Approvals

Signing below indicates agreement that the protocol is ready for execution of the Installation, Operational, and Performance Qualification for WeighPack Swifty Bagger 1200 located at 396 Smathers Street at the Packaging facility.

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A final summary report that consists of results and conclusions based on the data collected after protocol execution will be written and approved. The executed protocol will be attached behind the report.

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I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this protocol is to re-certify with documented evidence that the Auto Poucher #3 (WeighPack Swifty Bagger 1200, Serial #4033), still functions as intended throughout its anticipated operating ranges since installing a new combination weigh scale and software upgrade installed by Weighpack. This protocol sets forth the objectives, methodology, documentation, and test activities needed to complete the Installation Qualification (IQ), Operational Qualification (OQ) and Process Qualification (PQ) for the Auto Poucher #3 located at Giles Chemical Repackaging Unit, 396 Smathers Street, Waynesville, NC.

II. BACKGROUND:

This Epsom Salt Auto Poucher #3 was manufactured by WeighPack in Toronto, Canada. The machine was purchased by Giles in March of 2014. It was installed at Giles in May 2014. The machine is used to fill and seal pre-made plastic pouches, typically in 1 - 3 pound sizes.

The products that are impacted by this study are all Epsom Salt products manufactured by Giles Chemical.

III. OVERVIEW

No other departments or systems will be affected by the installation or use of this equipment.

The following tests will be performed in this qualification:

Controls/Indicators Verification – to document that the start/stop, emergency stop, and feed controls work properly.

Lot code and expiration date verification: Verification of proper imprinting of the lot code and expiration date.

Sealed pouch: Verification that the Epsom Auto Poucher #3 securely seals the pouch.

Fill Weights: Verify that Auto Poucher #3 is capable of producing a finished product that contains a weight of Epsom Salt with a minmum of the label stated weight.

IV. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION:

A. Auto Poucher #3 will open, fill, and top seal plastic pouches with Epsom Salt. It is a 1 line system, opening, filling, and sealing 1 pouch at a time.

B. Description of Operation

01. The empty pouches are fed into the machine by a vacuum cup system. The feeder system presents the pouches to a set of gripper arms. The grippers move the pouch in a linear fashion through each station, opening, filling, sealing, and discharge. The motion is intermittent.

02. The pouch is fed to the gripper arms, then moves to a zipper opening station. date stamp station where the date code is applied. There, mechanical flaps open the pouch for filling. The next station is the pouch detect, air blow station. A vacuum sensor detects if suction cups are successful in opening the pouch, and air is injected into the open pouch in anticipation of filling. The next station is for filling and settling the product. A 14 head combination scale dumps a pre-measured dose of salt into the pouch while the settling table gently taps the bottom of the filled pouch to settle the contents.

03. The pouch then indexes to the sealing station, where to top of the pouch is sealed. Finally the pouch indexes to the cooling station where a date code is applied while in motion. After the cooling station is complete the gripper arms release it onto a discharge conveyor.

04. From the discharge conveyor, the pouches are dropped onto a packing conveyor. Finally, the pouches are then manually packed into case packaging.

V. SCOPE

The Installation Operational Performance Qualification protocol is intended to certify with documented evidence that Auto Poucher #3 is installed, operates, and functions as intended throughout its anticipated operating ranges.

VI. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Engineering
   - ❖ Write and issue the protocol
   - ❖ Investigate protocol deviation reports
   - ❖ Execute the OQ and manage the data collection for the PQ.
   - ❖ Review raw data and originate interim notification to Quality Assurance
   - ❖ Write and route the final report
2. Quality Assurance
   - ❖ Review and approve the protocol.
   - ❖ Review and approve raw data and notifications.
   - ❖ Review, approve, and store the final report.
3. Maintenance
   - ❖ Provide Equipment Manuals needed to execute operational qualification.
   - ❖ Review and approve the protocol.
   - ❖ Execute the IQ.
   - ❖ Review and approve raw data and notifications.
   - ❖ Review and approve the final report
4. Production
   - ❖ Execute the PQ.
   - ❖ Review and approve the final report.

