



ErmaFlex #7

Clustering Cashing

System for grouping jars and bottles in cartons

Clustering at a glance

> Highlights & Key Activities

Assembly, disassembly, reconditioning and adjustments of gripper heads

Position **control**

Change of format: pots, bottles, cartons for pots and cartons for bottles

> Specific components

2-axis transfer system consisting of a DC electric motor, a pneumatic cylinder and an incremental encoder

Control cabinet with PLC, dialogue terminal and variable speed drive for control

Two gripping heads with grippers and suction cups

This system is accompanied by a technical and educational file

References

✓ **RE50-RE51:** Basic grouping frame without gripper head and with control cabinet equipped with a Schneider M340 PLC and a Siemens TP177 colour touch panel

✓ **RE52:** Suction cup gripping head for pots (For RE50-RE51)

✓ **RE53:** Gripper head for vials (For RE50-RE51)

✓ **RE54:** RFID Tracking and Logistics Option for Regrouping Collection

✓ **UC13:** Supervision Option

✓ **UC90:** Option: Fault box for electrical cabinet, remotely configurable on a tablet (Not supplied)

✓ **IO00:** IO-Link package for electrical and pneumatic measurements

✓ **SK20:** Sick TDCE Smart IoT Gateway Kit & Smart Sensors for Ermaflex Clustering

✓ **UC51:** Option: Visual Instructions & Monitoring of Production Indicators on the Tulip open application environment and touch pad, for one machine

✓ **UC52:** Option Visual instructions on Tulip open application environment and touch pad, for one machine

✓ **AE30:** Schneider M340 PLC / Web Server with UnityPro license

✓ **MN13:** Programmable 3D digital mock-up Grouping/Cashing

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BTS MS - IUT

Universities - Engineering schools

IoT Sick Pack



IO-Link



TULIP

Trouble-shooting box



Features

- ✓ L/ W/ H: 3000 x 2200 x 2250 mm
- ✓ Electrical energy: 400V three-phase + neutral
- ✓ Pneumatic energy: 7 bar
- ✓ Weight: 550kg

Functional architecture

Functional description

The grouping and packing module is designed to group different types of products and arrange them in cartons or trays.

Sub-assembly Product Conveyance

✓ It allows the transfer of products from the entrance of the system (packaging unit) to the grouping area.

✓ It is mainly made up of:

✓ A pallet chain conveyor

✓ A three-phase asynchronous electric motor to drive the vanes

✓ Two proximity sensors (fibre optics) to detect the presence of products on the conveyor and to create a buffer stock

Sub-assembly Conveying of cartons

✓ It allows the transfer of cartons from the system entrance to the case packing area.

✓ It is mainly made up of:

• A conveyor belt

• A three-phase asynchronous electric motor to drive the belt

• Two photoelectric cells to detect the presence of cartons respectively under the gripping head and at the exit or vision lock

• A box indexing device associated with a cylinder

• A box blocking device associated with a jack

• A device for indexing the boxes at the exit lock associated with a cylinder



Functional architecture (continued).



Sub-assembly Product Handling

- ✓ It allows you to enter and breed products grouped in batches.
- ✓ It is mainly made up of:
 - 2 interchangeable heads:
 - Gripping head with suction cups (with vacuum generator and vacuostat)
 - Clamp head (2 springs + 2 cylinders and 1 ILS sensor)
 - A lifting cylinder (200 mm stroke) for picking up products from the conveyor
 - Three magnetic sensors (ILS) mounted on the lift cylinder

Sub-assembly Product transfer

- ✓ It moves products grouped in batches from the grouping area to the loading area.
- ✓ It is mainly made up of:
 - From a linear horizontal transfer
 - A three-phase electric asynchronous gear motor
 - An incremental encoder to control the position of the gripper head

Sub-assembly Product guidance

- ✓ It ensures a good positioning of the latter during the loading operation.
- ✓ It is mainly made up of:
 - A vertically mobile funnel guided in translation (modifiable according to the boxes and products)
 - A funnel lifting cylinder (80mm stroke)
 - Two magnetic limit switches (ILS) B14 and B15, mounted on the 3A1 cylinder

Control cabinet

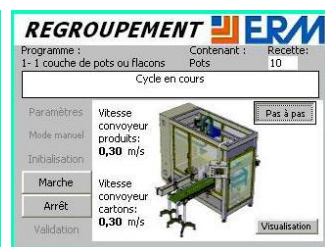
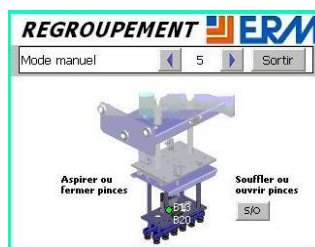
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Pneumatic distribution

- ✓ The system includes:
 - 4 bistable 5/2 spool valves
 - 3 monostable 5/2 valves
 - 1 dispenser 5/3 closed centre
 - A valve is mounted directly on the gripper head

Control panel

- ✓ The system control panel is a Siemens TP177 colour touchscreen remote control panel, which contains all the dialogue components needed to operate the system.





