

Automated Inspection & Intelligent Material Handling for

Croissants

Montrose inspection and handling systems provide a complete inspection, rejection, and handling solution created for croissant manufacturing lines. Receive comprehensive statistical analysis of variability while removing human involvement from inspection, rejection, and laning.

A high speed, turnkey system that allows you to:

- 1. Assure quality on a 100% monitoring basis.
- 2. Remove individual defective and non-conforming product from the line.
- 3. Monitor process statistics to pinpoint causes of waste.
- 4. Equally feed in-spec round croissants into each of the packaging lanes.
- 5. Automatically buffer in the case of bottlenecks.
- Rapidly recognize a positive ROI by improving quality, reducing waste, and automating production - in previously labor-intensive areas.

Solution Components	SnapQC	FocalPoint	MT Series	AutoLaner
3D & True Color Inspection	~	<u> </u>	~	
Bottom Color Inspection	<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Automated Rejection			✓	
Laning for Entrance to Packaging				~
In-line Accumulation / Buffering			~	~
Weight	~			
Statistical Analysis and Reporting	~	<u> </u>	~	
NEMA 4X		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Sanitary Design	~	~	~	~





> Isolate and Eliminate Sources of Waste

Automated inspection provides real-time and historical information on fault, and out-of-spec conditions, allowing you to isolate the issues causing the most waste by shift, product, line, and plant. The measurement results will also make it easier to reach consistent quality when developing new products or when formulation changes are made.

Analysis Type	Example Faults	Impact on Customer or Plant	Rejection Capability	Statistical Analysis
Geometrical Analysis	Too large or small Too tall or short	Product rejection	0 - 100% fully under plant control	Worst Fault Pareto
Allalysis	Shape Doubles	Customer complaints	plant control	Reporting
	Poor symmetry / join	Handling problems, such as jamming at the slicer / bagger		Dashboard
Color Analysis	Under- or over-baked Visible debris	Consumer complaints	0 - 100% fully under	Worst Fault Pareto
(Top and	Too light	Product rejection	praint control	Reporting
Bottom)	Too dark Foreign material			Dashboard

> Measure, Reject, Buffer, Lane

The MT Series inspection system may be installed immediately after the depanner for fast real-time data, or just before packaging where the system acts as the 'gate-keeper'. A vision system and AutoLaner combination assures smooth flow of quality croissants into the slicer, with the removal of oversized product, belt speed changes, diversion, and/or lane balancing.



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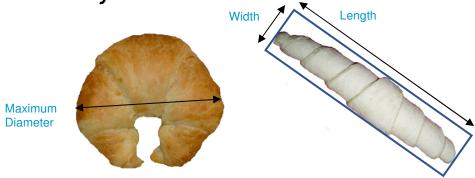
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> Common Height Analysis



Profile height calculations are based on hundreds of individual height values gathered on every product, which leads to a measurement accuracy of ±0.5mm. Mean Height is another common measurement applied to croissants.

> Common 2-D Analysis



Two dimensional calculations are based on an accurately defined perimeter, which is imaged by both overhead cameras. 2-D measurement accuracy is ±0.5mm. Mean Diameter, Roundness, Surface Area, and Volume are other common measurements applied to croissants.

> Common Color Analysis





Bottom Average Color

True color calculations, on both the top and bottom surface of the product, are measured in various units such as L*a*b* and BCU.

> Common Fault Analysis



Only common examples have been pictured. There are many standard measurements that can be used, individually or combined within formulae, to qualify your product. All visible product characteristics and faults can be quantified.