

FANUC TO SHOWCASE AUTOMATED PACKAGING SOLUTIONS AT PPMA

FANUC UK will be demonstrating the ease and affordability of automated picking, packing and palletising at this year's PPMA event, which takes place from the 26 – 28 September at Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre.

The leading provider of factory automation solutions has collaborated with Pacepacker Services on a fully functional display, which will give visitors a live demonstration of an automated case-loading, palletising and end-of-line system. The display, which will be located at stand C50, will also include products and solutions from Pacepacker's own product portfolio.

The stand aims to show how automation can be applied to any stage of a packing line, and will include solutions covering a wide variety of functions, such as case erecting, case loading, sealing, packing, conveying and transferring.

The display will include two FANUC robots: the M70iC 45M and the LR Mate. The 6-axis M70iC 45M is capable of handling payloads of up to 45kg and will be equipped with a dual function gripper for picking both bags and cases. The smaller LR Mate cell will be demonstrating FANUC's Dual Check Safety (DCS) technology, which allows operators to visualise defined safety zones in 3D to avoid damage to personnel or equipment.

Andrew Armstrong, Sales and Marketing Manager at FANUC UK, said: "A myth still persists in the logistics and packaging industry that automation is only for the big players. We aim to dispel that myth by partnering with Pacepacker Services to demonstrate that automated solutions are easier to install and cheaper than you might think.

"One benefit of demonstrating an entire packaging and palletising line at a show like PPMA is that visitors can see the range of products out there, from small, human-sized pickers to larger industrial robots capable of lifting payloads that would be hazardous for humans. What's more, visitors will gain an understanding of how different automated solutions can work together to provide a full service, with minimal programming required."

*For more information on FANUC's stand, or to register to attend, please visit
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<http://www.fanuc.eu/uk/en/industrial-applications/pick-pack>*