

New Vacuum Drum Offerings From B & H

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B & H is pleased to announce two new vacuum drum offerings for B & H labelers.

The new offerings are:

1. Invation™ Stay Clean Vacuum Drums, and the
2. No Break-In vacuum drum pad finish, which is now standard on both Stay Clean and traditional B & H vacuum drums.

Invation™ Stay Clean Vacuum Drums are the latest innovation in vacuum drum technology from B & H Labeling Systems. These high performance vacuum drums stay clean during operation which means fewer stoppages, increased up-time and higher productivity versus traditional vacuum drums.

Invation Stay Clean Vacuum Drums have been used in four demanding, high volume customer production environments since early 2008. The feedback from our trial customers has been unanimous and positive. Trial customers have reported routine uninterrupted runs using Invation Stay Clean Vacuum Drums from three hours to full twelve hour shifts, and no trial customer was willing to return their Stay Clean drum at the conclusion of their in-house testing.

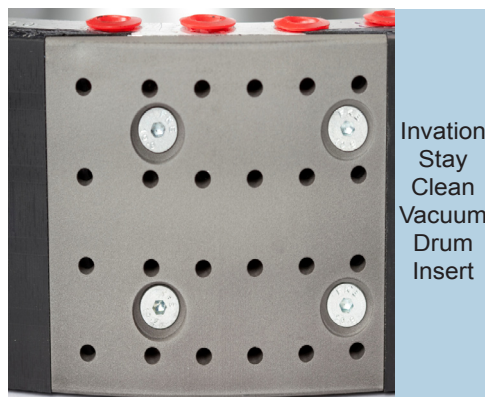
"This new B & H drum design is great", commented Michael Meetze of Amcor PET Packaging, Blythewood, SC.

"We have seen a substantial decline in stoppages to clean the drums, and the impact has been a noticeable improvement in our total line operating efficiencies."

P & N in Australia was the first trial customer for the Invation Stay Clean Vacuum Drum. "The benefits of the new drum became obvious within the first few hours of production. The operator ran the labeler for a full eight hour shift before it was necessary to clean the drum. Not bad for a prototype" commented Peter Goard, General Manager of P & N Perth.

Glue residue build-up is unavoidable on current vacuum drums. When glue build-up disrupts the labeling process, everything stops while the drum is cleaned.

Invation Stay Clean Vacuum Drums operate on a simple principal - If the drum stays clean, you don't have to clean it. Invation Stay Clean Vacuum Drums feature Dura-Motion™ aluminum inserts in specific positions on each vacuum drum. These inserts minimize the build-up of adhesive particles on the vacuum drum, which translates into fewer stuck labels, fewer stoppages to clean the vacuum drum, and ultimately longer production runs.



Invation Stay Clean Vacuum Drums also feature our latest No Break-In pad finish which eliminates the break-in process for new or re-padded vacuum drums.

Invation Stay Clean Vacuum Drums are an available option on all new B & H labelers, and they are also available as aftermarket upgrades for installed Marathon, BH8000, BH8000S, BH8000U, and BH1600 labelers.

Existing vacuum drums for Marathon, BH8000, BH8000S, and BH8000U, and BH1600 labelers may also be returned to B & H and reworked as part of our Core Exchange Program. Returned drums will be reworked into the Stay Clean design. This program allows B & H to reuse existing vacuum drum components which saves you money.

And speaking of the No Break-In vacuum drum pad finish, B & H is very pleased to now offer this ready-to-run finish as standard on all new vacuum drums and all vacuum drum repads.

The No Break-In pad finish means no more break-in period for new or re-padded B & H vacuum drums. Take them out of the box, put them on the labeler, and you're ready to run.

For more information on Invation Stay Clean Vacuum Drums, or the latest No Break-In pad finish, contact your B & H Regional Sales Manager or simply call B & H at 209-537-5785. To order Invation Stay Clean Vacuum Drums for installed B & H labelers, contact your dedicated B & H Inside Sales Coordinator at 209-537-5785 or e-mail your inquiry to parts@bhlabeling.com.

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