## shawpalk

MEDICAL PACKAGING SOLUTIONS

rotary thermoforming machine

The shawpak RT series is a revolutionary machine offering a thermoforming solution to your packaging needs that is totally unique.

Designed, manufactured and built in the UK at our state-of the-art engineering facility based in Derby, every care has been taken to ensure the machines are built to the highest quality.


Amazingly flexible, portable, energy efficient and above all compact and easily intergrated into an automated cell.

These are just a few of its unique attributes. The shawpak is just so different - its tiny size and flexible layout means that it can be configured in so many different ways to suit the customer's requirements.


The innovative shawpak machine brings not only an increase in efficiency but also future proofs your production plans. The machine is designed to accept multiple tool and pack sizes, and all machines are designed to form both rigid and flexible blisters as standard. The shawpak thermoforming machine is very versatile and made to each customers bespoke application.


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shawpak Single Piece Flow
The shawpak thermoforming machines are perfectly designed to facilitate single piece



The benefits of single piece flow are the small footprint and loading area, enabling the shawpak machine to be integrated easily into production cells, which increases production efficiencies. There are no tool changes needed and this reduces double handling as it's directly packaged.
Packaging product direct from automated assembly lines reduces; packaging errors, product contamination and eliminates repeat inspection.
Shawpak offer a turnkey solution and can assist with all aspects of the packaging process, from pack design to material selection.

AN OPTIMUM SINGLE PIECE FLOW SYSTEM

## shawpak RT Series Machine Dimensions

|  |  | densions | Machin | mensior | (inches |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Model | Max Flexible Pack Size mm (inches) | Max Die cut Pack Size mm (inches) | A | B | C |
| RT32-20 | $\begin{gathered} 320 \times 200 \times 80 \\ \left(12^{5 / 8} \times 7^{7 / 8} \times 3^{5 / 32}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 300 \times 180 \times 80 \\ \left(11^{13 / 16} \times 7^{3 / 32} \times 3^{5 / 32}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1705 \\ & \left(67^{1 / 8}\right) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1133 \\ \left(44^{19 / 32}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1004 \\ & \left(39^{1 / 2}\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| RT42-25 | $\begin{gathered} 420 \times 250 \times 100 \\ \left(16^{1 / 2} \times 9^{27 / 32} \times 3^{30 / 32}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 400 \times 230 \times 80 \\ \left(15^{3 / 4} \times 9^{1 / 66} \times 3^{5 / 32}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1825 \\ \left(71^{27 / 32}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1212 \\ \left(47^{1 / 1 / 6}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1004 \\ & \left(39^{1 / 2}\right) \end{aligned}$ |
| RT62-25 | $\begin{gathered} 620 \times 250 \times 100 \\ \left(24^{13 / 2} \times 9^{27 / 32} \times 3^{30 / 32}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 600 \times 230 \times 80 \\ \left(23^{5 / 8} \times 9^{1 / 16} \times 3^{5 / 32}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1905 \\ (75) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 1409 \\ \left(55^{15 / 32}\right) \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1004 \\ & \left(39^{1 / 2}\right) \end{aligned}$ |



Process 4 - Top Web Unwind
As with the base web, accurate tension and lateral tracking control of the top web are essential for reliable lidding. The shawpak top web unwind has the same servo motor driven unwind as the base web unwind. Tension is also controlled in order to register pre-printed web material into position. As well as tension control, web tracking and alignment are critical to ensure the top web feeds on to the drum in the required position. Lateral position can be adjusted in 0.1 mm increments either manually or automatically with the top web auto tracking option.

