

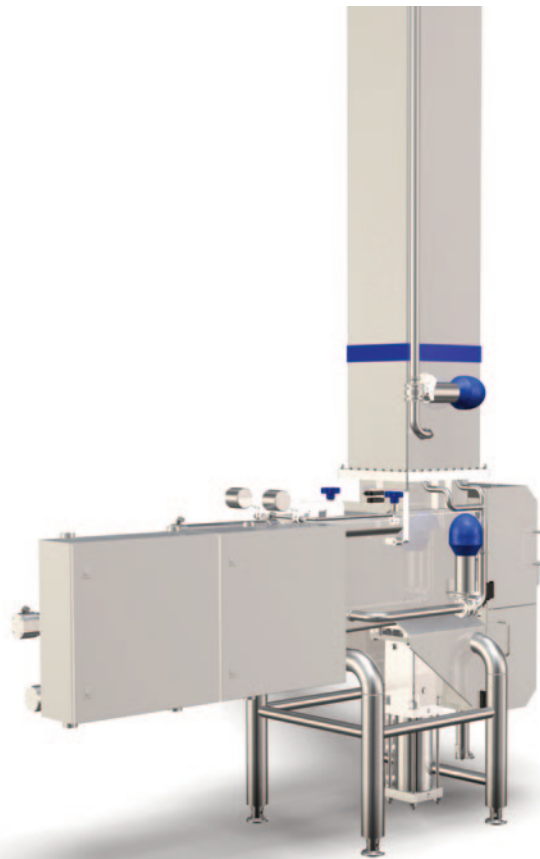


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Superior former makes a better block

First launched in 1978, the Blockformer quickly became a vital part of many cheese processing plants. Now, the original inventors have created a new model combining the knowledge and expertise of the Tetra Tebel and Wincanton brands.



Tetra Pak Cheddar Line Blockformer.

As the basis for this improved design, the Wincanton base unit is combined with the Tebel TwinVAc tower. A number of improvements have been incorporated to reduce maintenance costs and ensure the highest quality standards.

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Design changes have reduced the amount of gaskets in the base unit and made it easier to replace remaining wear parts in the tower and on the base unit. Changing gaskets is normally expected to be required only once every three years.

A new door design ensures the block moves smoothly to the conveyor, ensuring very little friction and thus minimising product losses, while improved tower design and a special surface finish on the liner delivers a high quality block with excellent shape. This also reduces the number of run-in and run-out blocks when starting-up or shutting down production.

The redesigned door operation, combined with a new SMC lowering cylinder, ensures accurate weight, especially in combination with a curd distribution tank (CDT) for improved curd distribution to all towers (compared to a non-CDT solution). Accuracy is further enhanced by sequential ejection of the blocks to a check-weigher, with feedback loop to the Tetra Tebel Blockformer 6 control panel.

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