Pedagogical approach.

Educational activities

- ✓ Functional analysis
- ✓ Study of technologies: electrical, pneumatic, and mechanical
- ✓ Programming
- ✓ Position control
- ✓ Change of format :
 - 2 gripping heads: with grippers for bottles, and with suction cups for jars
 - 2 types of cartons or trays (for pots or bottles)
- ✓ Assembly/disassembly and repackaging
- ✓ Settings
- ✓ Steering

TP1: Changing the format of the Regrouping unit Cashing

- ✓ Timeline of the TP:
 - Learn about the format change, prepare your tools and your workstation
 - Making the automated mechanical system safe
 - Replace sub-assemblies Gripper and Funnel Guide
 - Adjust the Product Conveyor, Funnel Guide and Case Conveyor sub-assemblies.
 - Carry out tests and final adjustments

TP2: Designing a diagnostic process (Failure of the "Gripper down" acquisition chain)

- ✓ Timeline of the TP:
 - Identify the failure
 - Locate the fault
 - Formulating hypotheses
 - Analyse and rank assumptions by probability of occurrence and ease of verification
 - Carry out checks, tests and trials
 - Diagnose

TP3: Designing a diagnostic process (Safety loop failure)

- ✓ Timeline of the TP:
 - Identify the failure
 - Locate the fault
 - Formulating hypotheses
 - Analyse and rank assumptions by probability of occurrence and ease of verification
 - Carry out checks, tests and trials
 - Diagnose



Clamping unit integrated in the Ermaflex line

RELATED & COMPLEMENTARY PRODUCTS

PLC & Touch Panel + Digital Twin in VU Pro



Programming in Schneider and Siemens environments and then simulation in the digital twin



ASSOCIATED & SUPPLEMENTARY PRODUCTS (continued)

Industrial IoT for Ermaflex Packaging Bundle



The Sick TDCE Smart IoT Gateway & Smart Sensors for Ermaflex Collation Kit (Ref: SK20) contains:

- Sick Smart IoT Gateway TDC-E200EU
- SIG100 module for implementing logic gates and timers
- Cabinet temperature sensor
- Engine temperature sensor
- Vibration sensor on the head or on the carriage
- Photoelectric sensors
- Electrical measurement sensor
- Pneumatic measurement sensor



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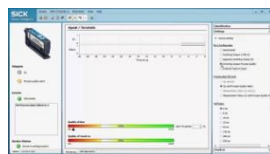
Sick TDCE Smart IoT Gateway Kits & Smart Sensors



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Smart IoT Sick TDCE & Smart Sensors Case (SK00)

The Smart IoT Sick TDCE & Smart Sensor Gateway Toolkit contains several industrial smart sensor application cases.



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Sensor Intelligence.

IO-Link package for electrical and pneumatic measurements (IO00)

Study and implementation of an energy measurement system, communicating and IOT compatible



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Ethernet IO-Link Master Kit, Supervision & IO-Link Sensors (IO01)

Design and implementation of IO-Link master and IOT compatible sensors

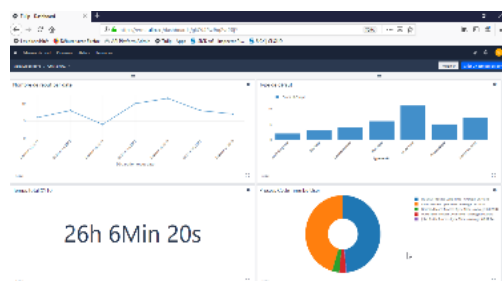


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Visual instructions & Monitoring of production indicators (UC51-UC52)

Tulip is a web-based environment for creating applications on tablets and touch screens designed to digitalise workstations

- ✓ Visual 0-paper intervention procedures
- ✓ Supervision of machines by OPC-UA to retrieve production data
- ✓ Declarations of production stoppages and defects
- ✓ Suggestions for continuous improvement by operators
- ✓ 0-paper control thanks to connected tools (Scale...)
- ✓ Dashboards for monitoring production indicators (OEE, output, etc.)
- ✓ Easy to modify applications and create new ones (100% graphical)
- ✓ Implementation of lean manufacturing concepts (Andon, 5S...)



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