

Strapping Technology: The Medium Class for the graphic arts industry

High-performance sounds great, but not everybody really needs it. So far, customers with medium performance requirements had to live with either considerable cut-backs with regard to product-specific equipment, availability, long product life, service and spare part supply, or they had to invest in high-end technology they would never fully use. With their C-Line CB, SMB is now presenting a strapping line for medium performance rates, matching exactly the requirements specific to the graphic arts industry.



The SMB C-Line CB is a cross strapping line achieving an output rate of up to 32 bundles per minute, developed especially for applications in the graphic arts industry. Each line consists of one cross-strapping machine SMB CS1, one turning conveyor SMB TB1 for exact and gentle bundle turn, and one strapping machine SMB CS2.

Even in the most basic version, it comes completely equipped with features that today's practical operation requires. To name but a few: bundle press, bundle stops, signal lights, end of strap monitoring with optical end-of-strap warning, wake-up via external signal, 40-pin interlock to allow an easy line integration, and even automatic strap tensioning with the patented continuous bundle height sensing. Thanks to this, the list of add-on options is quite manageable.



Due to its design, the C-Line CB complies with CE standards without requiring any additional safeguards, and therefore it is accessible from all sides. Moreover, it is impressively easy to operate. To quote Roland Schwede, proprietor and Managing Director of SMB Schwede Maschinenbau GmbH: "Applicators kept asking us for a simpler alternative to the currently used touch-screen operating terminals. We are delighted that we can offer our Jog-Dial application that is so easy to use – a principal that has won wide acceptance meanwhile also in other branches, like the automotive industry."

Available in Germany directly from SMB, and abroad from selected distributors, SMB's C-Line CB is offered at an extremely attractive all-in price, including door-to-door delivery, installation and user training, plus a two years' warranty coverage. This product, developed and made in Germany, features all characteristics that customers of SMB high-performance machines have appreciated for years. For instance, like in their fully automatic strappers, the sealing head needs its first maintenance only after 3 million strap cycles. As a result, maintenance and spare part expenses are lower, and, together with the indisputable long product life, it ensures the long-term economic efficiency of an investment in SMB technology.

Another comment from Roland Schwede: "The feedback from practical applications of our new C-Line CB is very positive. Users are praising the simple operability and easy accessibility, and – like all owners of SMB machinery, they know they can rely on a quality service and long-term spare part provision."

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