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Packaging biopharmaceuticals with Faller Packaging and Schubert-Pharma

Effective and reliable throughout the entire product lifecycle

After introducing a new medication to the market, it is always a challenge for pharmaceutical manufacturers to calculate production capacities without incurring economic losses. With support from packaging specialist Faller Packaging machine and manufacturer Schubert-Pharma, manufacturers now have two strong partners whose solutions can help minimise investment risk: With the right packaging, biopharmaceuticals can be produced reliably, efficiently and in the highest quality throughout the entire product lifecycle – thanks to solutions ranging from manual packaging to fully automated top-loading lines.

To obtain approval for a new medication, pharmaceutical manufacturers have to provide packaging that meets all regulatory requirements. And when it comes to market launches, every day counts. The sooner a product is available everywhere, the sooner patients will benefit and the high development costs can begin to pay off. However, pharmaceutical production has to be adapted quickly to increasing demand. Manually loaded packaging may be sufficient in the beginning, but a solution that can be automated is needed as quickly as possible following a successful launch. Many months can pass before a new approval with a machine-compatible packaging and the commissioning of a new line. On the other hand, manufacturers who build up a high production capacity even before the launch take on a significant investment risk.

Twofold expertise with Faller and Schubert

With the right partners, this challenge can be turned into an economic benefit: Faller Packaging and Schubert-Pharma can support manufacturers from the Clinical Trial Phase 3 onwards – with a customised packaging solution which is already designed for the entire product lifecycle. This eliminates the need to change the format of the packaging at a later date. Karin Kleinbach, Sales Director at Schubert-Pharma, explains: "Our customers benefit from seamless service for every level of automation, from launch to series production."

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Together with their customers, the experts from Faller and Schubert-Pharma develop pharma-compliant, fully recyclable carton packaging for all parenterals and a wide variety of dosage forms such as vials, ampoules, syringes, medical devices or combination products. The partners design and implement top-loading packaging processes that range from manual to fully automated.

For manual to fully automated packaging

Faller's PrePackaging Service is available to bridge machine delivery times and for smaller quantities: With the delivery of preassembled pharmaceutical packaging, manual filling is possible at the customer's site. For medium packaging volumes, manufacturers can partially automate filling using Schubert's mobile cobots. For full automation, Schubert-Pharma develops customised and highly reliable top-loading packaging lines in compliance with international standards. The more closely the machine and packaging are matched to each other, the more efficient and reliable the automated packaging process becomes.

"This is why it is so important to plan the packaging materials – i.e. folding carton, leaflet and label – at an early stage in the development of a new medication," explains Kerstin Löffler, Vice President Marketing, Corporate Communications & ESG at Faller. With this approach, pharmaceutical manufacturers, together with Faller and Schubert-Pharma, can not only shorten time-to-market, but also package their products more reliably and cost-effectively throughout the entire product lifecycle.

More information to PrePackaging can be found here: https://www.faller-packaging.com/en/services/prepackaging-service

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Captions

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Photo 1:



Faller's PrePackaging Service enables the filling of pre-assembled pharmaceutical packaging at the customer's premises

Photo 2:



Pharmaceutical manufacturers can achieve medium packaging volumes with semiautomated processes thanks to Schubert's mobile cobots.

Photo 3:



Kerstin Löffler is Vice President Marketing, Corporate Communications & ESG at Faller Packaging.



As Sales Director, Karin Kleinbach is responsible for the team at Schubert-Pharma.

About Faller Packaging

For more than 30 years, Faller Packaging has specialised in tailor-made, full-range solutions for secondary packaging materials for the pharmaceutical industry. The company is a single-source supplier that develops and manufactures folding cartons, package inserts, labels and combination products and delivers both standard products and special solutions based on customers' wishes. Digitalised, optimally harmonised processes ensure maximum efficiency, sustainable production and fast, reliable delivery times. In addition, Faller offers customised logistics services and supply chain concepts. As a result, the company is an expert partner for everything relating to the procurement and packaging of pharmaceutical and healthcare products.

In addition to its headquarters in Waldkirch in the German state of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Faller Packaging also has sites in Binzen and Schopfheim as well as in Hvidovre in Denmark, Łódź in Poland and Debrecen in Hungary. The Worms-based subsidiary PackEx, which was founded in 2018, specialises in the manufacture of folding cartons in small and very small batches. In total, August Faller GmbH & Co. KG has more than 1,400 employees.

About Schubert-Pharma

The Schubert-Pharma competence team combines the know-how of Schubert's highly flexible TLM packaging machines with Schubert Packaging Systems' comprehensive project management expertise. Schubert-Pharma achieves maximum product and process reliability thanks to its high level of expertise in implementing different processes and functions with Schubert TLM technology or by means of seamless integration of third-party units.

About Schubert Packaging Systems GmbH

With more than 45 years of experience, Schubert Packaging Systems (SPS) designs and supplies cross-sector complex turnkey

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packaging systems consisting of several suppliers. With its certified project management, SPS takes on both technical and financial responsibility. In addition to the turnkey packaging systems division, the Schubert-Pharma, Schubert-Consulting and Schubert-Cosmetics competence teams are also part of the Schubert Packaging Systems company.

About Gerhard Schubert GmbH

Gerhard Schubert GmbH is a globally recognised market leader in top-loading packaging machines (TLM). For its digital, robot-based packaging machines, the family-owned company based in Crailsheim (Baden-Württemberg, Germany) builds on an interplay of simple mechanics, intelligent control technology and high modularity. With this philosophy and a highly developed culture of innovation, the company has been pursuing an entirely independent technological path for more than 50 years.

With its TLM technology, the machine manufacturer provides its customers with future-proof packaging machine solutions that are easy to operate, flexible in terms of format conversion, high-performance and stable in function. The TLM packaging machines pack products of all types and from all sectors – from food, confectionery, beverages, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics to technical products – into trays, cartons, boxes or into flow-wrap bags.

Well-known brands such as Ferrero, Nestlé, Unilever, Mondelez and Roche rely on Schubert's automation solutions, as do numerous small, medium-sized and family-owned companies. Founded in 1966, the second generation of the company now employs 1,500 people.