

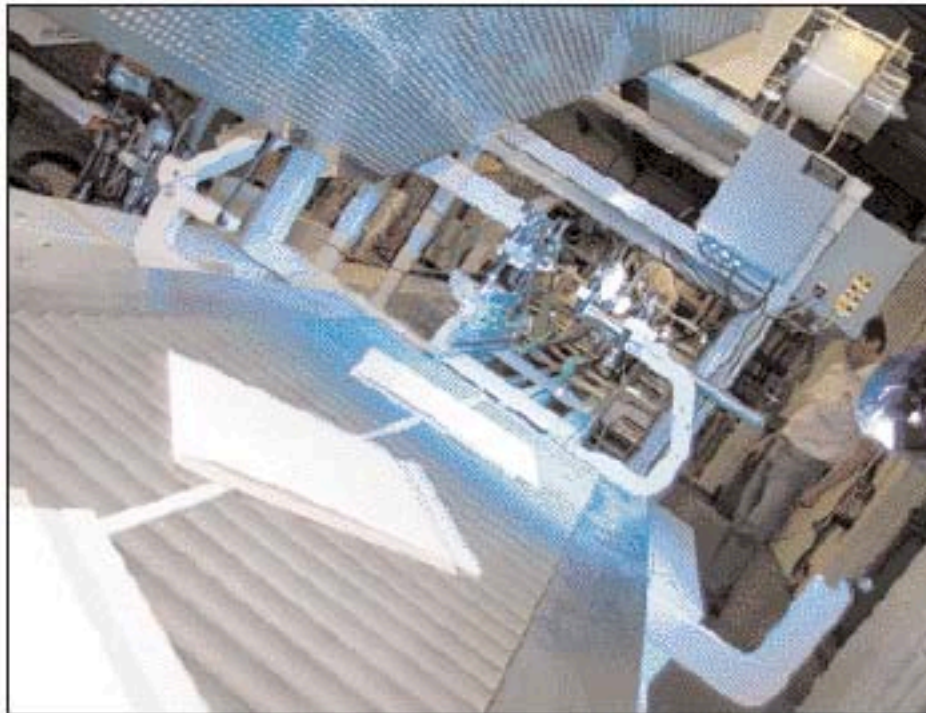
# Bobst folder/gluer gives competitive edge

By Mark Foxwell

Mainline Flatpacks, a manufacturer of cardboard envelopes in Huntingdon, has invested £425,000 in the UK's second Bobst Alpina Gyrobox folder/gluer to compete with manufacturers from eastern Europe and the Far East.

Roger Lill, managing director, said: "We're constantly being nipped at by foreign competition undercutting us. We reviewed our business and that showed us that we should try to rationalise some of our processes, ideally with one large machine capable of carrying out all the finishing processes inline."

The company said the new machine, installed last month,



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has increased productivity by 300%. The Gyrobox option has allowed Mainline to turn cartons, envelopes to any angle between 0-180°, while running at 450 metres per minute and

realigns the product for the second gluing.

It claimed the installation is unique in Europe for additional envelope-specific machinery built into the line. These include a fast HHS hot melt gluing system, Leary 'On-Target' self correcting gluing and a QA system that detects hot and cold glue applications, paper, film and barcodes.

Mr Lill said the company will also be investing in Domino printhead for continuous variable print data, and window patcher, both inline.

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## Summary

- Installs Bobst Alpina Gyrobox
- A folder-gluer line
- Increased productivity by 300%