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APULLMA's new bucket filling machine separates bucket stacks automatically

Saves personnel and time



Lutten (Oldb.), Germany, February 15, 2007 APULLMA Maschinenfabrik is introducing a new bucket filling machine for the first time at the POWTECH exhibition (hall 9, stand 9-131). This innovative machine automatically feeds in and separates stacks of plastic buckets and covers. The machine is designed to handle both high-quality containers and the inexpensive plastic buckets commonly used in cost-sensitive mass-market applications, which are much harder to handle automatically. Stacking creates such a great amount of negative pressure in the buckets that automatic separation has been impossible up to now. This machine also solves the automation problems caused by the tendency of the handles of the top buckets in a stack to become caught on the buckets below. This is achieved irrespective of where the bucket handle is located: it is lifted before the buckets are separated.

The first bucket separation machine has already been installed together with APULLMA's proportioning scale and loader-transport conveyor technology at a fertilizer plant. It has been in operation now for several months without a single

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complaint. Since then, the user has been saving both personnel costs and time. The filling machine, which previously had to be manually loaded with buckets, now functions alone. In addition, the new proportioning scale itself is twice as fast.

Amortization

The machine is the market's first automatic handler to truly address the price-sensitive end of the market, in addition to applications involving high-quality, high-value products. Per batch, the machine saves personnel costs for separation which would otherwise have to be included in the calculation. With corresponding throughput, the machine is amortized within a few months and offers significant competitive advantages.

Application areas

Application areas for the new, fully-automated bucket filling machine include paints and lacquers, granulates and salts, feed and fertilizer, as well as in the food processing industry for the packaging of large batches (for instance mayonnaise and salads). If desired, the machine is also available in special stainless steel.

About Apullma

APULLMA has a 100-year pedigree in metal fabrication, and since 1975 the company has specialized in conveying systems and solutions. Customers include leading European companies in the food processing industry, agriculture and industrial manufacturing. The entire company is geared towards providing individual solutions to customer's problems, with the quality, reproducibility and productivity usually associated with standard products. The company's 6000 sqm factory employs 50 people, and makes use of the latest automated metal-processing techniques to fabricate products using a wide range of different metals and other materials. Apullma has particular expertise in fabricating with stainless steel (VA, V2A, V4A) and special plastics, primarily used in the food processing industry.

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