

FOOD & DRUG PACKAGING



Originally a two-head unit, this high-volume piston filler has continued to meet capacity demands by allowing the company to add heads as volume grew.

Filler's flexibility and speed accelerates co-packer's growth

Riba Foods Inc. packages its increasingly popular line of 18 Arriba salsas and dips for sale across the country. The company is also an active contract packager of other manufacturers' sauces, cheese dips, pickles and mustards. So it needs to be flexible in its filling operations, where it makes changeovers often and quickly.

The search for new equipment led general manager Miguel Barrios, Jr., and two members of his production team to the Pack Expo West trade show in October 1995. There they were able to watch machines in operation and question technical specialists from vendor companies.

Before the trip, however, they narrowed down the search by consulting company literature. "Many high-volume fillers are not intended to be versatile," says Barrios, "and we didn't want to waste time looking at equipment we could rule out beforehand."

At that time, Riba's filling lines were running 18 hours a day and still were barely keeping up with demand. High-volume filling was a priority. But, because of the range of products being filled, versatility was an equal-

ly important criterion.

"At the show," Barrios says, "we could see machines in operation and judge features ranging from how easy they would be to changeout and clean to how large a footprint they would need."

After viewing a range of equipment,

In a nutshell

- Goal:** Find versatile filling equipment for a busy, varied filling line
- How:** Watch machines operate and question technicians at trade show
- Result:** Reliable, flexible filler helps co-packer expand capacity 500%

Barrios and his crew chose to purchase the **Kaps-All** double-headed piston filler (doubling the capability of Riba's existing single-head filler). The decisive element in the sale, however, was the capability to add more heads in the future.

Since purchasing the Kaps-All system, Riba has twice expanded it, each time adding two more heads, for a total now of six. The expansions have allowed Riba to increase production capability 500% since it went looking for help in 1995.

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