

UPM Conveyors keep you moving

UPM Conveyors have, since 1975, specialised in providing conveying equipment for the world's packaging industry and for the conveying of food and hygiene-related products.

Their range starts with simple, small, horizontal units right up to large bespoke conveying systems with PLC control, manufactured from a choice of materials including stainless steel and special food-grade HMWPE plastic, which is machined to size on UPM's own router. All conveyors are available with numerous belt options which includes the plastic link type, together with the conventional PU, cloth and much else.

UPM have over a hundred major installations worldwide and some 1600 clients using their products. The company has some major key accounts with many brand names, offering a personal service to all of its customers.

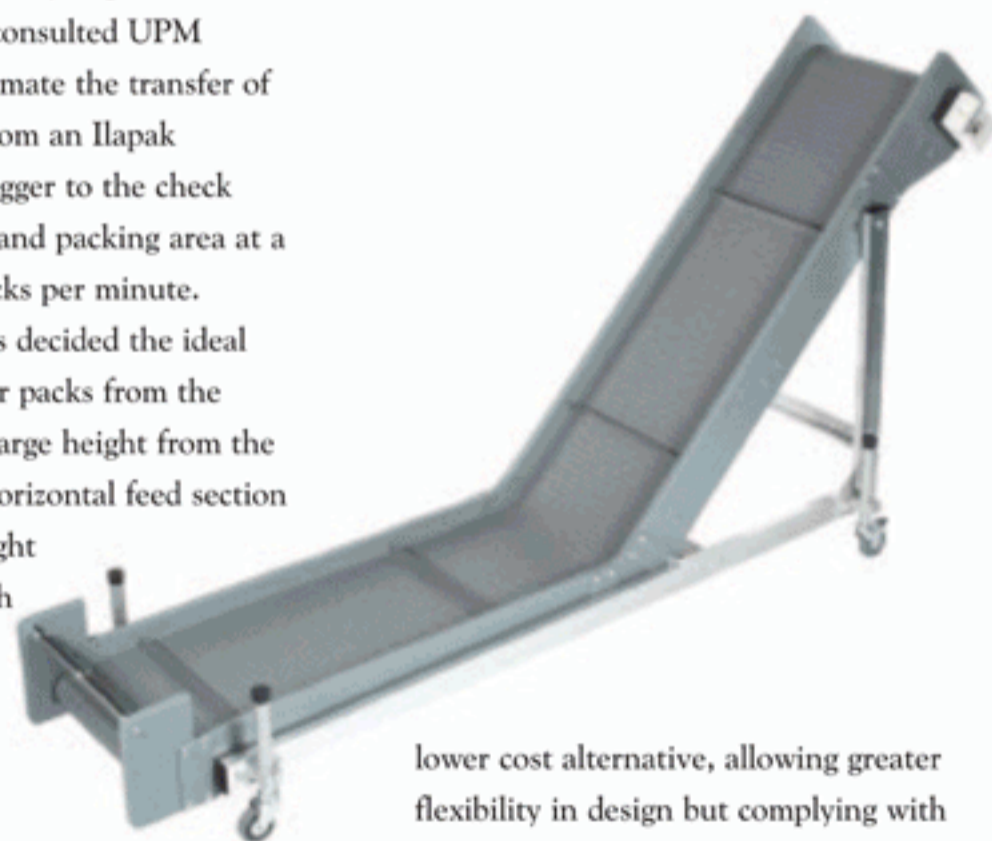
The UPM mission statement is the cornerstone of our success, which is to develop a partnership-style trading relationship with their customers, where UPM are the preferred supplier. They believe that they have achieved this ideal over the years with our full range of conveying equipment. Roy Fowler, UPM's co-founder, says, "As suppliers to the world's packaging and food industry, our aim is to be considered as a highly respected company for the supply of quality and technically innovative

machinery. This machinery will be produced for the market competitively and profitably – right first time, through teamwork and for the benefit of the customer and the company."

Among UPM's most recent projects was assisting Thanet Earth in handling cherry tomatoes. Thanet Earth boasts the largest greenhouse complex in the UK with enough glass to cover eighty football pitches for growing tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers with exceptional green credentials. As part of a continuous efficiency improvement programme, they consulted UPM Conveyors to automate the transfer of cherry tomatoes from an Ilapak Vegatronic 500 bagger to the check weigher, labelling and packing area at a rate of seventy packs per minute.

UPM Conveyors decided the ideal solution to transfer packs from the 100mm high discharge height from the bagger was via a horizontal feed section to elevate to a height of 1100mm through a ninety degree radius to the check weigher in one belt conveyor utilising High Molecular Weight Polyethylene construction. Not only is this FDA approved for food contact, as the picture top right illustrates,, it is also very aesthetically pleasing.

UPM also offer conventional stainless steel belt conveyors but HMWPE is becoming more recognised in the food processing and packaging sector as a



lower cost alternative, allowing greater flexibility in design but complying with full wash down hygiene regulations.

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