# EPSILON Controls & Automation

# **Application Note...**

#### Customer

An MNC manufacturing health drinks packed in tetra-packs

## **Customer requirements**

Presence/Absence detection of straw on box in high Speed conveyor

#### **Epsilon Solution**

**Epsilon ECA-SDS2 laser sensor** 

#### Why Epsilon?

Epsilon is always chosen as a trusted solution provider for difficult applications

#### **Customer Benefits**

**Flexibility** – Only one time mounting of sensor and continuously monitoring presence/Absence of straw on box for different speeds

No need of separate box detection sensor

**User Interface** – LED indication for monitoring inspection results on sensor and epsilon intelligent controller

#### **ECA-SDS2 Features:**

- The algorithm in ECA-SDS2 sensor wait for end of box and then straw signal is set accordingly
- Reliable operation in various speeds.
- Setting not required for different pack sizes
- No false or multiple output.

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# Detect the Presence/Absence of straw on box on high speed conveyor



Deployed
50mm
from its target,
an ECA-SDS2
sensor
with Epsilon
intelligent
controller
inspects for
presence/
Absence
detection of
straw on box
on high speed
conveyor

# **Background**

Special application done for Tetra pack packaging industry. These industries need a simple, cost-effective, and reliable way to detect presence/absence of straw on box on high speed conveyor after straw applicator. In case of missing of straw on box is rejected by use of rejection mechanism.

# Challenge

The size of the packet changes, color of the packet is not same. It may be any color and travelling at speeds of up to 150/minute. The straw is covered by transparent plastic and its position on the box may keep varying without consistency. We have to avoid multiple pulses while strictly checking that no box travels without straw pasted on it.

### **Solution**

The Epsilon ECA-SDS2 sensor provides a simple way to detect presence of straw on box. The algorithm in ECA-SDS2 sensor wait for end of box and then straw signal is set accordingly, If straw was present then 0V is set otherwise +PWR. In the event of straw missing, pneumatic pusher mechanism ejects the packets in to the ejection bin. The sensor is capable of finding straw on 1box per sec to 30 boxes per second.

# **Product Image**

