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Eric Longo and Edwin Hernandez of US Pack stand proudly next to their Nita Labeler supplied by Plant Automation Group

I first met with the team at US Pack in Leominster in January of 2021. At the time of our meeting, they were in need for a new labeling machine. Their existing machine had become their lines biggest bottle neck and was in need of replacement.

Because US Pack is a contract packer, ease of changeover was going to be the key feature of any machine they were to consider. Based on this as well as the importance of label placement and product handling, Nita was clearly the best solution for their application.

Through the process of quoting and ultimately ordering, Plant Automation Group was able to work with Eric Longo, US Pack's Director of Operations, and his team. Eric noted that "John Carvalho and I worked together reviewing machine options, layout, and process settings to make sure the correct machine options were chosen".

Due to Covid, there was a travel ban in place which did not allow US Pack to visit Nita's plant in Canada for a Factory Acceptance Test. The acceptance test was actually done over video. After the arrival of the Labeler at their Facility, US Pack was able to get the machine up and running without a technician's visit. This was because, Nita took the time to preprogram settings for the containers to label for the application.



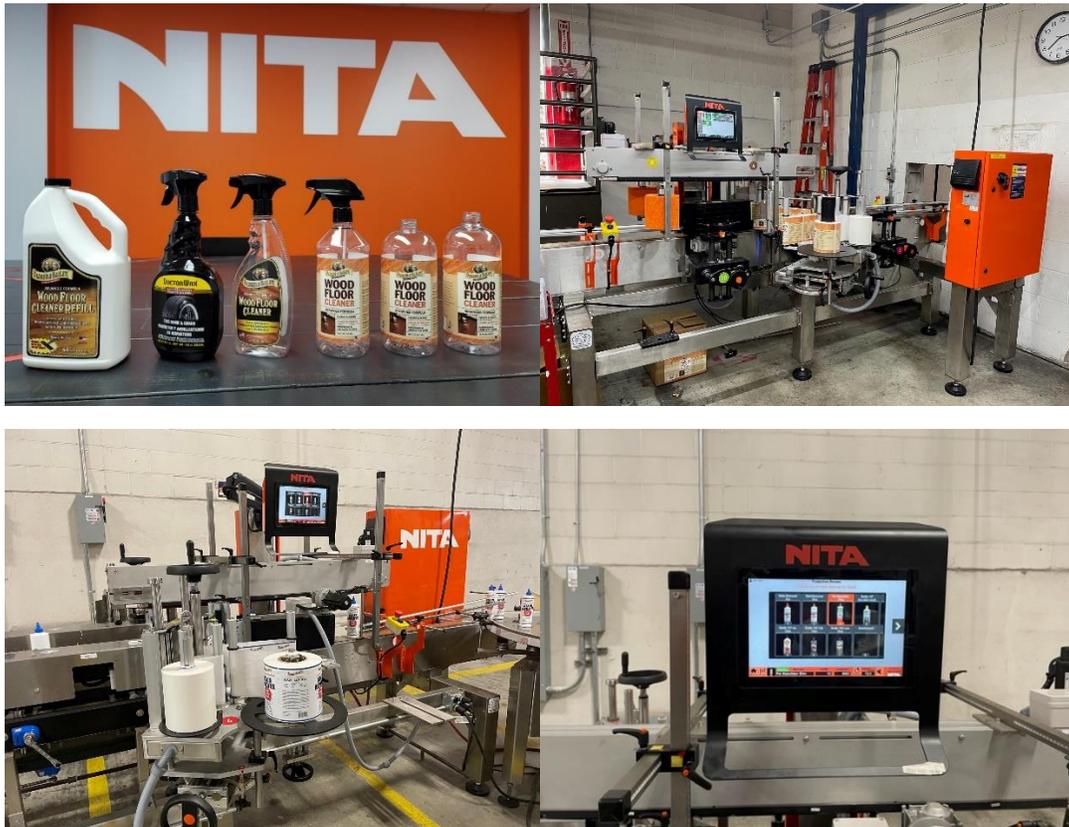
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Ultimately the machine installation led to a productivity increase for the customer. Their label placement was much more consistent. Most importantly, Eric says that the change overs were much easier with the new machine because “the Nita Machine stores all recipes on the monitor to lead an operator through the changeover process. Also, the set-up pieces are labeled on the machine and the monitor screen by screen walks the operator through the set up.”

In my 25 years of supplying Machinery, Eric and his team by far were one of the happiest clients to see me when I first visited after machinery install. Based on the success of this project, we will be potentially looking to provide solutions for upstream and downstream automation based on the identification of line bottle necks caused by line improvements provided with the new labeler. US Pack also installed a second Nita Labeler in August of 2022.

If there is an upcoming application we can help with regarding labeling or any other Packaging Machinery need, feel free to reach out to Plant Automation at 203-743-3884. Also be sure to visit our web page at www.plant-automation-group.com



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