

Vertical Form, Fill & Seal

Mitsubishi Solution

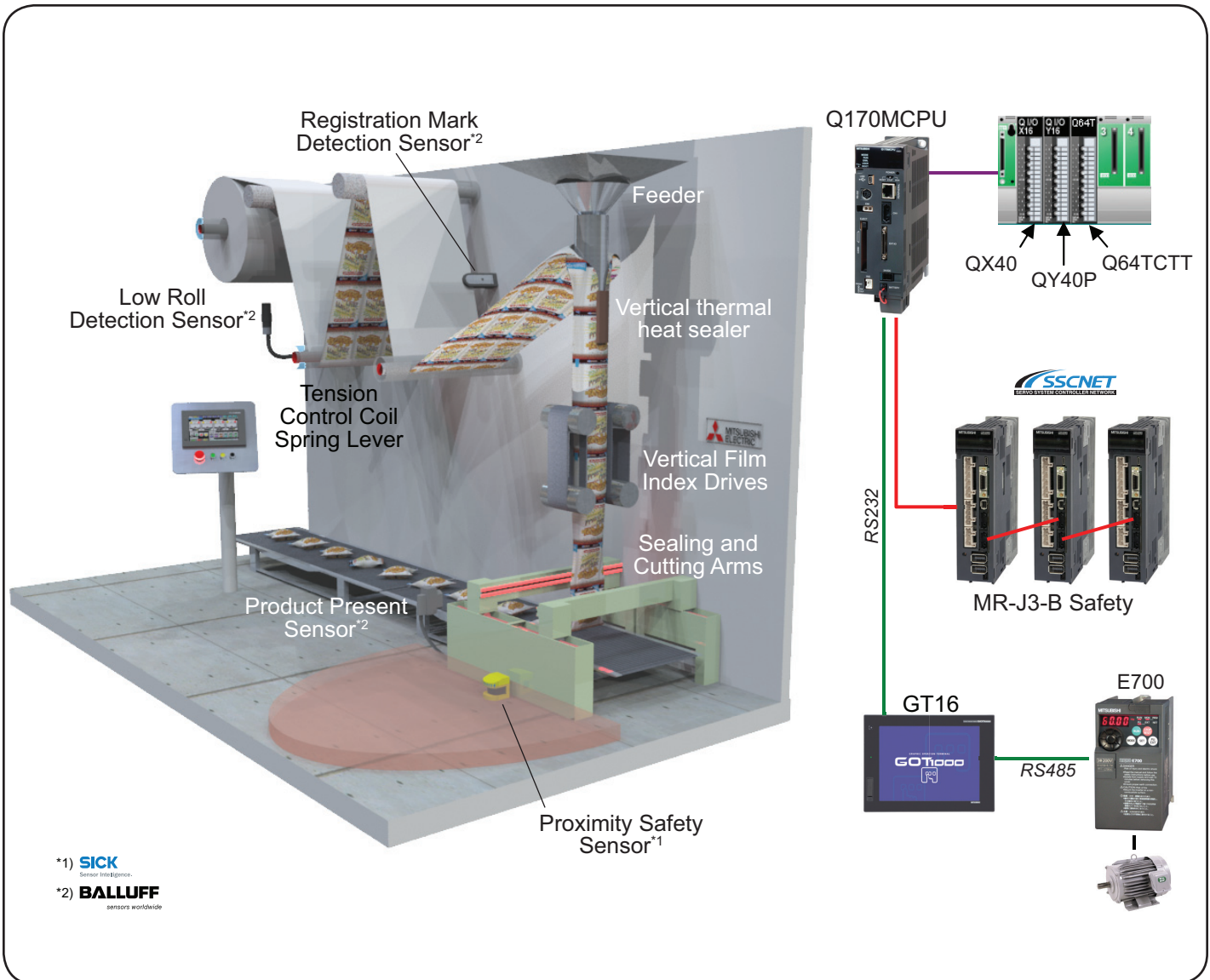
iQ Platform Stand-Alone Motion Controller: **Q170MCPU**

Servomotor: **HF-KP, HF-JP**

Graphic Operation Terminal: **GOT1000**

Servo Amplifier: **MR-J3-B**

VFD: **E700**



Example Applications

Applications suitable for vertical form, fill & seal operations include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Food/beverage bag filling
- ◆ Pouch packaging
- ◆ Industrial powder filling

Overview

Vertical form fill & seal applications utilize servo motor technology to accurately pull and feed plastic film material from a roll stock to be heat formed, volume dosed with a product, and then sealed and cut to be carried away by an unloading conveyor. While the methods for filling and sealing vary from machine to machine, vertical form fill & seal applications are essentially organized into two categories; Continuous motion bagging machines and intermittent motion bagging machines. Product entering the feeder can vary from a viscous fluid to a solid material and will often play a key role in how the machine is designed.

Features

Combined motion controller + PLC

- High-speed processing times with direct memory sharing
- Built-in I/O and encoder input with mark registration capability



VFD control from the HMI

- Direct access to all parameters: Change speed on the fly
- Monitoring status screens



SSCNET III fiber optic servo network

- Easy to set up and configure: Automatic parameter transfer
- Noise immunity



Mechanical support language with virtual axes: Easy to design complex motion profiles using motion development software, MT Works2.



High resolution absolute encoders: Smooth and accurate positioning with 18-bit resolution (262,144 ppr) absolute encoders.



Real-time model adaptive auto tuning: MR-J3 amplifiers tune automatically and continuously, eliminating the need to re-tune or adjust manually.



Options for expansion:

- Connectivity to SICK Safety Devices
- Connectivity to Balluff sensors



Note: The values listed above are based on a real world application.

Advantages and Benefits

- Reduced overall cost
 - Reduced inventory cost (only one unit)
- 25% improved machine throughput
 - 0.44ms refresh time for servo network
 - Industry leading memory sharing speeds

- Reduced wiring costs and labor: Direct control from one component
- Less downtime: Easy to remotely monitor and troubleshoot problems from an HMI

- 20% reduced wiring cost
- Reduced setup time: (plug & play)



- 50% reduced programming time
- Reduced labor cost
- Reduced machine cost (less mechanical and electrical components)



- Reduced overall cost
 - Reduced inventory cost (absolute encoder is standard)
 - Reduced machine & maintenance costs (eliminate switches)
- Reduced setup time
 - Re-homing not necessary after power down
 - Direct setting for start/stop positions

- 30% reduced machine setup time
- Increased machine lifetime
- Improved productivity

- Protection against injury creating safer working environment
- Increased machine throughput and efficiency



Customer Testimonials

- *"The Mitsubishi hardware really is bullet-proof. We've been using the same hardware for 10 years without any failures."*