

FUNCIONAL COATINGS AND INKS

FUNCTIONAL AND INTELLIGENT SURFACES RESEARCH GROUP





FUNCTIONALS COATINGS AND INKS. SMART PACKAGING

- ✓ Coatings and inks formulation with specific properties (conductive, indicator, barrier (OTR/WTR), repelent, environmental friendly, bio...)
- ✓ Printing techniques and deposition systems in different materials (spray, encapsulation, superficial treatments, etc...)

PRINTING TECHNOLOGIES FOR MATERIALS DEPOSITION WITH FUNCTIONAL PROPERTIES









¿WHY FUNCITONAL COATINGS AND INKS? MAIN REASONS

Functional coatings and inks give packaging improved propertied, usually leading to an increase of product line profitability and improved sustainability.

Sustainability





Food waste reduction, food safety, interaction with consumer and brand positioning are the main drivers for improved properties packaging implementation.

¿WHY FUNCITONAL COATINGS AND INKS? DRIVERS





Sustainability



Brand positioning



Prevent food spoilage



Shelf life increase



Improve food safety



Preservatives reduction





Intelligent packaging to identify product and track temperature.





Global and centralized system for autentification, Using smartphones to authentificate added value products and documentation





Development of indicators

Time-temperature indicators printed on the package, to control possible breaks in the cold chain of refrigerated storage products.

PARTNERS:





FINANCING:



Development a freshness indicator for beef products

Development of flexible, sustainable, active and intelligent packaging, which extends product's shelf-life. Improving safety and reducing waste

PARTNERS:











FINANCIACIÓN:





Freshcode. Smart Freshness

Exclusive new indicator. The Freshcode is a unique visual indicator, the only one of its kind on the market that displays the guaranteed real freshness of packaged chicken breasts.

FINANCIACIÓN:

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MICROWAVE SUSCEPTORS HOW IT WORKS



Metallized PET

SUSCEPTOR INKS

- Alternative to metallized PET
- Turn microwaves into heat
- Regulate cooking in microwave packaging

Printed susceptor ink solution



BARRIER IMPROVEMENT (02,H20,FATS) THE CONCEPT





HYBRID COATING WITH LAMINAR LAYERS

Exfoliation within the coating material Slow gases and other substances flow ratio Makes it difficult for gases to go through





BARRIER IMPROVEMENT (02,H20,FATS) CRITERIA





technique



OTR, WVTR



Ink supply g/m2



Dry process



Cost



Anchorage



Legislation







EQUIPMENT/PILOT LINES



FUNCTIONALS COATINGS AND INKS. PRINTING TECHNIQUES.

Meter bars aplicator



Flexo/Gravure



Screen printing



Inkjet



Roll to roll printing and lamination equipment





More equipment is coming soon



EQUIPMENT/PILOT LINES LabStar - Bead mill



Agitator Bead Mill LabStar enables scientific academic work on difficult research and development tasks and impresses with its easy handling. The grinding results with finenesses down to the nanometer range allow an exact scale-up to production size machines

- Lot sizes between 1 and 7 liters.
- Results extrapolated to industrial equipment
- The materials inside the grinding chamber can be very varied, adapting to the different natures and compositions of the products
- Equipment designed to work with inks of any base (water, solvent, UV, etc).

EQUIPMENT/PILOT LINES Three roll mill EXAKT 80 E



- Electronically controlled three roll mill
- Electronic control of the distances between rollers, speed, shear force
- 3 different nip guards
 - 85 mm
 - 170 mm
 - 200 mm
- 0.02-20 throughput liters/hour

EQUIPMENT/PILOT LINES Formech HD 686, fully autimatic vacuum forming machine





Forming area (mm/inches)	647 x 622mm / 25.5 x 24.5"
Sheet Size (mm/inches)	686 x 660mm / 27 x 26"
Max depth of draw	350mm / 13.8"
Max Material Thickness	6mm / 0.25"
Heating Zones	16
Heater type	Quartz

EQUIPMENT/PILOT LINES Rotary Koater Printing

The Rotary Koater, a pilot printing, coating and laminating system that is an ideal system for those faced with daily coating/laminating challenges. As a research and development tool it enables the manufacturer, the printer, the converter and others, to undertake R & D on an economical scale and under precisely controlled conditions. It can be used to test different formulations, substrates and processes. It is also highly effective as production machine for the small-scale production of specialized materials.



- Coating and printing systems easily interchangeable
- Infra red and ultra violet drying/curing
- Corona treater, from VETAPHONE.
- Web widths up to 305mm, with a speed range of 0.4 to 100 metres per minute
- Printing/coating processes available are:
 - Gravure
 - Reverse gravure
 - Slot die
 - Meter bar
 - Flexographic
 - Laminating

EQUIPMENT/PILOT LINES TOTPRINT Screen printing machine



- Semiautomatic parallel lifting machine
- Adjustable print height form 0 to 10 cm
- Print format: 50 x 70 cm
- Velocity: 800 print / hour

EQUIPMENT/PILOT LINES FUJIFILM Dimatix Materials Printer DMP-2850

The DMP-2850 allows the deposition of fluidic materials on an 8x11 inch or A4 substrate, utilizing a disposable piezo inkjet cartridge. This printer can create and define patterns over an area of about 200 x 300 mm and handle substrates up to 25 mm thick with an adjustable Z height. The temperature of the vacuum platen, which secures the substrate in place, can be adjusted up to 60°C.



Ideal applications for the materials printer include:

- Material and fluid development and evaluation
- Prototype and sample generation
- Fluid and substrate interactions evaluation
- Product development
- Optimization and evaluation of digital patterns

CHARACTERIZATION EQUIPMENT

Dataphysics OCA Mod: OCA15E



Lumifuge





- Contact angle measurements and drop shape analysis
- Software modules
 - SCA 20 contact angle
 - SCA 21 surface free energy
 - SCA 23 liquid bridge analysis

- Perform physically accelerated, direct and efficient stability testing and ranking of your formulations
- Can measure dispersion stability directly instantaneously across your whole sample.



CHARACTERIZATION EQUIPMENT

Sigma 702, force tensiometer



• Surface and interfacial

tension measurements (Platinum Du Noüy ring, Platinum Wilhelmy Plate), manual determination of Critical Micelle Concentration (CMC) and density measurements



Pallet

CHARACTERIZATION EQUIPMENT

RFID Pilot Line

RFID truck portal





RFID conveyor belt





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