ROBOKOMBI
MULTIFUNCTIONAL ROBOT FOR THE BOTTLING INDUSTRY
Robotics provide the most complete and technologically advanced solutions to meet the demand for increasingly flexible automation in bottling lines. Robots are now a regular feature in this sector, due to their great versatility and reliability. This is further enhanced by their ability to operate in reduced and contained production areas.

For the bottling sector Sidel has created RoboKombi, a multifunctional palletizing robot. The system, when suitably equipped can be employed for all types of activities: pal/depal crates, pal/depal kegs, pal cans, pal packs, pal/depal loose bottles, stacking/unstacking empty pallets, inserting and removing pads, crating decrating, etc.

RoboKombi is part of a vast range of products and system devised to meet the highly varied customer requirements in the sectors of palletizing and secondary packaging.
RoboKombi as a system can be applied in various areas, from crates to loose or packs bottles, handling both complete layers and rows, whose potential output ranges from 450 cycles/hour with 600 kilograms at wrist up to 550 cycles/hour with 300 kilograms.

Sidel’s long experience in the field of bottling has enabled its experts to develop and integrate around the central robot unit the whole handling and conveying system specific to each individual application.

The key equipment in the system is the gripping head whose various configurations determine the robot’s method of operation:

- Head with hooks or lateral guides for handling crates
- Multi-row head with plates made of steel or carbon fiber for packs or cartons
- Head with individual tulip-shaped grips for loose bottles in crates and/or plastic trays
- Head with guides or lateral closing for empty PET bottles
- Head with spikes and suction cups for pallets and pads.

The heads have a frame manufactured with a high ratio of allowable stress/weight material, suitably shaped to guarantee great rigidity and limited use of floor space. The heads are also equipped with a security system to safeguard the equipment from collision with any extraneous or badly positioned objects. Each head may be equipped with an automatic grip changeover, thus allowing for very fast format changeovers with no operator involvement. Consisting of a male grip (installed on the robot) and a female grip (on each head), the system is designed according to the concept of “intrinsic security”.

The presence of a dedicated tool area enables operators to carry out preparation and/or maintenance activities on individual heads off-line while the robot continues to work.

The operator-machine interface consists of touch screen providing information about the state of the system peripherals and a programming unit equipped with joystick and a dedicated keyboard with display for the robot.
# TECHNICAL FEATURES

Max. load capacity at wrist | 160 Kg – 300 Kg – 450 Kg – 600 Kg
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Throughput | From 400 t 550 (According to the application)
Max height of working field | 2700 mm
Max width of working field | 1500 mm
Machines axes rotation | 360 (°)
Repeatability | ± 0,5 mm
Power feed | 15 KVA
Unit free air consumption | 200 N.L./1'
Air feed pressure | 6 ATE
Standard voltage | Power 380 V - 3 PH – 50 Hz; controls 24 V DC
Motor and electric protection | IP 54 C.E.I. UNEL

Palletizing/depalletizing applications
Sidel is a leading provider of equipment and services solutions for packaging beverage, food, home and personal care products in PET, can, glass and other materials.

With over 40,000 machines installed in more than 190 countries, we have nearly 170 years of proven experience, with a strong focus on the factory of tomorrow with advanced systems, line engineering and innovation. Our 5,500+ employees worldwide are passionate about providing solutions that fulfil customer needs and boost the performance of their lines, products and businesses.

Delivering this level of performance requires that we stay flexible. We continuously ensure we understand our customers’ changing challenges and commit to meeting their unique performance and sustainability goals. We do this through dialogue and by understanding the needs of their markets, production and value chains. In turn, we apply our solid technical knowledge and smart data analytics to ensure lifetime productivity reaches its full potential.

We call it Performance through Understanding.