

East Pack '08

PAC Machinery Group will exhibit at the 2008 East Pack show in New York, booth #4417, at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, from June 3-5.

This is the largest packaging show on the East Coast. The latest advances in packaging and processing will be on display. Leading experts and technical advisors will be present to answer questions and discuss product specifications and requirements. [Click here](#) for FREE PASSES to East Pack.



MD&M East '08

PAC Machinery Group will also exhibit at the Medical Design & Manufacturing East show, booth #2648. The show takes place simultaneously with East Pack and will include resources for the design and manufacture of both current and next-generation medical devices. [Click here](#) for FREE PASSES to MD&M East.



Converting Technology Expands Manufacturing Operations to Meet Customer Needs

New Equipment Advances Sales Opportunities and Gives Converting Technology a Competitive Edge

Converting Technology, a member of PAC Machinery Group, has increased its production capacity through the purchase of additional servo-driven wicketed and flat bag converting equipment.

By installing new equipment at their facility in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, Converting Technology has substantially increased capacity and efficiency.

"This new equipment allows us to be more competitive with our flat and wicketed bag offerings," says Gregory Berguig, business development manager at Converting Technology. "This helps us better meet the needs of our customers."...[Read more](#)



PAC Seals Meals for Space Travel

NASA Packages Meals with the VMS 153V Vacuum Sealer

Packaging Aids Corporation (PAC) has become an important part of the NASA space meal program. All food for the NASA space program is vacuum packaged. The majority of the thermostabilized foods, which comprise approximately one quarter of the menu items offered, are packed by PAC's VMS 153V. NASA purchased PAC's VMS 153V, vertical vacuum packaging machine to pack food for space travel



NASA has been vacuum sealing food since the Gemini Program in the 1960s. Since NASA's purchase of PAC's VMS 153V their productivity in meal packaging has improved dramatically. Sealing up to 250 meals a day, NASA is now able to seal three meals in the time it used to take to seal one.

NASA used to use a regular seal bar that was tilted so the pouch could be sealed vertically with no vacuum and held in place by hand. NASA purchased the VMS 153V which is the vertical version of the VMS 153. This machine allows NASA to stand up three pouches inside and pull a vacuum. This increased their productivity and allowed the removal of the majority of headspace from the pouch. ...
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PMG New Staff Additions

John Schoop joins Packaging Aids as the receptionist/customer support in the San Rafael office. He brings over 20 years of customer service experience to the position. Previously, John worked as a drafter/assistant at Haegglund Architecture.



Bruce Mackenzie comes to Packaging Aids as an assembler/repair technician. Bruce previously worked at Artificial Muscle in Sunnyvale. He is an automotive enthusiast.



David Fagundes is the AR/AP accountant for Packaging Aids. David recently relocated from San Diego. Previously, he was in accounts receivable/payable for European Natural Stone in San Diego and was an owner of a mobile vaccination service for cats and dogs in the Northbay.



PMG In the News

Check out where PMG is featured on the Web and in the trade media:

- *Packexpo TV*
PMG's VMS 163 is on Packexpo TV. The VMS 163 was used in a Mythbusters test on vacuum sealing meat. To view the video, [click here](#).
- *YouTube*
PMG short video machine demonstrations are now present on YouTube. New video demonstrations of machines are constantly being uploaded to the Web site. [Click here](#) to see the latest video demonstrations.



Tech Tips: Check for Wear on Teflon® Element Covers

- Check for wear and properly select Teflon® element covers.
- Make sure the heater element is adhesive free to allow for heater element expansion.
- For replacement Teflon [click here](#).



Worn Teflon®

Pack Facts

- Who invented Teflon®?

Teflon®, a registered trademark of the DuPont Company, is made from a family of amorphous fluoropolymers. Teflon® was discovered in 1938 by Dr. Roy J. Plunkett. Dr. Plunkett was working on freon (for the DuPont corporation) and accidentally polymerized tetrafluoroethylene. The result was PTFE (polytetrafluoroethylene), more commonly known as Teflon®.



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