

Automation: Productivity & Profitability

Interested in increasing the productivity and profitability of your business? Ever considered automation as a way of achieving your productivity objectives? We're often approached by customers interested in automating their packaging operations and in need of help.

When looking at an automation project, it's important to understand why automation is being pursued. It's best to first start by discussing specific business interests. Is reducing labour costs a key objective, is more through-put required, is waste reduction important, is there a space constraint or specific health and safety concern that automation could overcome, how about improving product quality and consistency?

The next step is to engage customers in a review of any existing processes. A process review can reveal opportunities to improve health and safety, quality, even environmental sustainability & waste reduction that weren't considered in initial discussions. A process review can also identify immediate improvement opportunities that generate operational savings without spending a dime on automation. A leaner, more efficient, process also makes automation easier and more cost effective to implement. A process review may even show that full-scale automation isn't economical/feasible. In these cases, we can investigate cost effective semi-automatic or "operator assisted" solutions designed to deliver more productivity.

While packaging equipment and products are our expertise, at PPI, we strongly believe that a good provider should try to look beyond their own narrow focus to help customers be more successful. We can apply our knowledge and experience to deliver meaningful benefits across your entire operation. Remember, starting an automation project without a clear plan can turn a treasure hunt into an expensive wild goose chase.

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