Flex Spout Punch Assembly



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Preface

This document explains the procedures used to create a vent hole in the spouts produced by rieke Packaging Systems found in five gallon bucket and similar pail lids. The flex spout punch assembly will replace the automated drill equipment. The drill equipment currently used today has several areas that affect production of the vented spout body. These areas span from plastic debris control to the ability to meet the production needs of rieke Packaging Systems.

The flex spout punch assembly will be able to utilize the feed system of the current drill equipment or allow for a new work cell to be developed. The punch assembly incorporates an entirely new method for producing the vent holes in the spouts. The new system will reduce the amount of scrap produced as well as eliminate plastic debris from getting into the final product packaging.

Throughout the course of this project, the team learned many new concepts in addition to applying several relevant courses taught in the Mechanical Engineering Technology curriculum. The customer for this project, rieke Packaging Systems, voiced their needs, and the team created a new design based on their requirements. The team learned to expound on each other's talents, yet work cohesively together to efficiently complete this project.

The teamwork aspect of the project went very well with the workload being divided among the team members equally and fairly. Each team member brought a different set of talents to the team that ultimately culminated in a successful design and build for the customer.

The team would like to personally thank rieke Packaging Systems for this opportunity as well as for sponsoring this project. We would also like to thank Kris Heiman (rieke Packaging Systems) for his willingness to assist the team with much of the electrical and programming aspects of this project.

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Introduction

Abstract

Some pour spouts on five gallon buckets lids require vent holes so that product can vent through these holes during shipment and storage without causing a rupture in the containers. These vented spouts supplied by rieke Packaging Systems are created using a drill process. The drill process does not have the ability to meet the capacity needs of the plant. The process is prone to drill bit breakage, requiring additional setup and operator interaction to verify that broken drill bits do not enter final packaging. Tool life is minimized from drill bit breakage and the material composition of the spout. In order to maximize the tool life of the drill equipment, rieke Packaging Systems has exhausted attempts to improve drill bit quality and has resorted to slowing the speed of the drill, causing poor vent hole quality. Poor vent quality requires additional operator involvement. Operators have gone from a visual vent inspection to probe inspections, adding costs to the process. The drill process produces random exit points of the drill shaving debris. The random exit points make control and collection of the debris for recycling virtually impossible. In addition, the debris has a tendency of finding its way into the final packaging.

Mike Woodcock, an employee of rieke Packaging Systems, brought this idea for a senior design project to the team's attention. He coordinated a site visit where we were able to evaluate the impending project and determine the project's feasibility. After the team decided that this project was within the scope of our Senior Design syllabus, we immediately began formulating a solution to rieke's vent hole problem. Our solution was the flex spout punch assembly.

Purpose

With a clear understanding of the problems rieke Packaging Systems has with adding vents to the flex spouts, the team outlined the following performance specifications the new process needed to address:

- Low production rates
- Poor vent hole quality
- Too much operator interaction
- Shortened tool life
- Plastic debris control
- Tool changes & maintenance

The team determined a punch system would be the best solution for all the issues the current process does not address. In addition to the issues mentioned above, the new design needed to incorporate automated part detection and PLC control in order to accomplish all the goals of the project. This equipment also needed the ability to be incorporated to the current part feed system or function as a stand-alone work cell.

Design Overview

Design

The flex spout punch assembly foot print was determined by the existing drill equipment. This design allowed us to accomplish the footprint goals of direct replacement into the current feed system, or as a supplemental work station if so desired by our sponsors. The team determined a punch system would be the best solution for controlling plastic debris due to a single exit point. The punch system will extend tool life because it is a more robust system when compared to an unsupported drill bit and our knowledge of column buckling. The punch system design uses catalog available parts to minimize tool replacement cost, and facilitates tool replacement and maintenance.

The biggest challenge was getting the die into the recessed portion of the spout. Generally speaking, punching operations are performed on flat materials. This meant the team needed a moveable die shoe and punch shoe. The die shoe needed to be able to handle the forces created by the punching action. In order to limit operator interaction with the system, it needed to be operator independent, which meant it would use photo eyes and limit switches controlled by a PLC.

