



360° FROM PELLET TO PALLET EXPERTISE

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Sincro Bloc combines the highest output today in the market with the maximum container quality keeping reduced footprint, simplicity and hygiene.

Sincro Bloc is a compact integrated system for high speed blowing/filling/capping. The system guarantees high quality standard and output ranging from 14,000 to 52,800 bottles/hour.

Advantages

Costs reduction:

- Reduced operators number.
- Reduced consumption.
- No air conveyors: less energy consumption.
- No rinser: less water and energy consumption.
- Elimination of maintenance costs and change over times for the air conveyors.

Efficiency: the blow moulding machine and the filler are electronically coupled and special transferring systems are foreseen to reduce the stumblings. The integrated design of the system ensure an high efficiency of the overall platform.

Lightweight: Sincro Bloc is the most suitable solution for the treatment of extreme lightweight bottles.

Hygiene: a preform treatment system, the short connection between blowing and filling, the over-pressured environment are guaranty of high hygiene level.

Extreme operating flexibility: it can handle a wide range of bottles, necks and caps sizes (both flat and sport). Several technical innovations installed allow for a short change-over times.

Space saving and ergonomics: Sincro Bloc is the ideal solution for operations where reduced square footage is the primary requirement thanks to its extreme compactness and small overall dimensions. Only one operator controls the whole system.



- Non-Carbonated water
- Carbonated water
- CSD
- Clear juice
- Juice with fibre or pulp
- Isotonic and sport drinks
- Tea
- Hot filled products
- Fresh milk
- Edible Oil



Bottle blowing



Bottle transfer



Filling/Capping machine



Bottle Blowing

All SIPA rotary blowmolders, SFR range, can be coupled with filling monoblocs obtaining a wide range of applications and productivity.

SIPA rotary blowmolders represent today the cutting edge in blowing technology thanks to high performance in terms of output (2,200 bottles/hour/cavity), flexibility and reliability.

SFR: features and advantages

Preform transport system

- Simple chain in special plastic material (SIPA patent). No maintenance cost and time.
- No rotation of chain around its axis and no movement up and down to collect the preform.
- Dry operation (no grease).
- Pitch = 45 mm: better efficiency of heating, shorter oven and possibility to blow up to 43 mm neck finish bottles.
- Extremely quick tool-free spindle changeover when handling different preform necks.

Heating Oven

- Heating process less sensitive to frequent starts & stops of filling lines or environment temperature variations.
- Quick process set-up.
- Modular oven completely made in aluminum.
- Low thermal inertia: heat process consistency and quick cold start-up.
- Laminar ventilation: better process stability (SIPA patent).
- Low oven temperature: lower consumption.
- Very effective neck cooling.

Bottle Blowing

- Crocodile blowing mold opening (typical of all SIPA rotary blowmolders).
- Reduced pitch between two molds.
- Relevant space saving (20% to 30%) for the blowing wheel compared to equivalent machines: preforms & bottles centrifugal forces are very low.
- This means that grippers don't have to tight strongly the necks in order to keep preforms & bottles in straight position: this is a big advantage specially in case of light-weight necks which get hotter and could deform.
- Simplified transfer wheels with small diameters and lower peripheral speeds.
- Easier to maintain - accessibility of key elements.
- Quick mold changeover.
- Effective cooling system for bottle neck and aluminium mold base.

Touch screen operator interface (HMI)

- During the production process, the operator runs the system from a touch screen control panel.
- The user friendly interface with icons and reduced text allows for an easy system management and operators learning.
- The control panel features: 3D animations, videos for major maintenance operations, wiring diagrams and machine manuals.

Energy and compressed air savings

- With ARS Plus, an exclusive SIPA patented system for the recovery of compressed air, air recovered is used as primary air and part of high pressure air (blowing air) is used as service air for machine.
- Compressed air total savings up to 50%.
- Possibility of reducing the size of the compressor up to 45%.



The SFR blowmolder combines high outputs with maximum container flexibility. The same machine, in fact, with a simple conversion, can produce standard and hot fill containers. The system allows for very light neck finishes handling and neck diameters up to 43 mm.



Connection between filler and blow molding machine

Transfer module

The blowmolder and filler are electronically synchronized and physically connected by a transfer module.

The latter is composed of transfer starwheels which transport the bottles by the neck to the filling monoblock.

This solution offers the following main advantages:

- Extreme reliability: no hitches.
- Great flexibility: it can handle bottles of all shapes, even those without a neck ring.

Bottles are easily transferred from the blowing machine by means of a special "flexible" gripper first star-wheel to avoid bottles jam: the starwheel was designed with flexible pockets, which adjust any misalignment in the release of the blown bottles.

Again in this area, the bottle release is controlled in the event of a filler stop.

In order to keep bottle hygiene, the transfer module is surrounded by guards and, fitted with an overpressure system, the separation between the dry zone air (blowmolder) and wet zone air (filler) is assured.

Optional elements

To satisfy particular production needs, the module can be completed with a number of additional solutions, including:

Quick changeover

The starwheels can be equipped with a precise and rapid size change which works with different diameter necks without the need for any tools: e.g. 28 - 38 mm. The same philosophy is applied in the event of body guides replacement.

