

Linx printers expand coding capabilities for battery packaging

Entiris is one of the largest employers in the provinces of Flemish Brabant and Antwerp in Belgium. Operating over eight sites and employing over 1700 staff, the company provides customised packaging services for a range of industries including medical devices and electronics.

SITUATION

Entiris runs 23 production lines, packing and coding the batteries into both primary and secondary packaging, which includes cardboard cartons, plastic heat-seal packaging and shrink wrap.

Entiris initially applied simple, five to six character batch codes to packages of batteries using a dry stamp. However when the client switched to ten-character coding, the dry stamp method was no longer suitable, plus manually changing all of the dry stamp coders at each batch change was a time-consuming operation.

Entiris decided to opt for Continuous Ink Jet printing, and looked to Linx distributor Presa to specify the right solution for their needs.

SOLUTION

Presa recommended Linx 7900 CIJ printers for applying the new code across all of the battery packaging.

As well as having the flexibility to apply the new codes to all of the packaging types, the printers have brought additional advantages to the company.

Coding errors have reduced as the codes are programmed into the printers and only a few fields can be changed.

“We now have great speed and flexibility when we need to change a code on a device” comments Guy Van Laer, Deputy Director of Technical Production. “We used to have about two hours to start a line, versus just a few minutes today.”

“It goes without saying that the time saving is enormous”

Guy Van Laer, Deputy Director of Technical Production, Entiris



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Key Facts

Country

Belgium

Industry

Contract Packaging

Substrate

Cardboard, plastic

Linx coder

Linx 7900

Key Product Benefits

Linx 7900

- Low cost coding solution – up to 9,000 hours or 18 months between servicing
- Mistake-free message editing provided by customisable on-screen prompts to reduce coding errors.



In addition, the Linx machines require very little maintenance and production stops are very rare. Entiris can attest to this. “Whether we produce a lot or little, we clean the machines once a month”

In conclusion, Entiris emphasizes efficiency as a great advantage. “Production planning can now be organized in a much simpler and more efficient way.”

ABOUT THE LINX 7900

The Linx 7900’s robust stainless steel casing and deep-drawn enclosure, plus an IP55 rating which allows easy washdown, make the printer a reliable solution for coding in challenging environments. The Linx 7900 is able to print up to five lines, thus allowing it to meet a wide variety of coding needs. In addition, the new ink system technology lets the printer run for up to 9,000 hours or 18 months between servicing.

The Linx 7900 also comes with a warranty of up to 18 months at no extra cost.

Users can also lock the printer keyboard to prevent changes being made on the line – helping further to reduce coding errors. The ability to monitor the printer remotely via a smartphone is unique to the Linx 7900 and means busy operators can keep their line moving, wherever they are.

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