Process 4

Process 5 - Sealing Station
Once loaded the drum will rotate anti-clock wise. At this point the top web of material will be rolled onto the drum to captivate the product in the cavity prior to the sealing process. Once at the seal station the seal plate will operate to pre-defined time and pressure station the seal plate will operate to pre-defined time and pressure
settings. The Airflex bellows system ensures the seal tool produces a perfectly even pressure over the required seal area. All process parameters are monitored each machine cycle and measured back to ensure the cycle has been completed to the set specification. As with the forming station, all settings are logged for each job and restored the next time the particular tool set is to be run.
$\qquad$ Process 5

Process 6 - Cutting
The shawpak has many different types of cutting available to suit the needs of the pack. These include a crosscut knife, centre cutter, plunge perforation knife, multi lane crush cut for pack seperation/perforation cut and die cutting for rigid packs.


Process 3 - Product Loading Station
Product loading takes place at the very top of the drum. Multiple pockets can be loaded at a time while the drum is stationary. The loading area is guarded by bespoke safety infills which ensure operative safety. The small footprint of the shawpak makes it easy to integrate into many different production environments. Simple manual loading can take place from a workstation right the way through to full integration into an automated production cell. Machine height, process orientation and specific functions of the machine can all be customised to meet individual customer requirements.


Process 2 - Film Forming Station
The ten stage Pureform forming process has been developed specifically for the shawpak. Temperature, vacuum and compressed air are all used in combination to generate the perfect forming conditions for the film being processed. All settings are monitored each machine cycle and measured back to ensure the cycle has been completed to specification. The principles of the unique shawpak pocess eliminates the need for numerous vacuum holes on the thermoforming cavity leading to high quality formings with minimal cosmetic witness marks. All form settings are logged for each job and restored the next time that particular tool set is to be run.

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## shawpak Tooling

A tool set consists of four main parts:

- Forming Drum
- Form Heater
- Seal Heater
- Controlled Take-off Assembly
- Die cut Cutting Board \& Base (if required)
The innovative design means that tooling is compact, economic and above all quick and simple to change.



## Forming Drum

The forming drum is completely bespoke to the product and cavities are designed around the size and shape of the medical device. This can be as simple as a basic rectangle through to a contoured 3D design with embossed surfaces.
The drum design allows pack support
and control of the product throughout the whole
process to ensure packaging integreity is not compromised.


All Shawpak tooling is designed, manufactured and built in-house utilising the latest CAD/CAM
technology.

## shawpak Pureform

Pureform is shawpak's unique forming process that eliminates witness blow holes and cold spots. Through high pressure air flow the Pureform process rapidly evacuates the air between the forming material and heater plate allowing highly consistent direct contact which eliminates any cold spots on the forming material. Airflow is through slots on the outer edge of the cavity without leaving any witness marks. These combined features give excellent consist clarity to the blister.

shawpak Specifications

| Main Machine | dard | Option |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rotary Index Drive | $\bullet$ |  |
| Clear Acrylic Front Guard \& Doors | - |  |
| Operator Interface Mounted on a Swivel Arm | - |  |
| Electric/Pneumatic Enclosures | - |  |
| Bolt Down Machine Feet | - |  |
| Four Colour Light Beacon |  | 0 |
| Forming Head |  |  |
| Airflex Form Bellows | - |  |
| Digital Form Pressure Control | - |  |
| Servo Driven Toggle Lock Form Head | - |  |
| Pureform Heater | - |  |
| Plug Assist |  | 0 |
| Sealing Head |  |  |
| Airfex Form Bellows with Digital Pressure Control | - |  |
| Servo Driven Toggle Lock Form Head | - |  |
| Base Web Unwind |  |  |
| Base Web Servo Drive Unwind - $\varnothing 76 \mathrm{~mm}$ Mandrel | - |  |
| Base Web Edge Detection - Passive |  | 0 |
| Base Web Auto Tracking Adjustment |  | 0 |
| Splice Table |  | 0 |
| Top Web Unwind |  |  |
| Top Web Servo Drive Unwind - $\varnothing 76 \mathrm{~mm}$ Mandrel | - |  |
| Top Web Edge Detection - Passive |  | $\bigcirc$ |
| Top Web Auto Tracking Adjustment |  | 0 |
| Auto Print Registration Sensor for Pre-Printed Materials |  | 0 |
| Splice Table |  | 0 |
| Cutting |  |  |
| Servo Driven Crosscut | - |  |
| Centre Cut |  | 0 |
| Double Crosscut |  | 0 |
| Multi Lane Crush Cut |  | 0 |
| Multi Lane Perforation Cut |  | 0 |
| Plunge Cut Perforator |  | 0 |
| C Hole Punch (top \& base web) |  | 0 |
| Die Cut Station with Pack Ejection |  | $\bigcirc$ |
| Outfeed |  |  |
| Standard Low-Level Outfeed Conveyor | - |  |
| Swan Neck Conveyor (standard height of 850mm) |  | 0 |
| Reject Conveyor |  | 0 |



