

FOLD HILL & MESPACK - SEAMLESS INTEGRATION, RELIABLE PERFORMANCE

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Client: Fold Hill (UK)

- **Machine:** Mespac H260 SC + W7301
- **Products:** Pet Food
- **Speed:** Up to 50 pouches/min, 10 cases/min
- **Packaging:** Stand-up pouches with euro hole and integrated case packing
- **Location:** United Kingdom
- **Partnership since:** 2023

Challenge:

Replace an unreliable premade machine by a Mespac H260 SC and two years later integrate a new wrap around case packer with the existing Mespac equipment, achieving seamless end-of-line integration and a unified Athena interface for faster operator ramp-up.

Fold Hill & Mespac: Reliability, Seamless Integration, and Operator-Friendly Innovation

At Mespac, we take pride in partnering with companies that share our commitment to **innovation** and **efficiency**. Fold Hill's journey began with the need to **replace an unreliable pouch-filling setup**, which evolved into a **fully integrated packaging line** combining primary and secondary operations. The result: a unified, future-ready solution that enhances reliability and simplifies daily operations.

A Partnership Forged in Reliability and Value

Fold Hill's first decision point was clear: their existing pouch line lacked reliability. After comparing build quality and value across suppliers, Mespac stood out as the most **dependable partner**. Two years later, as production demands grew, they expanded their line with a Mespac case packer.

Seamlessly connected to their existing premade machine. The result: a consistent, high-performance end-of-line setup ensuring smooth production flow and continuity.

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Capabilities & Specifications

Fold Hill runs a **premade-pouch line** where the pouches arrive preformed and Mespac adds a Euro-hole punch for easy retail hanging.

A **multihead weigher** feeds the H260 SC at speeds up to **50 pouches per minute**, handling pouch sizes **up to 2.5 liters**. Filled pouches are transferred via a **side-load transfer** to the case packer, where a **shelf-ready packaging** is formed, ready to go straight onto retail shelves.

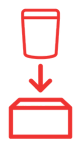
With both machines managed through Athena, Mespac's intuitive HMI, operators benefit from a unified control experience that simplifies setup, training, and day-to-day operation.

The Project: Seamless Integration, Unified Athena

To accelerate training and ensure a smooth ramp-up, Fold Hill leveraged Athena, the **digital control system Mespac HMI** delivered with both the premade machine and the case packer. As operators were **already familiar with Athena** from the existing pouch filler, adopting the new case packer required minimal additional training and enabled a **seamless pouch-to-case packer integration** without disrupting daily operations.



Unified HMI with Athena: Same, standard interface on pouch filler and case packer for a consistent operator experience.



Seamless pouch-to-case integration: New case packer integrated with the already-installed Mespac filler without disrupting daily operations.



Minimal additional training: Operators were already familiar with Athena, enabling a faster ramp-up on the new equipment.



Smooth install & start-up: The project "worked very well," with no major hiccups reported.



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What Fold Hill Says

"We needed something more reliable. Looking at build and value for money, Mespack stood out, so we invested in the first pouch filler."

"With Athena standard on both machines, adopting the case packer required minimal additional training and the integration worked very well."

"Communication has been fantastic. Through Acer Machinery (Mespack agent in UK), Emma coordinated everyone, and we've never been without parts. A slight issue was solved quickly for our unique setup."

"How would we evaluate Mespack? Very, very good... another great install with no hiccups so far. We would absolutely recommend Mespack."



Looking Ahead

With a **standardized Athena HMI** and a **seamless pouch-to-case setup**, Fold Hill is well positioned to **scale formats/SKUs**, keep **operator training efficient**, and sustain reliable, day-to-day performance as the operation grows.

Final Thoughts

Fold Hill's story shows how the right partner and a unified HMI can turn a **reliability challenge** into a **seamlessly integrated turnkey project**, operator-friendly line. At Mespack we're proud to support their **day-to-day performance** and excited to build on this foundation as their operations grow.

Want to learn more about how Mespack can help you innovate your packaging line?

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