VII. TEST PROGRAM

A. INSTALLATION QUALIFICATION

Objective

The objective of the installation verification is to document that Auto Poucher #3 is installed as indicated by WeighPack.

Equipment/Materials

Auto Poucher #3, WeighPack Swifty Bagger 1200

Ideal Digital Multimeter Model #61-340 (SN 100100221)

Procedure

Perform each listed below for Auto Poucher #3.

- Location: Verify that the equipment is situated to allow sufficient room around the machine for access doors and panels to be opened.
- Level: Verify instrument is level.
- Utilities
  - o Electrical Requirements: Verify that instrument is receiving its specified Voltage.

Acceptance Criteria

Ensure that the installation is in accordance with the manual's specifications.

B. OPERATION QUALIFICATION

Objective

The objective of Controls/Indicators Verification is to document that Auto Poucher #3 operates as indicated by WeighPack. The controls will be operated to test the ability of Auto Poucher #3 to provide adequate control for starting/stopping, pouch feed, and emergency stop.

Equipment/Materials

Auto Poucher #3, WeighPack Swifty Bagger 1200

Procedure

Test each operation of Auto Poucher #3

Acceptance Criteria

Verification that start/stop, infeed, and emergency stop controls function as indicated by operation manual

C. PERFORMANCE QUALIFICATION

Objective

The objective of performance testing is to document that Auto Poucher #3 performs the function required by Giles Chemical. The final product will be tested to verify:

- That Auto Poucher #3 firmly seals pouch.
- That the lot code and expiration date numbers are printed properly and accurately.
- That the fill weights are within the accepted range (2.0+ pounds for 2 pound pouches).

Equipment/Materials

Auto Poucher #3, WeighPack Swifty Bagger 1200

Empty Pouch(es) (for tare)

Scale

Procedure

Run Auto Poucher #3 on 2 pound pouches for 4 hours while randomly sampling 25 pouches per hour for testing, for a total sample size of 100 pouches.

Examine the finished product and check for:

- That Auto Poucher #3 firmly seals the pouch on top.
- That the lot code and expiration date numbers are printed properly and accurately.
- That the fill weights are within the accepted range.

Acceptance Criteria

Auto Poucher #3 firmly seals the pouch.

Auto Poucher #3 correctly prints the lot code and expiration date.

That the fill weights are within the accepted range of 2.00+ pounds for 2 pound pouches.

VIII. CALIBRATION

Verify that all instrumentation that requires calibration is calibrated.

- Scale
- Ideal Digital Multimeter Model #61-340 (SN 100100221)

IX. REFERENCE:

WeighPack Operation Manual

AUTO POUCHER #3: INSTALLATION QUALIFICATION

A. Installation Qualification

01. Location

a. Verify that Auto Poucher #3 is positioned properly

LOCATION			
Distance Criterion	**Is the current area sufficient to open the access without obstructions (Yes/No)**	**Verified By**	**Date**
Allow sufficient room around the machine for access doors and panels to be opened			
The machine must be located in an area that is adequately ventilated			
Comments:			

02. Level

a. It is important to make sure that the Auto Poucher #3 is level.

LEVEL			
Is the unit level? (Yes/No)	**Acceptable (Yes/No)**	**Verified By**	**Date**
Comments:			

03. Utilities

a. Verify that unit is receiving its specified utility requirements.