The shawpak method means
no gripper chains and no trim, leading to much less maintenance contamination and down-time Coupled with this, the product is placed into the mould that creates the form, meaning no blister edges can ever be trapped in the seal.
Another great benefit is that coding and labelling is kept simpler on a single lane basis
shawpak Servicing \& Spares
At shawpak, we take pride in working alongside our customers to provide a seamless, ongoing support service to aid continuous production and minimal downtime.
To ensure our customers benefit the utmost, it is important for us to be able to tailor our service plans around our customers individual needs.

Our service specialists are able to define highly economical maintenance plans to provide a worry-free approach to service and maintenance and enhance the performance of your packaging systems.


## 4 Year Total Care Plan

Our 4 Year Total Care Plan is a highly economical preventative maintenance plan we have put together to provide a worry free approach to service and maintenance to ensure increased efficiency and reduced downtime. This plan is based on one visit per annum comprising of a full service visit including on site labour and all mechanical parts changed by a qualified OEM engineer. This plan allows you to have a four year fixed budget for maintenance.
By having a shawpak total care plan in place, it means you'll have the benefit of a routine maintenance schedule planned around your production requirements

## 4 Year Calibration Plan

Our 4 Year Calibration plan is created for a proactive and easy to budget for approach to calibration. This plan is based on one visit per annum comprising of a full machine and tooling calibration.

## Setting You Up

shawpak's installation and commissioning process ensures efficiency from day one. As we understand the production process, we are able to set up your equipment line in the most effectual way. Having an installation carried out by one of our experienced service specialists will provide optimum performance and correct OEM set up.



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The creation of the shawpak was an invention by David Shaw, CEO of Riverside Medical Packaging.
Following the initial development of the shawpak rotary thermoformer, shawpak launched at Riverside Medical Packaging Co Ltd in 2018 on the back of 35 years of medical device
packaging experience.
From packaging design concept to reality shawpak design, build and manufacture standard, bespoke, and automated packaging machinery solutions.
Parts are machined in-house at our manufacturing facility which includes a range of CNC routers, a multi-bar turn mill centre and a range of 3 axis and 5 axis milling centres.
The shawpak range of products and services include:

- RT Series: RT32-20 | RT42-25 | RT62-25 | RT82-20
- LP Series: LP60-30 3SS | LP60-30 4SS | LP60-60 3SS

LB Series: LB63-38

- LT Series: LT63-38
- SS Series
- Integrated Solutions
- Upgrades \& Replacement Parts
- Remote Technical Support
- Maintenance Plans
- Training

shawpak are ISO 9001:2015 certified


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[^0]:    Process 1 - Base Web Unwind
    Accurate tension and lateral tracking control of the base web are essential for reliable thermoforming. The shawpak has a unique servo motor driven unwind to control tension to the exact tolerance of the material to be used. This flexible control means the shawpak can handle delicate 50 micron flexible films right through to 800 micron rigids. As well as tension control, web tracking and alignment are critical to ensure the web feeds on to the drum centrally and is captivated by the grippers each side. Lateral position can be adjusted in 0.1 mm increments either manually or automatically with the base web auto tracking option.

