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Container Graphics Awarded Patent For LinerGuard™

Container Graphics Corp. was recently awarded a patent for its LinerGuard™ technology. LinerGuard™ is a unique design feature for cutting dies that radically reduces, and in most cases eliminates, cracking along scores on corrugated board, even with dry and recycled liner.

According to Jim Smithwick, VP of Engineering and Manufacturing, and the inventor of LinerGuard™, “The system addresses the liner cracking problems associated with the conventional method of rubbering along creasing rule. With LinerGuard™ special elastomer is installed with a gap between itself and the creasing rule. A retaining system is installed along the elastomer on the opposite side. This prevents the elastomer, when compressed, from displacing in a direction away from the crease. LinerGuard™ directs the energy of the compressed elastomer towards the crease, thereby reducing tearing of the liner. It can be used with score, perf and bundle breaker rule.”

Jim Alexander, President and COO of CGC added, “Container Graphics, supported by the focus and experience of Jim Smithwick, constantly strives to pursue and introduce solutions to problems that have historically challenged the corrugated converting process. LinerGuard™ is an example of our continued dedication to solving these issues.”

Container Graphics Corporation is one of the world’s largest manufacturers of printing plates and cutting dies for the corrugated packaging industry. The company maintains its corporate headquarters in Cary, NC (USA), and operates 16 facilities worldwide.

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Container Graphics' LinerGuard™ shown with Surface Restraints (yellow) and used with Bundle Breaker Rule