

Equipment Information



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1 Description and key features

1.1 Description

The Cryovac® VS96DC automatic belt vacuum chamber packaging machine is designed for packaging medium/large industrial size units of vacuum sensitive products (sensitive cheese or processed meat), as well as vacuum non-sensitive products in Cryovac® bags. The VS96DC is the right choice for packaging large Emmentaler cheese wheels or European cheese blocks. It incorporates many novel features made possible by the latest advances in vacuum packaging technology. Typical examples are the advanced Cryovac® DC vacuum system for sensitive products and the Advanced Vacuum Control System (AVCS) for non-sensitive products. Both functions make the VS96DC suitable for a wide range of applications across different marker sectors and guarantee stable and optimal pack presentation. The VS96DC sets new standards regarding safety as well, with the integrated Active Safety System designed especially for the food sector.

The VS96DC is controlled by a PLC (programmable logic control) system which monitors and sequences each phase of the machine during operation. It incorporates several recipes with parameters that can be customized to suit particular requirements. Programming is self-explanatory and made via a touchscreen control panel.

Construction is simple and robust. All critical parts are treated against the corrosive environment often found in food production and packaging rooms. Designed with ergonomics, safety and hygiene in mind it is easy to use and clean, simple to maintain and meets all relevant European legislation for safety and hygiene. The machine is fully 'washdown' capable.

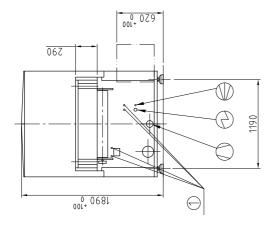


1.2 Key features

- Large chamber automatic belt vacuum packaging machine requiring 1 or 2 operators depending on line layout
- State-of-the-Art touchscreen interface with self-explanatory programming, incorporating product specific factory settings as well as open recipes to easily program your own settings
- Switchable from soft vacuum (sensitive products) to hard vacuum (non-sensitive products) mode
- The VS96DC achieves up to 2 cycles/min in soft vacuum mode and up to 3 cycles/min in hard vacuum mode (both dependent on product type, vacuum configuration and belt speed)
- Advanced vacuum technology to guarantee optimal and fast vacuum even when packaging wet and damp products (in hard vacuum mode)
- Advanced Cryovac[®] DC vacuum system technology guarantees even sensitive products are optimally packed
- Can be operated as a stand-alone machine or integrated into an automatic packaging line
- Start and stop pump remote control
- Automatic product transfer
- UltraSeal[®] system, improved sealing performance by optimized temperature control
- No water cooling system required
- Final cutting system with trim removal system
- Automatic power saving facility when the machine is not used for a set period
- · Convenient cleaning mode and a fully 'washdown' capable machine
- Ultravac fitted as standard
- Low noise level and no peaks due to a frequency inverted booster pump (in hard vacuum mode)
- Integrated Active Safety System reacts before physical contact
- · Hygienic design makes cleaning easy and effective
- Good access for maintenance
- Robust, high quality build standard using food approved materials throughout



2 Layout



① synchro connections for:
-vaccum pump
-shrink tank
-power supply for
motorized exit conv. (option)

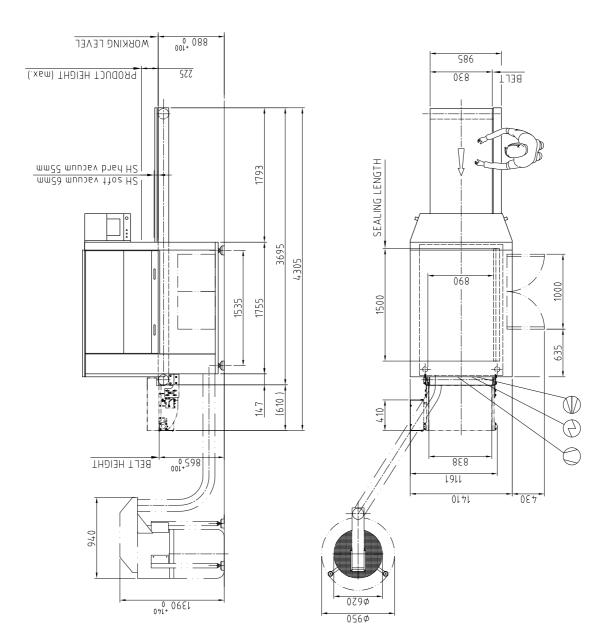


Fig. 2-1, Layout VS96DC



3 Nominal technical data

3.1 **Machine dimensions**

Length, width & height See machine layout

3.2 Weight

Weight 3000 kg approx. (standard configuration)