PLC Control

This punch assembly utilizes pneumatic cylinders to raise and lower die shoes that contain a die button and a punch. When a spout is located directly below the punch, it breaks the beam of a photo eye and a signal from the PLC extends the die button into the spout's lower cavity. A proximity switch senses when the button is in position and signals the PLC to extend the punch into the upper cavity of the spout, punching a vent hole in the spout. When the proximity sensor detects the punch in the fully extended position, both cylinders are retracted by the PLC to their home positions. The two locating cylinders extend and retract according to the signal received by the part present photo eyes, allowing the punched part to continue down the slide and a new part to take its place under the punch. This cycle continues until the photo eyes in the upper section of the slide fail to detect a part, if a load error occurs, or if a punch-die position proximity sensor cycle has not been completed at the punch station.

Finite Element Analysis

The finite element analysis shows 0.00026" deflection in the die shoe. This analysis confirmed the calculated deflection.



Part Name: SHOE FEA.par Material Name: Steel Type of Analysis: Stress Displayed: Deformed Model Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015 9:24 PM



Calculations

Die Shoe Deflection:

$$F = \frac{F_{L}}{R_{1}}$$

$$A_{max} = \frac{PL^{3}}{48EI}$$
Force of cylinder = Pressure x area = $\frac{60 \ lb}{in^{2}} x \frac{(\pi)(1.575 \ in)^{2}}{4} = 117 \ lb$

$$I_{x} = \frac{bh^{3}}{12} = \frac{(2.5 \ in)(.985 \ in)^{3}}{12} = .199 \ in^{4}$$

$$E_{6061 \ aluminum} = \frac{10.0 \ x \ 10^{6} \ lb}{in^{2}}$$

$$L = 3.07 \ in$$

$$A_{max} = \frac{(117 \ lb)(3.07 \ in)^{3}(in^{2})}{48(10.0 \ x \ 10^{6} \ lb)(.199 \ in^{4})} = .00004 \ in$$

.00004" deflection will not affect our tooling design.



.0003" deflection will not affect our tooling design.

Punch Force Calculation:



Thickness T = .060 in

Length of cut $L = \pi d = (\pi)(.070 in) = .22 in$

Shear strength of material $S = \frac{4350 \ lb}{in^2}$

Punch force $F = TLS = \frac{(.060 in)(.22 in)(4350 lb)}{in^2} = 57.4 lb$

Punch - Column Buckling Calculation



Excel Macro for Column Buckling

Column Analysis Program			Data from:	[
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			 Use consistent 0.5. Customary Units					
Ø.070" M-2 Punch			Computed Val	ues:				
Data to Be Entered:								
Length and End Fixity:								
Column Length, L =	0.25	in						
End fixity, K =	2		Eq. Length, L _e = KL =	0.5	in			
Material Properties:								
Yield Strength, S _y =	471000	psi						
Modulus of elasticity, E=	3000000	psi	Column constant, C _c =	35.5				
Cross Section Properties:								
[Note: Enter r or compute r = sqrt(I/A)								
[Always enter Area]								
[Enter zero for I or r if not used.]								
Area, A =	0.003848451	in ²						
Moment of inertia, I =	0	in ⁴						
Or								
Radius of gyration, r =	0.0175	in	Slender Ratio, KL/r =	28.6				
			Column is:	short				
Design Factor:			Critical buckling load =	1,224	lb			
Design factor on load, N =	3		Allowable load =	408	lb			

With a design factor of 3, our allowable load of 408 lbs. is greater than the punch force of 57.4 lbs. required to punch the hole in the material. Therefore, the punch will not buckle from the force.

Testing

Testing Results

The initial testing of the punch assembly verified that the punch and die were aligned correctly. With only .002" per side die clearance, alignment was critical. To accomplish this, we assembled the punch assembly components and manually moved the punch and die shoes to verify punch and die alignment. After determining there wasn't any tool shear, we connected air to the tool and cycled the locating cylinders as well as the punch and die cylinders. The next test procedure punched a piece of paper to see how clean of a hole the tool was capable of producing. The final test checked the hole quality produced in the spouts. We cycled several parts looking for burrs around the holes, slug conditions, and we verified the slugs exited as planned.

Per the trial testing, the new punch operation was capable of producing one part per second. This equates to 28,880 per shift.





