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SP Ultraflex's MAXISLIT RL - looks like a beauty but runs like a beast

During the 10th Speciality Films & Flexible Packaging Global Summit 2023, SP Ultraflex introduced the MAXISLIT RL slitter rewinder machine that offers the superior performance of center cum surface winding within the user-friendly layout of duplex, center winding slitters.

During his presentation, Biku Kohli, managing director, SP Ultraflex Systems, stated that with a few customizations, the new slitter rewinder can be adapted to handle the entire gamut of flexible packaging substrates, from the thinnest to the thickest. He remarked that the machine "looks like a beauty but runs like a beast."

Kohli elaborated on the machine's key features that enable its versatility, explaining, "Constant tension in



Biku Kohli, managing director, SP Ultraflex Systems, at 10th Speciality Films & Flexible Packaging Global Summit 2023. Photo: The Packman

the slitting zone enhances edge finish. The ability to precisely control the finished reel hardness by utilizing all three parameters of TNT-Torque, nip pressure and tension enhances the machine's flexibility in processing various substrates and thicknesses. Additionally, the consistent web length after slitting improves web alignment."

He went on to add, "The immediate separation of web after slitting preserves the integrity of the edges. The simultaneous visibility of rewind reels on both shafts allows the operator to monitor the rewind section from a single position. Finally, the inclusion of cantilever shafts, ejectors, and off-loading arms streamlines the changeover process, making it quick and effortless."

— Mahan Hazarika

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hubergroup launches solvent-based, food-safe ink series for the Asian market

hubergroup Print Solutions, a leading printing ink specialist, participated in the 10th Speciality Films & Flexible Packaging Global Summit 2023 as a platinum sponsor. At the conference, hubergroup launched three new solvent-based ink series which are specifically tailored to the needs of the Asian market – Gecko Platinum Plus, Gecko Platinum NT and Gecko Gold. Thanks to the intensive research work of hubergroup's developers in India and Germany, the sustainable, toluene-free ink series are ideally adapted to today's high requirements for safe food packaging.

Carefully selected raw materials further enable these new Gecko series to combine a wide color gamut and



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broad field of application with sustainability. They convince with high run length, excellent print performance, and eco-friendly formulation that supports

sustainable, future-oriented packaging solutions. The PU (polyurethane)-based series Gecko Platinum Plus and Gecko Platinum NT as well as the hybrid vinyl-based series Gecko Gold are manufactured with the utmost care and highest safety standards and are, thus, Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) certified.

"At hubergroup, we place great emphasis on supporting the production of safe and sustainable packaging. We are, thus, pleased to launch these three state-of-the-art solvent-based series, drawing on our tried and tested Gecko formulations which are specially adapted to the needs of the Asian market," says Suresh Kalra, managing director India and president Asia at hubergroup.