UTILIES			
Electrical			
Specified	**Actual**	**Verified By**	**Date**
220 - 240 V for Machine			
220-240 V for Scale			
60 Hz			
Air			
The machine requires compressed air.			
A compressed air line should be in place			
Comments:			

Reviewed By: _____ **Date:** _____

AUTO POUCHER #3: OPERATIONAL QUALIFICATION

B. Operation Qualification

01. Controls/Indicators Verification – to document that Auto Poucher #3 operates as described.

Controls/Indicators Verification				
Description	**Function**	**Did Item function properly (Yes/No)**	**Verified By**	**Date**
Former				
Controls On/Off	With line power to the machine turned on, the control switch powers up the control panel			
Infeed	The start button on the control screen starts the process of feeding pouches into the gripper arms			
Emergency Stop	The emergency stop button stops the motion of the machine when pressed. It must be reset before the machine can be started again.			
Date Coder	Verify that the date coder puts a date code on the pouch as it indexes to the date code station.			
Dump Scale	Verify that when a pouch is presented to the fill station that the filler dumps a charge into the properly presented pouch.			
Sealer	Verify that the sealing station seals the filled pouch when it indexes into the seal station.			
Comments:				

Reviewed By: _____ **Date:** _____

AUTO POUCHER #3: PERFORMANCE QUALIFICATION

C. Firmly Sealed: Verify That Auto Poucher #3 firmly seals the pouch.

Run Auto Poucher #3 for 4 hours while randomly sampling 25 pouches per hour for testing, for a total sample size of 100 pouches.

Pouch Sealing			Trial		of 4
Sample #	Is the top sealed? (Yes/No)	Is the top scorched? (Yes/No)	Does the seal leak? (Yes/No)	Verified By	Date
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25					
Comments:					

Reviewed By: _____ **Date:** _____

AUTO POUCHER #3: PERFORMANCE QUALIFICATION (Continued)

A. Date Code Printing: Verify that the date code is printed properly and accurately.
Run the Auto Poucher #3 for 4 hours while randomly sampling 25 pouches per hour for testing, for a total sample size of 100 pouches.

Lot Code and Expiration Date Imprinting			Trial		of 4
Sample #	Is the Date Code visible? (Yes/No)	Is the Date Code correct? (Yes/No)	Verified By	Date	
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24					
25					
Comments:					

Reviewed By: _____ **Date:** _____

AUTO POUCHER #3: PERFORMANCE QUALIFICATION (Continued)

A. Fill Weights: Verify that the fill weights are within the accepted range of 2.00+ Pounds.
Run the Auto Poucher #3 for 4 hours while randomly sampling 25 pouches per hour for testing, for a total sample size of 100 pouches.

Fill Weights			Trial		of 4
Sample #	**Actual Weight (Yes/No)**	**Acceptable (Yes/No)**	**Verified By**	**Date**	
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Comments:					

Reviewed By: _____ **Date:** _____

CALIBRATION VERIFICATION

Equipment	Serial #	Calibration Date	Calibration Due Date	Verified By	Date
Scale					
Multimeter					

Reviewed By: _____ **Date:** _____

ATTACHMENT I - PROTOCOL DEVIATION REPORT LOG

Log each Protocol Deviation Report in the table below. Attach the PDRs to this Attachment.

PDR #	DESCRIPTION	DATE INITIATED	DATE RESOLVED
Comments:			

ATTACHMENT II. PROTOCOL DEVIATION REPORT (PDR)

General Information

System Name: _____ Protocol Number: _____

Deviation Report Number: _____ Protocol Step & Page No.: _____ -

Instructions

1. The validation specialist assigns a sequential report number for each deviation with a specific protocol. For example, 001, 002, etc. can be easily referenced in a report.
2. Reference the relevant protocol number, step and page number of the noted deviation above.
3. Complete the below listed sections. If necessary, use additional pages and attach any supporting info.
4. Include the original PDR(s) with the protocol as an attachment. Summarize the impact of the deviation in the Validation Report.

Description of Deviation:

Investigation Evaluation and Results:

Corrective Action and Resolution:

Overall Investigation Review:

Prepared By: _____ Date: _____

ATTACHMENT III - SIGNATURE IDENTIFICATION LOG SHEET

Identify in the table below any personnel involved in the execution of this protocol.

Name	Affiliation	Signature	Initial	Date