

# A CASE STUDY IN THE BENEFITS OF AUTOMATED PACKAGING



## FLEXIBILITY AND SPEED OF AUTOBAG® SPRINT™ SYSTEM ENABLES SERCO RYAN TO BAG WITH IMPROVED EFFICIENCY



Serco Ryan is a national company who offer complete supply solutions on fasteners, fixings, cutting tools, sealing products, adhesives and 'C' class consumables.

When Serco Ryan won a significant contract to supply parts in kit form to a leading sanitary-ware manufacturer, the company required a fast and flexible system to help them meet the customers requirements. The wide variety of product they had to pack demanded a highly flexible system to enable them to create a range of kit packs. The packaging process also needed to be fast, as the operator had to bag a mixture of fasteners, washers, pressings and gaskets to form each pack.

The company looked at a number of options including the use of bowl feeders and conveyors but opted to start with a manually fed Autobag® Sprint system which gave them the option to expand in the future and link the system into automated in-feed equipment. The long load area presents the operator with multiple bag openings, increasing the number of open bags they can load, which gave them maximum flexibility and packaging speed.

*"We chose Sprint because it gave us total flexibility," said Serco Ryan's Supply Chain Director, Paul Cooke. "We supply solutions, providing our customers with product on a just-in-time basis along with contract packing facilities. Because we offer a range of products to so many industries from white goods to boats and photocopiers, the flexibility that the Sprint system offers is very important to us".*

*"Sprint was ideally suited to our new contract but it also offered us an additional facility for the future. We can now offer other customers a tailor-made service to quickly bag a wider mix of products in bags specifically designed to reflect the customers needs. Sprint met our immediate demand for a new application and will prove to be an investment for the future."*



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