Models

Model Sketches

Isometric view



Front View (In machine position)





Drawings

Component Drawings













































Pneumatic Schematic



Electrical

Flow Chart







Manufacturing Pictures



Drilling holes in punch holder



Punch & die holder ready for wire EDM



Checking retainer hardness on Rockwell tester



Finished retainers on die shoes



Sawing aluminum die shoe to rough length



Grinding aluminum shoes flat on surface grinder



Milling end radius on die shoes



Milling bearing counter-bore pocket



Rough machined die shoes



Die shoe with bearings installed



Blanchard grinding press plates flat



Finished upper and lower press plates



Upper press plate with air cylinder mounted



Press box with die shoes and cylinders installed



Press box with gussets installed for additional support



Grinding side rails to thickness



Feed system mock-up for visual inspection



Feed system completed and mounted



Looking down the feed system



PLC and electrical cabinet



Electrical cabinet mounted on frame



Carl marking frame leg to be cut to length



Carl cutting the frame leg to length



Grinding clearance angle on punch holder



Assembled punch retainer

Machine Pictures



Complete flex spout punch assembly machine



Machine loaded and ready to run.



Electrical control box



PLC and electrical cabinet



Sensor and air solenoid manifolds



Plastic slug drop slot



Punch assembly ready for parts



Punch assembly with guards in place



Team members left to right: Scott Vorndran, Carl Garringer, and Mike Woodcock

Project Management

Gantt Chart

Flex Spout Punch A	Assembly				Actual Project Completion		Anticipated Duration (Days)		
Senior Design Spring 2015						,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,		
Mike, Scott, and Carl									Date:
Task	Person Responsible	Start Date	End Date	Actual Start Date	Actual End Date	Anticipated Duration (Days)	Actual Duration (Days)	% Complete	
Formal Proposal Due	Team	01/12/15	01/21/15	01/12/15	01/21/15	9	9	100%	
Model Components	Scott	01/23/15	03/06/15	01/23/15	03/14/15	42	50	100%	
Detail Drawings	Team	01/30/15	03/06/15	01/30/15	03/21/15	35	50	100%	
Component Production	Team	01/30/15	03/06/15	01/30/15	03/21/15	35	50	100%	
Material Ordering	Mike, Scott	02/02/15	03/02/15	02/02/15	03/17/15	28	43	100%	
Calculations	Scott	02/02/15	02/23/15	02/06/15	02/20/15	21	14	100%	
Progress Report #1 Rough Draft	Carl	02/13/15	02/20/15	02/13/15	02/20/15	7	7	100%	
Create Pneumatic Schematic	Mike	02/16/15	03/06/15	02/16/15	03/22/15	18	34	100%	
Update Gantt Chart	Mike	02/18/15	02/18/15	02/18/15	02/18/15	1	1	100%	
Progress Report #1 Due	Carl	02/23/15	02/23/15	02/23/15	02/23/15	1	1	100%	
PLC Logic Rough Draft	Carl	02/23/15	03/02/15	02/23/15	03/26/15	7	31	100%	
Build Electrical Cabinet	Mike, Carl	02/23/15	03/27/15	02/23/15	03/11/15	32	16	100%	
Plan for Testing	Mike	03/02/15	03/13/15	03/02/15	03/26/15	11	24	100%	
PLC Logic Complete	Mike, Carl	03/02/15	03/25/15	03/02/15	03/26/15	23	24	100%	
Update Drawings	Scott	03/09/15	03/27/15	03/09/15	03/21/15	18	12	100%	
Progress Report #2 Rough Draft	Carl	03/13/15	03/20/15	03/06/15	03/22/15	7	16	100%	
Update Gantt Chart	Mike	03/17/15	03/17/15	03/22/15	03/22/15	1	1	100%	
Progress Report #2	Carl	03/23/15	03/23/15	03/23/15	03/23/15	1	1	100%	
Assemble Components	Team	03/23/15	03/27/15	03/09/15	03/27/15	4	18	100%	
Test Components	Team	03/30/15	04/16/15	03/28/15	04/10/15	17	13	100%	
Oral Presentations and Rehearsals	Team	04/20/15	04/23/15	04/18/15	04/22/15	3	4	100%	
Final Report Rough Draft	Carl	04/22/15	04/26/15	04/18/15	04/26/15	4	8	100%	
Poster	Team	04/18/15	04/27/15	04/18/15	04/27/15	9	9	100%	
Final report Due	Team	04/27/15	04/27/15	04/27/15	04/27/15	1	1	100%	
Oral Presentations	Team	05/01/15	05/01/15	05/01/15	05/01/15	1	1	100%	

12-Jan	13-Jan	14-Jan	15-Jan	16-Jan	17-Jan	18-Jan	19-Jan	20-Jan	21-Jan	22-Jan	23-Jan	24-Jan	25-Jan	26-Jan	27-Jan	28-Jan	29-Jan	30-Jan	31-Jan	1-Feb	2-Feb	3-Feb	4-Feb	5-Feb	6-Feb	7-Feb	8-Feb	9-Feb	10-Feb

