

PACKAGING DIGEST

GUIDELINES FOR EDITORIAL SUBMISSIONS

Thank you for your interest in contributing to *Packaging Digest*, the Voice of the Packaging Community since 1963. We actively seek expert analysis and opinions to help engage our audience of packaging professionals.

We accept topic ideas and story leads, as well as fully written contributed articles* that are relevant for our audience, compelling and, whenever possible, exclusive to *Packaging Digest*. Now 100% digital, we post articles to our website and share them with our audience via newsletters and social media.

Packaging Digest offers “peer-to-peer” insights that share experiences, advice, and successes that enable “cross fertilization” of ideas and technologies across all markets.

[*All contributors must sign our standard freelancer/contributor agreement, whether the work is free or paid. Contact any of the editors to get a copy of the form.]

Speak to our readers:

From packaging engineers and executives to designers and developers, our global audience is responsible for various packaging tasks at end-user companies. Our readers are involved in all the functions involved in packaging a product for sale, including management, plant operations, material research and development, purchasing, and shipping. They develop packages, as well as design and run the packaging production lines that create finished product(s).

Our readers work in various markets in consumer packaged goods and healthcare, including foods, beverages, personal care products, pharmaceuticals, medical items, electronics, and toys.

What to submit:

Professionals in our packaging community are interested in many topics that can be classified...

1. **By market:** Food, beverage, personal care, pharmaceutical, medical, electronics, and more.
2. **By topic/issue:** Sustainability; ecommerce; food safety; recruitment, education and training; Industry 4.0; automation; optimization; and more.
3. **By product:** Case packers, labels, filling systems, palletizers, closures, coding equipment, and more.

...which we organize by Trends, Best Practices, and New Technology:



TRENDS: Expert opinions about consumer and market trends (these can be blogs or more formal feature articles); new branded packages available in the market (to consumers or healthcare professionals); explanations about regulations, bans and mandates.

Recent examples:

[4 Sustainable Packaging Predictions for 2023](#)

[Packaging Trends: Balancing Sustainability with Profits](#)

[Is the Future of Pet Food Packaging PFAS-free?](#)

BEST PRACTICES: Case studies showing successful implementations of new packaging technologies and new packaging production ideas; how-to articles for packaging operations and development; tips on new packaging processes and procedures.



Initiating a case study article:

- *Packaging Digest* prefers stories about how a brand owner has used packaging to their advantage. The story can be about developing new packaging, automating a packaging line, increasing packaging productivity, or other angles.
- Any equipment installation should have been completed within the last 18 months.
- If initiated by a supplier, it is the supplier's responsibility to obtain approvals from the customer/packager for publication of this installation. Customer and product must be identified.
- Generally, *Packaging Digest* prefers to have the story written by one of its editors. However, we will accept some submitted stories if the subject is agreed upon in advance with the editor. Please indicate if you are willing to supply photography. High-resolution photos that enhance the story can help "sell" the idea.
- *Packaging Digest* prefers story proposals via email. Send an email to Lisa Pierce, Executive Editor, at lisa.pierce@informa.com. You can call Lisa at 630-272-1774 to discuss a story idea.

Recent examples:

[Inside Frito-Lay's Packaging R&D Lab](#)

[Kellogg's First US Food Company to Use Navilens Tech on Packaging](#)

[Supplement Company Takes Packaging Design Personally](#)



NEW TECHNOLOGY: Emerging developments in machinery design and components; new products (machinery and materials); new packaging processes.

Submitting new product releases:

- Tell us all pertinent specifications on your product. Please understand that we will rewrite this to our style, so be certain the information is presented clearly and precisely.
- Be sure to include benefits to the packager in your product description. We may include such statements, but we will attribute any claims to your company.
- We are looking for any new packaging machinery, materials or containers/closure, controls, or sensors for a packaging operation. Plus describe how the machinery component is used on the packaging machine(s), as well as its operational benefits.
- Send new equipment and material press releases and hi-res images (300 dpi, jpg, about 5 inches wide) to Lisa Pierce at lisa.pierce@informa.com.

Recent examples:

[10 Incredibly Useful Packaging Patents](#)

[The Coolest Things We Saw at Pack Expo 2022](#)

[12 Top Tech Stories About Packaging Automation](#)

Contributed pieces from suppliers are not White Papers, should not be self-promotional, and should not mention the company's product offerings. We can link to the company's website in the author's bio.

How to submit:

For Trends, Best Practices, and New Technology ideas/submissions for *Packaging Digest*, contact executive editor Lisa Pierce at lisa.pierce@informa.com, 630-272-1774.

For any ideas/submissions that relate to Food or Beverage, contact senior technical editor Rick Lingle at rick.lingle@informa.com, 630-408-7184.

Have an idea for something else, something new? We are totally open to non-traditional content! Podcast? Infographic? Contact Lisa Pierce at lisa.pierce@informa.com, 630-272-1774.

Graphics:

All contributions also need hi-res images (300 dpi, jpg, about 5 inches wide) to help illustrate the idea/article. Multiple images in sequence make excellent slide shows, which resonate well with our audience.

Packaging Digest also wants links to videos, especially for in-plant packaging operations or machines in action. We prefer videos that have been uploaded to YouTube. Simply supply us with the URL.

Share your comments!

If you are not able to contribute an article or lead, you can still be involved in this dynamic community.

We invite you to share your comments at the bottom of article pages on our website www.packagingdigest.com. Or comment on another's comment. Start a conversation or a debate. We'll help facilitate it with insightful questions and suggestions of where to go next.

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