

Mini Case History

Kirby Lester counting technology in usage in manufacturing settings



Kirby Lester semi-automated tablet counters/bottle fillers serve a broad range of needs for the pharmaceutical manufacturer. Proven usages and savings have included:

Quality checks on the packaging line or in the R&D lab

A West Coast manufacturer of dietary supplements compared hand-counting to semi-automatic machine counting. Hand-counting 100-count bottles resulted in inaccuracy as high as five capsules per bottle. Plus, hand-counting took more than 15 seconds longer than using a Kirby Lester KL15e tablet counter.

Inventory counts with a tablet counter

A Midwest facility compared the results of two separate physical inventory sessions. During the first inventory session, two technicians needed 32 man-hours to hand-count with a tray and spatula. During the next inventory session, two technicians with a Kirby Lester KL15e tablet counter needed only 8 man-hours to complete the inventory.

Low- to mid-volume bottling runs with a semi-automated counter

A West Coast contract manufacturer that routinely turned down low-volume contracts installed a Kirby Lester KL200 counter-filler and completed three low-volume contracts in 2008-2009.

Finishing a bottling run – slat filler and semi-automated counter combination

A New England manufacturer keeps a Kirby Lester KL50ic semi-automatic counter-filler at the end of its three slat filler lines. The Kirby Lester device reduces end-of-run bottling time by half compared to hand counting. Count accuracy has been measured at 99.97 percent or better.

Packaging for clinical trials

A Midwest clinical trials organization expanded into Phase II trial preparation after it installed two Kirby Lester KL50ic semi-automatic counter-fillers, something it could not have done without that equipment.