

Realtime print & apply system

















ALcode print and apply machines apply the 'just printed' label onto products whilst stopped or in motion, and in any position



ALcode with air blow label applicator for moving products. (Watch video)

ALcode represents the cutting edge in label print and apply technology, and is distinguished in the field amongst its peers for its extreme robustness, great versatility, and incredible performance.

ALcode is designed to integrate the various models of Sato print module with their respective high performances (Series EX), Zebra ZE500 and with other compatible models.

ALcode can manage labels up to 180 mm in width (depending on the printer chosen). ALcode can be equipped with a huge array of different application devices.

Modules available include:

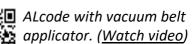
- Air jet application system (with or without piston), for regular-shaped moving products.
- Vacuum belt application device, for label application onto regular moving products. This device is only electrical and does not require compressed air.
- Swinging application system, for wipe-on application onto moving products (ideal for sacks and bags, both empty or filled).
- Tamp application system, for stationery products potentially at variable heights.
- Rotary arm applicator, to apply on to the front of moving products.

The ALcode unit is controlled by a powerful PLC with a colour touch screen HMI. It is positioned within the main machine body, but rotatable to suit the position of the machine relative to its operation.

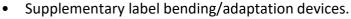
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The display allows the operator to change the application parameters, and inform the user about the machine status. The machine is designed for medium-high speed packaging lines. As standard it can accept label reels up to 300 mm diameter, but can be optioned with an enlarged 400 mm unit and corresponding high-capacity rewinder. It is also possible to add on some further enhancement devices, such as:





- Laser scanner for barcode checking/label presence confirmation.
- Near end of reel sensor and/or rewind full, with multicolour tower light.
- 'Label on tamp' confirmation sensor.



- A sensor to confirm the presence of compressed air.
- PLC's from alternate manufacturers and/or with custom interface programming.



ALcode P for application on two sides of a pallet. (<u>Watch video</u>)

ALcode P

ALcode P is the name used to identify ALcode machines specifically designed for pallet labelling. The main features of the standard ALcode are carried over, however, in pallet labelling conveyors are normally wider so application distances are bigger and the environment is often harsher (warm/cold/dusty), generally with larger labels to be applied and on multiple pallet faces/positions. For these reasons, ALcode P is equipped with a solid base housed with an integrated cabinet for safety protection, and often the dual purpose to protect the machine from its environment (with various options available such as positive air pressure, automatic cabinet opening doors and heaters, to enhance this).

The standard application solutions are designed for A5 labels (148mm x 210mm, different sizes are available

on-demand) and are capable of self-adjusting to varying pallet shapes or slightly different stopping positions. They include:

- Tamp application system, (long stroke 500 mm or 1000 mm) for single label application on a stopped pallet.
- Multi-axis movement system for 2 labels application onto two adjacent faces of a stopped pallet (i.e. front + side) with one pallet stop (or optionally 3 labels on three faces with two pallet stops).



ALcode with swinging arm

applicator. (<u>Watch video</u>)



Application on 3 sides
of a pallet. (Watch video)

ALcode P is controlled by an enlarged powerful PLC for advanced machine operation and handshake signalling. It also includes a colour touch screen HMI with specific functionality developed for the pallet labelling. For example, the display provides the possibility to activate an auto-repeat function in the case of a scanner 'barcode check' fault signal (where desired and fitted), as well as general machine status information and control of the same wide and varied options available for the machine as per the standard ALcode.

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