Utilities 3.3

3.3.1 **Compressed air**

Air type Clean and dry Pressure 0.6 MPa (6 bar) 15 Nm³/h (nominal) Consumption Connection type G 1/2" thread

3.3.2 **Electrical**

All data includes booster pump

400 V Voltage No. of phases 3 + earth Frequency 50 Hz Energy consumption per 4.6 kWh

hour (average)

Installed power 13.5 kW

Current protection 32 A delayed action type

3.3.3 **Vacuum**

* SV/HV (standard) * SV (version) Main pump 630 to 1000 m³/h 630 m³/h

Booster pump Busch Puma 1250 m³/h with frequency inverter

3 inch pipe 3 inch pipe

Connection to external

pump

^{*} SV = Soft Vacuum, HV = Hard Vacuum



3.4 Working characteristics

3.4.1 Product dimensions

Length / Diameter845 mm max.Height225 mm max.Weight120 kg max.

3.4.2 Sealing bar

* SV/HV (standard) * SV (version)

Length 1500 mm 1500 mm Height SV = 65 mm 65 mm

HV = 55 mm

3.4.3 Bag details

Length To suit product Width To suit product

Bag type(s) Current range of Cryovac[®] shrink bags (automatic feeding only with OSB™ bags)

3.4.4 Functional details

Working speed *SV = 2 / *HV = 3 cycles/min

(depending on product type and pump used

with belt at maximum speed)

Noise level 76 dB (A) at operator's working position

No. of operators 1 to 2 operators

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4 Configuration

4.1 Standard

- Siemens PLC S7-300
- Right hand version of the machine
- Standard infeed conveyor
- Belt motor with frequency inverter (pulley motor type, stainless steel)
- Touchscreen panel with self-explanatory programming
- · Flat surfaced conveyor belt with fast locking system, easy to change
- · Anti-stick profiles on bag supports
- UltraSeal[®] sealing system giving improved sealing performance by optimized temperature control with:
 - Pre-cutting system
 - Final cutting system
 - Anti-stick device
 - Bag clamping device removable (for hard vacuum mode only)
- Fixed sealing bar height * SV = 65 mm / * HV = 55 mm
- Ultravac system
- Switchable soft/hard vacuum
- Advanced vacuum technology inside incorporating the following features:
 - Double vacuum-valve for smoothness and silence
 - Advanced Cryovac[®] DC vacuum system including soft reventing
 - Advanced vacuum control system for full control and convenience
 - Self adjusting vacuum algorithm for stable quality
 - Booster (1250 m³/h from Busch) with frequency inverter for maximum vacuum power at a minimum noise level
- Active safety guard for infeed and outfeed
- Built-in ventilator with air injectors for removing the trim
- Photocell for product sensing
- 'Electronic eye' cycle start
- Interface for a loading conveyor
- Safety interface (emergency stop) upstream and downstream
- Functional interface upstream and downstream
- Anti-ballooning rubber net, removable (for hard vacuum mode only)
- Dirt tray
- Spare parts kit
- Installation kit
- Technical manual
- Declaration of Conformity

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4.2 Versions

- · Left hand machine
- VS96DC with short infeed
- VS96DC with critical components in stainless steel
- VS96DC with only soft vacuum process (no built-in booster)
- VS96DC without built-in booster

On special request (please ask for delivery time and price):

· Alternative power supply

4.3 Options

The following items are available as optional extras for the Cryovac[®] VS96DC. Please contact your local Cryovac[®] office for more details.

- Fixed sealing bar height 40 mm (for machines with only soft vacuum process)
- External precutting device with basket
- External precutting device without basket
- Trim collector
- Vacuum pump 630 to 1000 m³/h
- Gravity exit rollers
- Exit conveyor short (length 600 mm)
- Exit conveyor long (length 1200 mm)
- Exit rollers to conveyor
- Synchronizing inverter for exit conveyor
- PC camera (including lighting and chamber installation)
- High friction belt

4.4 Recommended line assembly

- VS96DC + exit conveyor short + exit rollers to conveyor + ST99 + WR81-800
- VS96DC + exit conveyor long + synchronizing inverter for exit conveyor + ST98-800 + WR81-800

Note: Product width is limited for ST98-800 lines (please refer to the individual Equipment Information Sheet).

Note: Product width is limited for WR81-800 lines. To maintain optimal production capacity, products must be correctly orientated and separated before entry.