

Sonoco Alloyd Unveils New Aergo® 6E 100 Percent Electric Heat Sealing Machine at EastPack 2013

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Robust new design delivers added safety, convenience and productivity

DEKALB, Ill., June 13, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- Sonoco Alloyd, a unit of Sonoco (NYSE: SON), is pleased to introduce the industry's first 100 percent electric ergonomic heat sealing machine. Featuring numerous design improvements and operator-friendly enhancements, the new Aergo 6E represents a significant upgrade in cleanroom productivity and ease-of-use.

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A fully electronic rotary machine, the NFPA79-compliant Aergo 6E is equipped with one heat seal station, one eject station (both standard) and two additional open load stations that can be used to accommodate up to two feeders for versatile package styles. All machine movements of the Aergo 6E are electrically controlled, eliminating the need for compressed air.

In addition to being 100 percent electric, the most notable improvement to the Aergo 6E is a new heating plate mounting system. Operators simply insert the heating element into a guided shelf where it is locked into place. The heating plate can later be removed just as easily, allowing for quicker changeovers and safer operation. Additional features include an overload alert system, redundant safety switches, touch screen controls, an adjustable speed drive and a 36" load height to further enhance operator convenience.

"Sonoco Alloyd has raised the bar for sealing machine innovation," said Theresa Bronk, director, Sales and Marketing. "The new Aergo 6E highlights the robust quality our customers have come to expect with Sonoco Alloyd, and we plan to extend this 100 percent electric innovation across our line of Aergo sealing machinery."

Despite having an ample 12" x 16" seal area, the ultra-efficient Aergo 6E has a small machine footprint, ideal for small production floors or clean room facilities which might not have compressed air hook up capabilities. The Aergo 6E is ideal for a wide range of market segments including retail, automotive, HBA, hardware, medical, electronics and many others requiring high-volume capacity and frequent changeovers. Package applications include face seal blister-to-card, card-to-card and trapped packaging (two cards and a blister).

Sonoco Alloyd, a leading manufacturer and award-winning designer of high-visibility packaging and blister packaging machines for the retail and medical markets, will be showcasing the new Aergo 6E 100 percent electric heat sealing machine at EastPack Philadelphia at booth # 1211.

For more information about the Aergo heat sealing machines or Sonoco Alloyd's complete line of products, please visit our website at www.alloyd.com or contact customer service at (800) 756-7639.

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