



**Sealed Air**

# Innovative Options



## Continuous Foam Tube (CFT) Capability Lets You Maximize Packaging Efficiency And Minimize Waste

Introducing Continuous Foam Tube (CFT) technology from Sealed Air, an innovative new packaging solution. The CFT technology provides a SpeedyPacker® III or SpeedyPacker® Insight™ operator the option of producing a continuous flow of Instapak® foam-filled tubes to create a packaging solution tailored to your product.

A CFT-enabled SpeedyPacker® system can tackle any number of packaging applications, including cushioning, void fill, engineered cushions, corner and edge protection, and pad layering.

In this edition of Innovative Options, we'll look at how current Sealed Air customers are successfully integrating CFTs into their packaging lines, and how your packaging line can benefit from the use of CFTs.



## Customers Using CFTs

The versatility of Continuous Foam Tubes make them a great solution for almost any packaging application.

Here are some examples of how CFTs are improving the packaging operations of our customers:

- A supplier of baking equipment, who ships 400 packages a day during their slow season, uses CFTs to eliminate bottlenecks on their packaging line while reducing labor costs.
- A manufacturer of curtain rods was able to reduce material costs by 20% and solve a troubling damage problem by replacing their paper packaging material with CFTs.
- A ceramic novelty company switched to Continuous Foam Tubes to rid themselves of the mess created by flowables, both on the shop floor and at the customer's location.

## The Versatility of the CFT Process

Continuous Foam Tubes can be utilized in a variety of ways to provide the best possible protection for your product. Some examples:



### Cushioning Base & Pad Layering

A row of Continuous Foam Tubes can be used as a cushioning base pad, to prevent shock to the bottom of a product, or as a protective layer between stacked products. A bottom layer of CFT protection provides a flat surface to place multiple products easily, or position a heavy product.



### Foam-In-Bag & CFT Hybrid Packaging

Secure fragile objects in place by combining traditional SpeedyPacker® foam-in-bag packaging cushions for side and top protection with a row of Continuous Foam Tubes as a pad for bottom protection.



### Protective Wrap

You can use Continuous Foam Tubes as end wraps, side cushioning, corner posts or a complete product wrap-around to prevent damage to delicate edges and corners on virtually any product.

## Large Items And Major Operations Are Minor Details

If the challenges of your packaging line include over-sized items or a high-volume product flow resulting in bottlenecking, then a SpeedyPacker® system with Continuous Foam Tubes is your solution.



Over-sized items, like the radiator package pictured here, can be wrapped with CFTs to provide maximum support and protection with minimal material usage. By selecting a length of space between tubes, you can effectively place foam only where it is required.

To eliminate bottlenecks in your packaging line, pre-batching CFTs into a storage container assures that there is always packing material when and where your packagers need it.



## Customize CFTs To Fit Your Specific Needs

The SpeedyPacker® system with CFT technology allows you to customize the number of tubes, tube thickness and length. For example, a user can select a tube thickness ranging from 2.5" to 5", and a tube width of 4" to 16", depending on Instapak® foam type.

Another option allows the user to select a length of film between the foam tubes. A length of film between the tubes ensures foam is placed strategically around a product, eliminating foam where it is not needed.

## Why Instapak® Foam Is The Leader Of The Pack

Besides providing the most efficient and cost-effective product protection, here's a look at how an easy-to-use, customer pleasing Instapak® solution stacks up against paper, corrugated and peanuts.



**Flowables** – Maintenance crews have a problem with constantly having to clean-up the packaging area, and your customers don't appreciate the mess that arrives with their order. Continuous Foam Tubes minimize waste and offer an attractive, professional-looking package to your customer.

**Corrugated Inserts** – One of the more laborious packaging methods, corrugated inserts can consume large storage space and create bottlenecks on inline pack stations if one person falls behind. Using CFTs significantly reduces the time to pack and keeps the line moving!



**Paper** – CFTs allow customers to ship in confidence, passing ISTA drop test standards with ease! Paper packaging compresses during shipment potentially leading to damage and the increased weights of paper results in higher freight costs.

## Interested In Learning More About CFTs?

For more information on a SpeedyPacker® Insight™ system, equipped with Continuous Foam Tube technology, or to order a Continuous Foam Tube add-on kit to retro-fit a SpeedyPacker III system:



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## How To Pack A Motor:

CFTs make packaging a large, heavy item such as a motor easy!



1. With the easy-to-use control panel, the operator selects the number of tubes, their thickness, and length.



2. The system dispenses the desired amount of continuous foam tubes.



3. The operator centers the product on the tubes, setting both into the carton.



4. The remaining tubes wrap around the product to provide superior cushioning and all-around protection.