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The Future for Packaging Machine Automation



Steffen Winkler, head of branch management packaging and printing in the Electric Drives and Controls business unit at Bosch Rexroth AG: "Automation is going to play an increasingly important role in packaging machine engineering."

On the occasion of the interpack 2008, Steffen Winkler, head of branch management printing and packaging in the Electric Drives and Controls business unit at Bosch Rexroth AG, takes a look at what is in store for packaging machinery engineering in the near future:

"As the leading player in terms of innovation and technology, Rexroth has had a major influence on the automation of packaging machinery since the eighties. Over the last thirty years automation has come to play an increasingly important role in packaging machine engineering. We can see that intelligent automation is the critical lever when it comes to achieving really fast product and/or format changes, keeping required operator intervention as short as possible and foreseeing machine failures well in advance.

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The next generations of machines will have the following characteristics:

1. Packaging machines will increasingly be automated with modular software solutions which can be configured to individual customer requirements.
2. The simplicity of the application will be critical. In future it will be above all the automation firm offering the solution which is easiest to handle which will be ahead of the rest.
3. Packaging machines and plants will become more efficient in terms of energy consumption thanks to the use of modern drive and control systems.
4. Packaging machines will become safer and operator intervention therefore reduced to a minimum. Rexroth offers comprehensive Safety on Board solutions for the purpose.”

Rexroth at the interpack: hall 6A, booth 54/57

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