

Alpha Packaging Delivers Customized Solutions With Help From Baysek Machines

Alpha Packaging, Inc. was founded in 1987 and is the largest independent corrugated plant in Arkansas, according to President Mike Stec. The 150,000-sq-ft facility in Greenwood sits on 14 ½ acres and converts about 23 million-sq-ft of board per month. The company has grown considerably since its founding. It was started in a design room and relocated to a 20,000-sq-ft building in 1988 and then a 30,000-sq-ft facility in 1989. It was moved to its current facility in 1992 and has expanded several times, adding warehouses in Missouri, Louisiana, Fort Smith and Springdale, AR.



The C-170 rotary anvil flatbed diecutter from Baysek Machines is providing labor saving efficiencies for diecut corrugated packaging and even foam.

The manufacturing floor is equipped with state-of-the-art machinery, capable of creating virtually any style container, including triplewall, and plastic corrugated. There is even a foam plant within the box plant, which pairs well with in-house kitting. There is also custom made equipment for special projects.

Stec describes Alpha Packaging as “service intensive,” providing customers with vendor management inventory requirements and design opportunities.

Over the years, investments in machinery, staffing and design capabilities have ensured high customer retention and satisfaction. One of the newer purchases is a C-170 fully automatic rotary anvil flatbed diecutter from Baysek Machines. The diecutter can cut, strip, count and stack up to 60,000 pieces per hour or 1800 sheets per hour.

Stec says he contacted Baysek in 2018 and knew the machine would fit perfectly into his operations as labor became more difficult to find. “We were looking for ways to reduce the number of hand touches required in stripping, stacking of interior diecut packaging and even preparing pizza boxes to cycle through the shrink tunnel.”

The C-170 produces nick-free, multiple-out diecuts with one operator. It is ideal for partitions, bakery and pizza circles, and food and pharmaceutical boxes. It can handle sheet sizes from 20- x 20-inch up to 55- x 67-inch and flute thicknesses from F- to B/C-doublewall.

While the machine does not run as fast as Alpha Packaging’s other rotary diecutters in the plant, he says, “It can run a larger multiple out because you don’t have to worry about stacker issues. The Baysek is a classic sheet plant piece of equipment that gives your plant capabilities which competition does not have.”

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Alpha is also using the C-170 to diecut foam. “I believe we were Baysek’s first customer to use the machine to diecut foam products. We put a diverter line in to handle the trimmings of plastic corrugated, foam and other products,” he says.

Stec characterizes the experience with Baysek as “very professional, with an efficient installation process, basic training and personal service after the sale.”

Tim Engle, Baysek National Sales Manager, adds, “Mike and his team were very professional and fun to work with during the sales and installation process. We look forward to continuing to support Alpha Packaging with excellent after sales care.”

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