Latest advancements for plastic film packaging sector

BOBST range of web-fed solutions

Converters wanting to leverage technology to improve productivity and deliver added value output to their customers will be interested to learn more about the advancements being offered by BOBST.

The brand new K5 VISION vacuum metallizer has been developed for CPP film producers and converters, owing to its dedicated features for handling heat-sensitive films and thin gauge substrates, while the K5 EXPERT is a perfect fit for high volumes, high speed and wider web requirements.

BOBST also continues to improve its range of extrusion coating and coating lines, through the introduction of the new CO 5000 and CO 8000 coating machines. Each customized solution brings with it a stream of new technical developments in a variety of segments, including aluminum lacquering for pharmaceutical and food applications, no-label-look labels and A0X or SiOx protective or barrier coatings.

Compact in size and competitive in price, BOBST CL 750 multi-technology and SL 750 solvent-less laminators deliver ‘best in class’ performance for a wide spectrum of substrates and web combinations in the segment of high-end packaging, from very short run production upwards.

For gravure printing, alongside the RS 6002, the innovative technologies of the new RS 6003 platform will be illustrated. In CI flexo printing, BOBST solutions meet the demands of the Indian market, with the new MW series especially suited for production in the medium to lower wide-web range and a mix of job lengths.

The BOBST M6 line exemplifies the advantages of inline UV flexo and all-in-one multi-process printing, as well as the benefits of BOBST Digital Flexo automation combined with 7-color REVO Extended Color Gamut printing, which has succeeded in uniting the entire press workflow through centralized standards and fully digitized press operation.

Displays on the Plastindia stand will highlight BOBST’s strong commitment to continuously enhance its capabilities to support its customers after equipment sales and installation through the extent and quality of the benchmark services offered and worldwide presence.

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The first cut of the ROBOSLIT was displayed at the Plastindia 2012 exhibition in New Delhi, even as the debugging process was underway. The objective, which was to introduce the concept of dual turret slitter rewinders in the sub-continent, was largely met, with many visitors expressing their interest to see the machine in action, delivering twice as much output as the duplex slitter rewinder, as claimed by SP Ultraflex.

In the years that followed, the prototype of the ROBOSLIT underwent a series of iterations and by the time the updated version was displayed in Plastindia 2015, the design was by far and large standardized and the machine had been taken into commercial production. What’s more, a couple of early installations brought further feedback for improvements. Plastindia 2015 saw the machine running flawlessly at 600 meters per minute, twice a day, on all six days of the show. Incidentally, the company also celebrated its 30th anniversary in 2015.

Since Plastindia 2015, the speed of the ROBOSLIT series has been increased to 800 meters per minute. Furthermore, to address diverse preferences with respect to layouts, the series has been categorized into three, well-differentiated models, namely the ROBOSLIT RL (Rear loading), the ROBOSLIT OHP (Overhead path) and the ROBOSLIT FSU (Free standing unwind). In the last three years, as many as eighteen machines have been installed in different parts of India and overseas, as more and more customers realize the advantages of dual turret technology.

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