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# News Release

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## Applied Vision Solves Foil End Inspection Challenge for Sonoco

**AKRON, OH** – September 23, 2009 – Applied Vision Corporation, the leading provider of machine vision inspection systems for the container manufacturing industry, has signed on to provide global packaging supplier Sonoco (Hartsville, S.C.) with an industry-first solution for vision inspection of membrane/foil ends. The new tester has spurred a multi-stage, multiple-camera order from Sonoco for a North American facility.

Membrane/foil end inspection has traditionally been performed with pressurized air or by using high-intensity light and counting photons. The pressurized air method proved to be too slow for Sonoco's application and the photon counting method resulted in false negatives – meaning good parts were rejected along with defective ones. Applied Vision's unique vision-based system solves both problems, allowing for the accurate and reliable inspection of this critical packaging component.

The first-of-a-kind systems will be used to inspect Sonoco's Ultraseal® membrane ends. Installation is expected to be complete in early 2010. The project is a joint venture between Sonoco, Applied Vision and Stolle Machinery's EMD Division (Sidney, OH), a leading supplier of capital equipment, spares and service for producers of beverage and food cans.

"When Sonoco presented us this foil end inspection challenge, the Applied Vision team developed a system that not only meets their specifications, but also approaches foil end inspection in an entirely new way," said Bud Patel, Applied Vision's vice president of sales. "Sonoco is a company that truly stands behind the quality, safety and efficacy of its products. This project allowed us to show them that Applied Vision is a proven innovator and a valuable partner. Today we are proud to count ourselves among Sonoco's trusted vendors."

"Applied Vision has created a very precise and efficient method to identify defects in foil end membranes. This will benefit Sonoco tremendously because we will quickly inspect 100% in-line and good parts will no longer be rejected," said Bill Suski, manager – special projects at Sonoco.

**About Applied Vision Corporation**

Applied Vision Corporation designs and manufactures application-specific machine vision inspection systems for packaging, food and beverage containers and color printing. Applied Vision systems are sold worldwide through original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), value-added resellers (VARs), full-service distributors and company direct. For more information on Applied Vision's machine vision solutions, visit [www.appliedvision.com](http://www.appliedvision.com).

**About Sonoco**

Founded in 1899, Sonoco is a \$4.1 billion global manufacturer of industrial and consumer products and provider of packaging services, with more than 300 operations in 35 countries, serving customers in some 85 nations. For more information visit <http://www.sonoco.com/>.

**About Stolle Machinery Company, LLC**

Stolle Machinery is a leading supplier of capital equipment, spares and service for producers of beverage and food cans. Constantly evolving to benefit the can industry, Stolle's engineering and development teams consistently produce new improvements and innovations that save money and materials for canmakers. To learn more about Stolle Machinery and their full line of can machinery, visit <http://www.stollemachinery.com/>.

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