



## Freudenberg-NOK achieves minimum downtime with dependable Autobag system and first-rate service support

Freudenberg-NOK is a co-operative between two companies—one German and the other Japanese. Manufacturing seals, gaskets and gasket kits the company is a supplier to the automotive aftermarket as well as a supplier of custom packaged product to the 'big three' – Ford, General Motors and Chrysler.

### The Problem

Company	:	<b>Freudenberg-NOK</b>
Product	:	Automotive spares
Machinery	:	Custom Excel™

Freudenberg-NOK management operates in a very competitive and tough business climate, and recognises the importance of having good quality and reliable equipment to minimise downtime. Their packaging operation was not performing to expectation, and productivity levels were suffering. The company decided it was time to look for a better solution.

### The Autobag<sup>®</sup> Solution

After researching available suppliers, Freudenberg-NOK contacted Automated Packaging Systems (APS), because of their reputation for supplying reliable and productive bagging machinery.

Due to the special needs of this company – bagging kits of seals and gaskets, the Special Engineering Department of APS customised a standard Autobag Excel bagging machine to work with existing processing equipment, including a wide in-feed conveyor.

### The Result

APS improved the operator's ease of use and importantly for Freudenberg-NOK the customisation made them much more efficient. APS also supplies the bags that are custom manufactured to run on this equipment. The total Autobag system - equipment, bags, and support services - keeps costly downtime to a minimum

**Larry Risner, Production Supervisor** said, "The value that Autobag adds to our packaging is that we don't have downtime due to bad bags, which justifies the price. Autobag bags seal well and its equipment is very dependable. If you pay for a quality product and don't have downtime, it actually pays for itself in the long run."

Larry Risner concludes, "I would recommend Autobag to anybody due to their service level and the quality of their equipment and bags. They always come through. They make sure that everything is right."



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