13-Mar	14-Mar	15-Mar	16-Mar	17-Mar	18-Mar	19-Mar	20-Mar	21-Mar	22-Mar	23-Mar	24-Mar	25-Mar	26-Mar	27-Mar	28-Mar	29-Mar	30-Mar	31-Mar	1-Apr	2-Apr	3-Apr	4-Apr	5-Apr	6-Apr	7-Apr	8-Apr	9-Apr	10-Apr	11-Apr

12-Apr	13-Apr	14-Apr	15-Apr	16-Apr	17-Apr	18-Apr	19-Apr	20-Apr	21-Apr	22-Apr	23-Apr	24-Apr	25-Apr	26-Apr	27-Apr	28-Apr	29-Apr	30-Apr	1-May

Material Costs

Description	Qty	Costs/ea	Itemized totals
Smart Relay (PLC)	1	\$350.00	\$350.00
Power supply (Donated)	1	\$85.00	\$85.00
Terminal Blocks (Dontated)	12	\$2.40	\$28.80
Proximity sensors (Donated)	2	\$45.00	\$90.00
Cables	4	\$21.50	\$86.00
Limit Switches (fiberoptic)	2	\$83.00	\$166.00
Fault Lights	1	\$14.05	\$14.05
Misc Wiring Supplies	1	\$75.00	\$75.00
Panel Closure	1	\$79.00	\$79.00
Push Button Closure	1	\$39.00	\$39.00
Punch Cylinder	1	\$109.00	\$109.00
Die Cylinder	1	\$109.00	\$109.00
Part Locate Cylinder	1	\$23.75	\$23.75
Part Preload Cylinder	1	\$23.75	\$23.75
DCV,Solenoid Controlled	4	\$100.00	\$400.00
Solenoid Manifold	1	\$43.26	\$43.26
Punch Die Set(combined costs)	5	\$189.79	\$189.79
Thompson Rod _3/4" dia. x 8"	2	\$56.57	\$113.14
Guide Bushings	4	\$29.80	\$119.20
Die shoe Aluminum (2-1/2"x1-1/4" x 8")	2	\$27.98	\$55.96
End caps Aluminum (3/4" x 3" x 8")	2	\$12.48	\$24.96
Retainer Blocks (4140 prehard)	2	\$6.00	\$12.00
Fab Materials _ Steel	1	\$75.00	\$75.00
4" x 12ga z 48"stainless steel plate	2	\$0.00	\$0.00
1/2" x 1/2" x 48" crs	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc. Hardware Supplies	1	\$50.00	\$50.00
EZ Lock Inserts (1/4" - 20)	8	\$0.88	\$7.00
EZ Lock Inserts (5/16" -24)	8	\$1.03	\$8.20
Total Cost Analysis			\$2,376.86

Cost Analysis

Description	Hours	Cost
Model & Design	80	\$5200.00
Machining	60	\$3900.00
PLC Schematic & Programming	40	\$2600.00
Electrical Schematic & Wiring	30	\$1950.00
Pneumatic Schematic	10	\$650.00
Frame Design & Fabrication	10	\$650.00
Assembly	10	\$650.00
Testing	10	\$650.00
Total Calculated Labor Cost	250	\$16,250.00
Estimated Build Materials		\$2582.13
Actual Build Materials		\$2376.86

Our build came in 8% lower than our initial budget. By sponsoring our project, rieke saved an estimated \$16,250 in labor costs.

The cost calculations were based on local tool shop rates of \$65.00/hr.

rieke's total material cost for this project was \$2376.86.