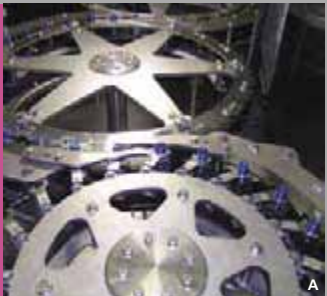
Bottle base cooling

In case of petaloid bottle base or special filling requirements of the product, a spray nozzle system can be installed to cool the bottom of the bottle. In order to reduce the costs of this application, the solution is fitted with a collection channel and water recirculation system.

"Lightweight" bottles

Sincro Bloc, thanks to its direct connection between bottle blowing and filling, is the perfect solution in case of lightweighting necks and bottles.

The lack of air conveyors, infact, eliminates any potential risk of bottle jams.





Filling

Sincro Bloc is extremely versatile in this process phase: the choice of filler, in fact, simply depends on the type of product to be filled.

The complete range of fillers can be matched with the rotary blowmolder: isobaric fillers, gravity fillers and hot fillers, both mechanical level and electronic volumetric versions.

Here is a list of the filler model which can be used in the Sincro Bloc solution with relative valve section:

ISOFILL P

Mechanical isobaric filler for carbonated products.

ISOTRONIC P

Volumetric isobaric filler for carbonated products.

STILLFILL S P

Gravity filler for still water.

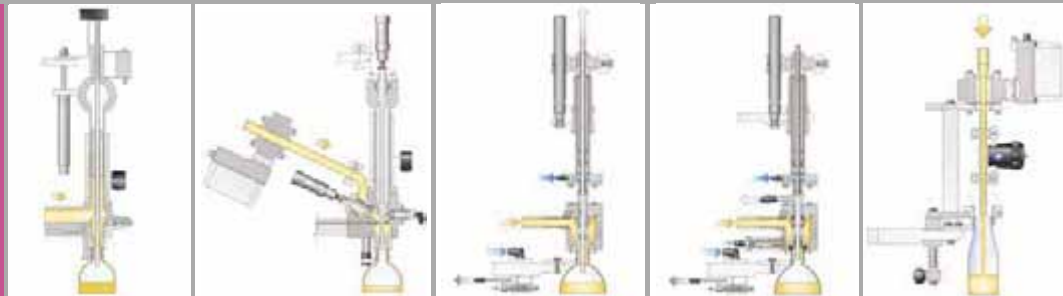
STILLFILL HR P

Gravity filler with recirculation for hot filling.

UNITRONIC P

Volumetric gravity filler for sensitive non-carbonated products.

The filling/capping area, whatever the type of filler used, it is configured with laminar flow cabins. Depending on the level of hygiene required by the customer, the hygiene level can reach ISO class 5.



Isofill P

Isotronic P

Stillfill S P

Stillfill HR P

Unitronic P

The possibility to keep the bottle clean after blowing is an extremely important element. The transfer module and filler are pre-set for CIP/COP/SIP operations: a guarantee of the highest hygiene standards.

All fillers can also be equipped with an innovative quick-change system to handle bottles with different neck diameters.



Capping machine

The last element in the process is the capping machine, which, synchronized with the filler, closes the bottles prior to outfeed. The management and correct feed of caps in the pick and place area is one of the most sensitive phases in the whole process in terms of risk of blockage on the descent channel. Since the whole process is fully synchronized we have designed several solutions to avoid stoppages on the Sincro Bloc caused by cap feed problems. In the event of a cap blockage, a signal blocks the preform feed and a special buffer empties the whole system without wasting even one bottle.

Depending on the different operating conditions, we have designed three different solutions:

Twin Hopper

This system is composed of two cap hoppers and relative descent channel to the pick and place. In the event of a blockage on the first, the system passes automatically to the second, allowing the operator to remove the blockage without stopping the capping operations until the machine is empty. During normal operations, at preset intervals the system passes from one hopper to the other to allow the caps stored inside to be replenished.

Dynamic Chute

This is a dynamic drum buffer, positioned between the hopper and the pick and place, and is composed of several vertical channels placed around the perimeter. The number of channels is set in order to hold a sufficient number of caps to guarantee an accumulation that allows the operator to clear the blockage

and completely empty the system. During normal operation the caps transit along the channel which at that moment is aligned with the descent channel. In the event of a blockage, the system starts to rotate, moving to the next channels and allowing the caps to be fed with no interruption.

Capstream

This is a gravitational cap feeder, which incorporates both the cap lift and hopper functions of the capping machine. During vertical lift, it makes sure that all caps are delivered oriented to the following descent to the pick and place. Oriented in this way, the caps are sent to the feed channel without the need for compressed air. The quantity of caps in the lift conveyor compartments, the great simplicity and efficiency of the descent solution, guarantees the quantity of caps required to assure the optimum operation of the Sincro Bloc.



Twin Hopper



Dynamic Chute



Capstream

The above systems can be completed with solutions to integrate the quality selection capacity or to increase the cleanliness of the caps. In the first case, an optical control tool (Capvision) is required, a video camera which selects the caps according to different parameters (color, deformation, ovalization, presence of safety ring etc.).

As far as the cap cleaning systems along the descent channel are concerned, different elements can be positioned such as the UV lamp system, dust suction and washing tunnels using disinfectants.



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