



**PACKAGING MACHINERY -
MATERIAL HANDLING**

HYBRID ACTUATOR DESIGN



CUSTOMIZABLE



LONG LENGTH



CONTINUOUS
AUTOMATION



LONG LIFE

***Custom designed actuator provides increased stability
for heavy loads***

DJS Systems, located in Homer, MI, manufactures advanced automation and packaging machinery for a variety of applications, including for the production of disposable food containers such as cups and lids.

Automated production lines like these require dedicated machinery to enable high volume production. DJS' Trim Press Automation (TPA) solution is adjustable to accommodate a variety of bundle quantities as it packages products that are output from a trim press.

CHALLENGE

***INCREASE IN END-OF-ARM WEIGHT NEEDED A SOLUTION
THAT PROVIDED AN INCREASE IN SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS***

To orient the products from the conveyor into finished bundles, the TPA was equipped with an overhead rotary end-of-arm mechanism that can shift in weight and speed based on need. However, this end-of-arm would become unstable and wobble at high speeds and heavier weights, so DJS and the Bishop-Wisecarver team collaborated and brainstormed a customized

solution that would:

- ✓ Improve stability, precision and durability
- ✓ Handle increased payloads
- ✓ Easy maintenance and easy replacement
- ✓ Reduction of components for simplified assembly



Custom Designed Hybrid LoPro®/UtiliTrak® Actuator

SOLUTION

DEEP PRODUCT PORTFOLIO AND EXPERTISE ENABLED UNIQUE INGENUITY IN CUSTOMIZATION

Collaborating directly with the customer DJS Systems, our experienced design engineers at Bishop-Wisecarver used ingenuity, engineering expertise and deep knowledge of other product lines to create a custom hybrid solution. DJS had been using the Bishop-Wisecarver standard LoPro® belt driven actuator with t-slot aluminum support beam in the previous applications. For the new application to solve the increase in end-of-arm weight, Bishop-Wisecarver replaced the wheel plate and track plate assemblies with a pair of UtiliTrak® size 3, 90-degree vee linear guide tracks and 5-wheel plate assemblies. Custom aluminum parts were made to connect the pair of wheel plates to the drive belt, resulting in a new motion system.



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CHALLENGE SOLVED

CUSTOM HYBRID ACTUATOR SOLUTION THAT IS SMOOTH AND RELIABLE

The new hybrid LoPro®/UtiliTrak® design significantly increased the overall integrity of the overhead actuator axis, with reduced complexity due to fewer component parts with substantially higher axial capacity and pitch moment capacity. The number of guide wheel bearings increased and they are oriented in their ideal position with applied radial loads.

Additionally, the UtiliTrak® linear guide tracks are hardened and precision ground on the vee running surfaces for very smooth and reliable motion that is suitable for the continuous duty cycles that are necessary on production machinery.

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- CUSTOMER SERVICE ENGINEER, DJS SYSTEMS

QUANTIFIABLE RESULTS

421%+ IN AXIAL CAPACITY, 300%+ IN PITCH MOMENT CAPACITY

Through smart collaboration and resourceful ingenuity, the team at Bishop-Wisecarver created a custom solution for DJS Systems that not only achieved every performance objective (improved stability and precision, regardless of payload), but also achieves simplified assembly due to fewer components and easy maintenance and replacement down the road.

The new hybrid actuator design provides 421% more axial capacity and 300% more pitch moment capacity than the previous standard LoPro actuator for the overhead transfer axis and allows for fewer component parts in the assembly. The additional guide wheels oriented in the radial direction achieves the higher level of rigidity and smoothness.