

HEYE's SmartLine 2 selected by Vidrio Formas

Glass manufacturing equipment



Together with its Ranger 2 check inspection equipment, HEYE INTERNATIONAL's latest SmartLine 2 has been successfully installed by Mexican glass manufacturer Vidrio Formas – all to deliver high performance to the company's new production site in Lerma.

GLASS MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT

A close-up photograph of the 'smartline 2' machine. The name is printed in large, white, lowercase letters on a dark, metallic surface. Above the text, a black cylindrical component, possibly a sensor or camera lens, is visible. The entire image is framed by a thick red border.

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Developed in Germany as an inspection and sorting machine for the global hollow glass community, the SmartLine 2 device incorporates Heye's latest cold end equipment innovations. These include a high-speed outfeed belt, multi servo drives, high precision check detection and multi-point, non-contact thickness detection.

The equipment is required to service an expansion of production capacities at Vidrio Formas, which has recently opened a second glass packaging facility with a new furnace and two additional production lines. High performance inspection, a reduction of spare parts inventories, reduced operating costs and the Smartline's 2 digitisation capabilities were all essential elements in Vidrio Formas' purchasing decision. The SmartLine 2 was manufactured entirely at Heye's Nienburg factory in Germany. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, users were



trained by Heye personnel on site in Mexico. The customer commissioned the machines supported remotely by Heye staff.

“We have known Heye International as a reliable partner for many years. The inspection machines meet all our requirements. Reliability and failure safety are particularly important to us, based on good experience of the Heye professionals,” says Alex Schneeweiss, Operations Manager at Vidrio Formas, “For these reasons we have ordered two more inspection machines.” ■



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HEYE INTERNATIONAL

Based at Obernkirchen, Germany, Heye International GmbH is one of the international glass container industry's foremost suppliers of production technology, high performance equipment and production know-how. Its mechanical engineering has set industry standards for more than five decades. Extensive industry expertise, combined with the positive attitude and enthusiasm of Heye International employees is mirrored by the company motto 'We are Glass People'. Its three sub-brands HiPERFORM, HiSHIELD and HiTRUST form the Heye International equipment portfolio, addressing the glass industry's hot end, cold end and service requirements respectively.

