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News Release

Paper manufacturer definitely not green to pallet optimisation

Overview

Thomas and Green (www.thomasandgreen.co.uk) has been making quality paper for 300 years. Having pioneered many of the paper making processes used throughout the world, Thomas and Green are the largest manufacturer of coffee basket filters in Europe with a manufacturing capacity in excess of 30 million units per week.

The Thomas and Green production facility, based in Hereford, has 3,500 sq m of modern production space and 2,700 sq ft of racked warehousing.

With probably the widest range of filter sizes in the world, Thomas and Green offers a bespoke manufacturing service for some of the best known coffee brands.

Managing Director, Tom Klimes, talks to us about how specialist software TOPS® Pro from AutoLogic Systems Ltd helps to keep their packaging and loading processes as efficient as possible whilst offering a quality bespoke service to their customers.

Problem and Solution

Thomas and Green sells 200 different products in 70 different packaging formats, to catering re-sellers and retailers in 30 countries. 50 per cent of all Thomas and Green products are exported. A sophisticated process is therefore required that will ensure they can ship as efficiently as possible.

Thomas & Green were previously using a piece of software to assist in this process but were finding it difficult to use and not getting the results they were after. That is when they switched to TOPS® Pro, nearly five years ago.

TOPS® Pro is an easy to use software that enables the reduction of packaging and transport costs by 5-20% by optimising all areas of packaging design, from primary and secondary packaging through to case, pallet and vehicle.

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Tom Klimes comments: "TOPS® Pro does exactly what it says on the tin. Our customers typically specify how many product they require in each box and the artwork that is to be used. We then use TOPS® Pro to come up with the most efficient shape of box and number of boxes per pallet. We also have to use a mixture of standard and Euro pallets and the software enables us to specify both versions.

AutoLogic Systems, the company behind the software, are on hand to help with any questions or training requirements we have and work with us to get the most out of the software.

TOPS® Pro enables us to benefit from the best pallet optimisation possible which in turn means we can keep our costs down for our customers. This is increasingly important in such a price sensitive market. We probably made our money back on purchasing the software in the first six months. Five years later, we are still saving."

For more information on TOPS® Pro please visit www.autologic-systems.co.uk.

For more information on Thomas and Green visit www.thomasandgreen.co.uk.

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About AutoLogic Systems Ltd

AutoLogic Systems Ltd was founded in 1993 and quickly established itself as a leading provider of simulation products and services to industry. The company has continued to grow its expertise, services and products and today offers a unique range of specialist software for eliminating waste and improving efficiency. These products are grouped into three core business areas. The Facility Modeling and Controls Testing area for materials handling simulation, presentation and control system emulation/testing. The Package Design and Load Optimisation area for optimising pack, case, pallet, vehicle and container fill and the area of Vehicle Scheduling and Tracking for automating the route planning and scheduling of vehicles together with web-based tracking and reporting.