

Industry News

Sangeetha Machinery Company inaugurated



Mr. M. K. Ramasamy, one of the senior most Past-Presidents of FCBM inaugurated Sangeetha Machinery Co. in Chennai on 10th July, 2008, in the presence of Mr. Ramkumar Sunkara, Chairman, R&D, FCBM. Mr. R. Muthiah, Past-President, FCBM, Mr. Anil K. Reddy, Vice-President, FCBM, Mr. Lalit Lath, President of SICBMA. All Past-Presidents of SICBMA were present at the Inauguration Function.



View of the factory.

Sangeetha Machinery Co., the 1st of its kind in South India, is equipped with all types of machines to manufacture corrugation packaging.

Hitherto all Corrugated Box Industries in Tamil Nadu had to get their Machinery and Spares from Mumbai, Surat, Faridabad, Delhi, etc. Now they can source their requirements from Chennai itself. They can get their flute rolls refluited in 4 days. They can get their requirement very easily and save huge transport cost. The workshop is equipped to cater to all machinery and spares requirement in entire South India.

Production Capacity Growth at Super Cartons, Pune



Pune-based Super Cartons has been able to increase their production capacity substantially. This growth is the result of their installing Ryobi 755 XL-A five-colour machine.

The company is very impressed about the performance of the machine. They say that Roybi 755 is extremely versatile and incredibly flexible. Boards with thickness ranging from 60 to 600 gsm can be run on the machine. Super Cartons has an Eltosch dryer attached to Ryobi 755.

Super Cartons, which specialises in board printing, blister cards and labels, say that Roybi 755 packed with all its features is perfect for a printing house like theirs. Ryobi 755 XL-A meets all the requirements that are critical to them, to be able stand the competition in the printing market.

With the kind of surge that is being seen in the demand for the packaging products, they feel that it may not be very far when they may have to go in for another Roybi 755 XL-A.

Kraft Paper Mills in Kerala- Power crisis & Production cuts

Kraft Paper Mills in Kerala cut production to overcome major power crisis.

The State Government has imposed 25% power cut on industrial units. In addition to this, tariff Regulatory Commission announced an additional 50 paise surcharge per unit across all the consumers who consume over 80 units of electricity in a month.

The South Indian Kraft Paper Mills Association has immediately announced an increase in the kraft paper prices. Mills in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh have already increased the prices.

The Kerala paper mills were already in a bad shape as a result of scarcity of waste paper prevailing for the last 6 months. The mills have reduced production to 300-400 tonnes a day from 500-600 tonnes before the imposition of power cut.

Also the chemicals used in the manufacture of Kraft paper have gone up by 60% in the last six months and energy expenses have gone up by 50%.

Association has advised the mills to stop production of grades like 12 BF and 14 BF in a phased manner.

APEX Genetic Transfer Technology in Göpfert Printing Presses

Since the official market introduction of the new generation metering rolls “UniCorr®” at last year’s Fachpack in Nürnberg in September, a number of machines of renowned printing press manufacturer Göpfert Maschinen from Wiesentheid have already been retrofitted or equipped with the new technology at the request of many end users.

After SCA Packaging Mannheim, where the first Göpfert Ovation fully equipped with UniCorr® L rolls has been in use since the end of 2007/beginning of 2008, other companies have also opted for the new Genetic Transfer Technology.

Apex and Göpfert have already been successfully collaborating in the further development of anilox rolls for a number of years.

A number of printing trials performed on machines of leading manufacturers such as Göpfert and Bobst have shown that the new metering roll technology represents a groundbreaking development for a wide range of printing requirements.

The strength of the UniCorr® L lies in the fact that, within a defined printing range, several conventional anilox rolls with traditional specifications can be easily replaced by a single metering roll of this type. Now, when purchasing a new printing press, the purchase of several reserve rolls with different matrix specifications can often be omitted. In addition to the printing technology advantages, the elimination of machine downtimes due to changing anilox rolls results in cost savings in production operation. In addition, the UniCorr® rolls also have improved cleaning properties, thanks to the new material combination and the completely different surface profile in comparison with conventional laser engraved anilox rolls.

Users of the rolls are enthusiastic about the printing results. Rotary punches with high quality printing units particularly benefit from the much reduced use of different anilox rolls with diverse specifications and increased production capacity on the machines are the consequence.

At present, Apex is involved in the market introduction of further versions, such as a UniCorr® S model for the high-end graphics for plate screens up to 54 l/cm. The first trial runs with this new fine-metering roll will soon take place with leading corrugated board printers on a Göpfert Ovation and a Bobst Masterflex. The stated aim of the Apex Group of Companies is to cover all established print requirements in the corrugated board industry with these standard metering roll types.

Furthermore, with its Genetic Transfer Technology the Apex Group of Companies also offers optimal solutions for other industrial sectors, such as flexible packaging and coating/offset. The proven advantages for corrugated board are also evident in many application areas of these sectors.

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Smurfit Kappa UK scooped major medals haul at this year’s prestigious European Flexographic Technical Association (EFTA)

The company, a leading provider of paper based packaging and print, won a total of ten awards, including five golds, and the judge’s top award for the ‘biOrb’ – a stylish home aquarium, manufactured by Reef One.

The awards, held at the Royal Armouries in Leeds, recognise the highest achievements in flexographic printing throughout the UK and across Europe.

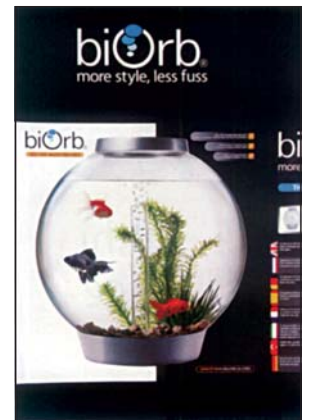
Smurfit Kappa UK’s medal tally featured gold awards from several well-known drinks brands, including Cutty Sark Blended Scotch Whisky (Post Print category); Irish drinks brand The Knot (Coated Screen category); Chivas Regal Blended Scotch Whisky (Coated Process category) and William Lawson’s Scotch Whisky (for the Uncoated Screen category).

The company also carried off awards for the Lloyd Grossman food brand, and for Cross and Blackwell’s Branston Relish. Smurfit Kappa dominated the Overseas Print Awards category too – taking no less than three awards.

Adrian Bird, Sales & Marketing Director from Smurfit Kappa UK said: “It’s very gratifying to have our work acknowledged by EFTA. We work extremely hard with brand owners to come up with print solutions that are innovative, functional and have great stand-out appeal.

“The judging process for the EFTA awards is particularly rigorous, examining everything from technical excellence and production methods to environmental issues. Winning these awards really underlines our expertise in the printing sector.”

Neil Walton, Operations Manager from Reef One, manufacturers of the **biOrb Aquarium**, which took the **Best in Show Award** said: “The biOrb is a stylish product which gives a modern twist to a traditional fish bowl. We needed a print solution that would capture the visual appeal of the biOrb, and Smurfit Kappa more than delivered. Sharp print, authentic colour and tone and great technical execution ensured that the packaging served as a great advert for the product.”



Comprehensive range of Print Process

Smurfit Kappa offers a comprehensive range of print processes for use with corrugated cardboard including Flexo Post Print, Preprint, Screen, Digital, Litho-Lamination and Direct Litho. The company’s national team of print experts works with clients to ensure the most effective combination of print process and substrates are selected to create innovative and striking designs.