

PACKAGING / TEA / TRIM EXTRACTION

Central Trim Extraction System for Tea Packing Machines

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THE CHALLENGE

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Each tea packing machine relied on an individual local exhaust system with small-diameter pipes. These units frequently clogged, causing dust to accumulate around the lines, leading to downtime and the need for regular manual cleaning. Operators had to monitor the exhausts, empty waste containers, and restart machines after stoppages, increasing labor demands. Loose trim and dust on the floor also created safety risks and disrupted internal logistics.

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THE FACTS

Machines 1-2:

- Material: Paper (tissue), plastic film
- Dimensions: 120 x 120 mm
- Material weight: 21 g/m²
- Quantity: 150/min.

Machines 3-8:

- Material: Paper – continuous cutting and extraction
- Trim width: 12 mm
- Material weight: 21 g/m²
- Speed: 17.5 m/min.



Waste collected from the three extraction lines is discharged into large waste bins, while dust is handled separately through the KNFK bag filter for clean, controlled operation.

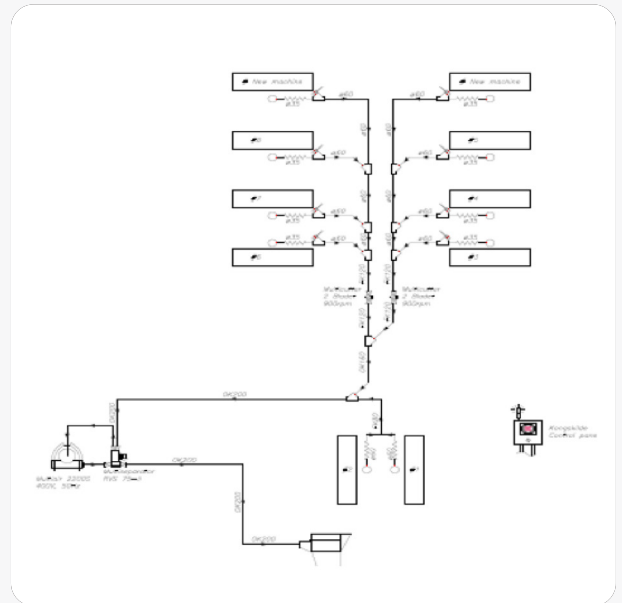
THE SOLUTION

Kongskilde installed a centralized trim extraction system that connects all eight tea packing machines, creating one coordinated solution for continuous waste removal and a cleaner production environment.

- The installation is divided into three extraction lines, each sized to match specific machine groups.
- BTK blowers generate the conveying airflow needed to transport trim and dust from the machines.
- Pressure-monitored suction points help stabilize system performance and reduce the risk of clogging.
- The system is designed to handle small pipe diameters and high-pressure conditions.
- Trim waste is conveyed and discharged into large waste bins for easy handling.
- Dust is separated from the air by a KNFK bag filter and collected in a controlled manner.
- A central control panel manages start/stop functions and alarm monitoring for reliable operation.

THE ADVANTAGES AND BENEFITS

- **Cleaner production** through inline waste collection that eliminates cleaning stops.
- **Higher uptime** keeps production running at full capacity.
- **Lower labor demand** through reduced manual handling and operator intervention.
- **Improved workplace safety** by removing loose trim and dust from the floor.
- **Greater equipment reliability** minimizes failures and maintenance interruptions.
- **Lower heating costs** by recirculating filtered air into the production.
- **Better housekeeping** and more floor space from centralized waste collection.
- **Collected material can be further processed** or resold, supporting circular production.



Smarter waste handling keeps the production clean, reduces downtime, improves safety, and minimizes manual handling of trimmings.

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Start the conversation today and discover how a pneumatic solution can improve your operations.