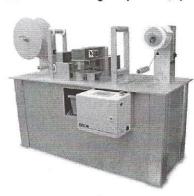
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are recommended according to each application. Diameters as small as 5/8 in. (1.6 cm) are common. Small-diameter shafts for thin-wall core or coreless applications are available, as are leaf shafts down to 1.25 in. (3.2 cm) dia. Co. also manufactures a line of full-size air shafts for cores up to 12 in. (30.5 cm) in dia. NIMCOR, 888-464-6267, www.nimcor.com

High-speed punch module uses hardened tooling for precise, quality cuts



AZCO Corp. (Fairfield, NJ) introduces a new servo-driven punch assembly, which allows for high-speed operation, precise control and low maintenance. The module uses a punch and die tooling made of thoroughly hardened material to provide customers with highprecision, quality cuts. A roll of base material

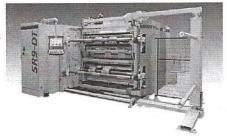
is placed on the motorized unwind. As the dancer moves, the unwind feeds out material to a set of idler rolls. The modular punch station is controlled by a servo drive. Full control of the drive permits the punch to operate at 400 cycles/min. Punched slugs fall into a waste bin below. Servo-driven nip rollers pull the material through the punch station. From the nip rollers, a motorized rewind winds the material onto a paperboard core. The entire station is mounted onto a base plate for easy operation. All functions are controlled from the color touchscreen.

AZCO CORP., 973-439-1428, www.azcocorp.com

Dual-turret slitter/rewinder runs wide range of substrates at up to 1,000 mpm

Atlas Converting North America (Charlotte, NC) gives converters flexibility for current production, and provides a simple and

economical modular path for future requirements with its new Titan SR9-DT Dual Turret slitter/ rewinder. Features and benefits include Digital Positioned Unwind



(DPU) - the electric lifting and positioning of the unwind roll requires no hydraulics, providing a cleaner environment and reduced power consumption; a moving slitter section ensures a short web path and the best possible finished roll quality; a modular design adapts to meet any future production requirements; automatic Stop to Restart time of less than 30 secs; and reduced power consumption through high-efficiency motors and regenerative braking on the unwind. The SR9-DT runs 65-in. parent rolls at up to 1,000 mpm and slits down to 0.80 in. A broad range of films, laminates, papers and boards can be handled.

ATLAS CONVERTING NORTH AMERICA, 704-587-2450,

www.atlasconverting.com

Sheeter designed for digital sheetfed-press sizes

Maxson Automatic Machinery Co. (Westerly, RI) launches a sheeter specifically engineered for the digital sheetfed printingpress market. The sheeter, which can accept up to 65-in. (1,651mm) wide webs, can convert and stack up to 40-in. (1,016-mm) long sheets. Equipped with a quick setup slitting rig, the sheeter is able to produce multiple piles across the width of the sheeter to maximize production while reducing run time. Energyconserving drive systems accurately and squarely produce the smaller sheet sizes within +/-0.015 in. (+/-0.381 mm) of the desired cut off, eliminating the need to guillotine trim to a finished size. The delivery system incorporates special design features to convey multiple streams of short, lightweight sheets from the cutter to the stacker. Innovative use of static-eliminating systems in combination with compressed air allows trouble-free sheet flow at higher speeds. Because of its compact footprint and dependable operation, the machine can be attended to by one person.

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