Tooling Bill of Materials

Detail	Qty. Description	<u>Material</u>	Size or Vendor Part #	Print Date	<u>Status</u>
1	1 Base plate	CRS	.598" x 7.0" x 11.0"	3/7/2015	Done
2	1 Side plate A	CRS	.598" x 4.75" x 6.750"	3/9/2015	Done
3	1 Side plate B	CRS	.598" x 4.75" x 6.750"	3/9/2015	Done
4	4 Proximity sensor	Allen Bradley	872C-D3NP12-D4	N/A	Done
5	1 Top plate	CRS	.598" x 4.75" x 11.0"	3/7/2015	Done
6	1 Punch cylinder	Norgren	DC/92040/M/1A	N/A	Done
7	1 Die cylinder	Norgren	DC/92040/M/1A	N/A	Done
8	2 Cylinder mount plate	Norgren	QC/90040/22	N/A	Done
9	8 Gusset	CRS	.598" x 2.5" x 2.5"	3/21/2015	Done
10	2 Guide pin	McMaster-Carr	6649K107	N/A	Done
11	4 Guide bushing	McMaster-Carr	60595K75	N/A	Done
12	8 Retaining clip	McMaster-Carr	9968K26	N/A	Done
13	4 End cap	CRS	Ø1.25" x .25"	2/28/2015	Done
14	2 Cylinder end mount	Aluminum	.72" x 1.0" x 3.38"	2/28/2015	Done
15	1 Upper die shoe	Aluminum	1.25" x 2.50" x 9.0"	1/30/2015	Done
16	1 Lower die shoe	Aluminum	1.25" x 2.50" x 9.0"	1/30/2015	Done
17	1 Punch retainer	S-7	.75" x 1.5" x 2.0"	1/30/2015	Done
18	1 Punch	Dayton	KCX 150 P=.070" M2	3/16/2015	Done
19	1 Die button retainer	S-7	.75" x 1.5" x 2.0"	1/30/2015	Done
20	1 Die button	Dayton	KNX 37 150 M2 P=.074"	3/16/2015	Done
21	4 Bump stop A	UHMW	.175" x .5" x 2.3"	3/11/2015	Done
22	4 Bump stop B	UHMW	.5" x .552" x 2.3"	3/11/2015	Done
23	4 Support	CRS	Ø.75" x 2.727"	2/28/2015	Done
24	1 Part slide base plate	Stainless Steel	.103" x 4.4" x 35.25"	3/14/2015	Done
25	1 Part slide side bar A	CRS	.75" x 1.09" x 35.25"	3/14/2015	Done
26	1 Part slide side bar B	CRS	.75" x 1.09" x 35.25"	3/14/2015	Done
27	2 Part slide top plate	Stainless Steel	.103" x 1.25" x 35.25"	3/14/2015	Done
28	2 Part stop cylinder	Norgren	RP056X2_5-DAN-UB-PL(1)-PR, MN-2	N/A	Done
29	4 Threaded insert - 1/4"-20	MSC	97435796	N/A	Done
30	4 Threaded insert - 5/16"-18	MSC	97435804	N/A	Done
31	1 Punch holder	Dayton	KDU 43 125 A2	3/16/2015	Done
32	1 Upper sensor bracket	Stainless Steel	.1" x 1.25" x 2.75"	3/21/2015	Done
33	1 Lower sensor bracket	Stainless Steel	.1" x 1.25" x 2.35"	3/21/2015	Done
34	2 Part present emitter	Banner	M12EQ8 77203	N/A	Done
35	2 Part present receiver	Banner	M12PRQ8 77199	N/A	Done

Conclusion

rieke Packaging Systems provided the team with the challenge of improving their current flex spout vent hole creation process. After the inefficiencies of the current process and the goals had been defined to us by our sponsors, the team visited the facility and evaluated the current process. The visit allowed the team to have a clear understanding of the problems the current process presented.

The team then outlined the performance specifications the new equipment would require to improve the process. The new equipment would have to increase production, control debris, improve vent hole quality, increase tool life, simplify maintenance, and limit operator interaction with automated part detection. The team concluded a punch system would address all the specifications identified.

The biggest challenges for the new punch system was to identify the forces required to punch a vent hole in the flex spouts, punch to die alignment, and positioning of the die in respect to the spout design. Finally, the punch system needed to be controlled with sensors and a PLC to be able to limit operator interaction. The MET program provided the team with the tools needed to perform the calculations for determining the required forces to punch the hole and for choosing the correct cylinder sizes to achieve the required forces. The MET program also provided us with the knowledge to design a punch and die system with 3-D modeling. The modeling allowed the team to verify the critical punch and die tool alignments and die positioning within the spout cavity. In addition, the program provided the team with the knowledge to set up an executable PLC flow chart and programing skills that allowed for limited outside assistance.

The flex spout punch assembly build was a success in terms of meeting the goals initially set by the team and the design requirements set forth by rieke. The punch creates a higher quality vent hole in the flex spout, is capable of a 250% increase in production, and eliminates the scrap that finds its way into the final packaging. An additional benefit of the new design is the cost saving realized by rieke from less compressed air usage. The team would like to thank rieke Packaging Systems for this opportunity to provide a solution to their problem, and help us fulfill the course goals of Senior Design and Analysis.

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