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NEW PACKAGING MACHINE MINI

Versatile packaging machine with space saving footprint is optimized for small packages

The vertical form, fill and seal machine is the third generation of the packaging machines suitable for small package sizes. Its optimized compact, modular design and the broad range of available options ensure flexible application for packaging different products such as small portions of sauces, dressings or nuts and croutons as well as cheese.

With MINI, GKS once again offers an extremely compact and competitive packaging machine, built according its inventive simplicity and characterized by a “frameless design”. In its optimized third generation the small vertical form, fill and seal machine incorporates the proven advantages and innovative modularity of the CP and UP packaging machine series in addition to improvements derived from the predecessor machines MP125 and MP150.

The MINI has a capacity of up to 65 bags per minute with a maximum bag width of 160mm, thus it is suitable for creating small packages of bulk goods, as e.g. nuts, grated or diced cheese and croutons as well as fluids like dressings and sauce. As standard, it produces pillow bags, but optionally also self-standing bags can be produced.

The machine is equipped as standard with a heat sealing system for PP/laminate/paper-material, lateral film adjustment, a 7” full color touchscreen, end of film detection and servo controlled film transport. The design of this ‘frameless’ machine also takes into account the CO2 footprint and the environment. For example, the side frames are made entirely of recycled ocean plastic.

The MINI can be equipped with many options: sealing system for PE film, MAP packing, easy opening with pouring opening, block bottom mechanism, photocell for pre-printed film and thermal transfer printer. Also several types of dosing systems can be placed above MINI, such as a weigher, pump or auger filler. Due to its low construction height, MINI is also very suitable for manual filling. The machine has an open construction, so it is easy to clean and parts are easily accessible. This creates a reduction in downtime and costs during maintenance work. Options and components can be retrofitted easily and quickly.

KRONEN cooperates with GKS packaging B.V. since more than 15 years in order to offer customers a one-stop shop for complete processing solutions including cutting, washing, dewatering, peeling, disinfection up to packaging. GKS Packaging, located in the Netherlands, specializes in cost-effective, flexible packaging solutions with a focus on vertical form, fill and seal machines. KRONEN processing and GKS packaging solutions complement each other perfectly and have been combined in processing lines around the world. The proven integration of the German and Dutch machines enables efficient solutions for all processing steps and guarantees a comprehensive planning and implementation process.



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About KRONEN GmbH

KRONEN is a family-owned, globally operating producer and supplier of stand-alone and special machines as well as of high-tech processing lines for the Fresh-cut industry. The product range of KRONEN and its partners covers fruit, vegetable and salad processing solutions for preparing, cutting, washing, de-watering, peeling, disinfecting and packaging.

In addition, KRONEN offers technical solutions for sectors such as meat and fish, bakery products, convenience and ready meals, dried and frozen products as well as pet food.

Today, the company based in Kehl at the Rhine in Germany has over 120 employees and a second production site in Achern, representations in more than 80 countries worldwide and delivers its products in over 100 countries around the globe.

With more than 40 years of experience in food technology, KRONEN considers it a major commitment to keep traditional values such as quality awareness, and focuses on a sustainable, holistic approach for the hygienic and safe production of healthy food. KRONEN aims at being a think tank, creating innovative solutions in line with the customers' needs and for their benefits. In close cooperation with industry and research, it ensures a high consulting and planning expertise.

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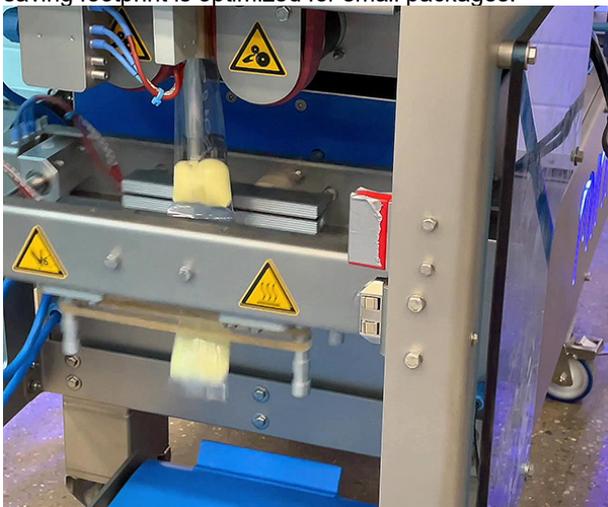
**Pictures by GKS Packaging:
Packaging machine MINI and packages produced by MINI**



The new versatile packaging machine MINI with space saving footprint is optimized for small packages.



Many options are available for the MINI to allow for flexible adaptation of the machine to different requirements.



Packaging machine MINI produces small packages of bulk goods and fluids.



Fluids such as sauces and dressings can be packaged portion wise.



Also bulk goods can be packaged in small packages.



Packages of nuts as well as nuts mixed with raisins etc. can be created.