technology Parkway, Ste. 700, Norcross, Ga., 30092; 800/500-8687; finelinetech.com



ENHANCED BAG PRODUCTION

Rovema has redesigned the SBS Brick Pack machine to produce flat-bottom bags with a variety of top-closing designs and reclosable features. The new machine encapsulates the features of a fully automatic vertical form/fill/seal machine, including as many as two simultaneous vertical baggers. The SBS machine integrates horizontal conveyors that condition the product and adjust bag heights for sealing. SBS can work with a variety of materials to produce block bottom/top packages. The machine is capable of running several bags sizes on one machine. The machine

enhances the ability to fill at different speeds and variances for precision, product sensitivity and freshness, according to the company. A separate filling station with low product drop ensures that damage to fragile products is minimized. The SBS creates 43 bag top styles and does secondary packaging. — *Rovema Packaging Machines*, 650 Hurricane Shoals Rd., N.W., Lawrenceville, Ga., 3005; 770/513-9604

ACCURATE COUNTERSINK GAUGES

Wilkins-Anderson Co. introduced new WACO gauges that provide accurate measurements from the top of a can's double seam to the bottom of the countersink adjacent the chuck wall. Countersink gauges for beverage cans are 4 inches long and use a carbide tip with a .015-inch radius. They can be equipped with either a 2-inch diameter dial indicator, which reads to .001 inches; a 2-inch diameter metric dial indicator, which reads to .01 mm.; or a digital indicator that is switchable between inches and millimeters, and reads to .0001/.001 mm. The digital indicator has an SPC output for connection to automated seam analysis systems such as the WACO

Accuseam 2000. All WACO countersink gauges are supplied in a foam-lined plastic case. — *Wilkins-*

Anderson Co., 4525 W. Division St., Chicago, Ill., 60651; 800/847-2222; waco-lab-supply.com

STREAMLINE THE PICKING PROCESS

Cascade Layer Pickers enhance production and increase efficiency

For years warehouse managers have pushed and prodded, picked and packed pallets by hand to get the right mix of product because picking machinery was expensive. Fortunately, for smaller warehouse facilities, Cascade Corp.'s Layer Picker provides an efficient and cost-effective way to handle mixed pallet orders.

"Unlike other pickers we've had, the great advantage of the Layer Picker is that it can pull products from 90° from either side of the rail system," says Ray Mensing, warehouse manager at Golden Eagle Budweiser, Tucson, Ariz. "It also cuts down on the amount of equipment you need."

In addition to decreasing equipment expenses, the Layer Picker streamlines the picking process and increases the speed of pallet production without adding labor. By decreasing the number of people needed to do the work and reducing the physical labor involved, the picker is a cost-effective way to handle single or multiple layers of both canned and bottled product.

According to Bill Owsley, vice president of facilities planning at Hensley & Co., Phoenix, Ariz., the unique features of the Layer Picker were designed with actual input from the end user.

"Through our local forklift dealership we had a couple meetings [with Cascade engineers], discussed the parameters and specs of the competitors and looked at how [the picker] could be improved," Owsley says. "The Layer Picker has allowed us to move into the 21st Century." — *Cascade Corp.*, 2201 NE 201st Ave., Fairview, Ore., 97024; 800/227-2233; cascorp.com



www.globalbeveragegroup.com



Your One-Stop Source For DSD Beverage Solutions.

Global Beverage Group offers the greatest breadth of integrated and complementary products that support the supply chain execution processes for the beverage industry.



Route Accounting	Mobile Solutions	Warehouse & Logistics	Asset Management	Business Intelligence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales & Delivery Management (SDMS) • Route/box • OASIS/400 and ASP Solution • SIMAS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Route Xpress NP • Merchandising Automation • SOM • Field Service Automation • Mobile Sales Automation • Automated Inventory Module (AIM) • Palmtoc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Load Optimizer • Roadshow Dynamic Routing • Roadshow Sales & Territory Planner • Roadshow Express 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment Management (VMS) • Fleet Management (FMS) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powerools

Go to www.bevindustry.com/quickresponse for more information