

## ***NEW COMPAC UNIT ON DISPLAY***

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Accuracy of fruit and vegetable sizing/grading has just got a whole new look, with the release this month of the newest product from Compac Sorting Equipment.

Compac's BDM 1000's can be fitted to any Compac machine (running current generation electronics and current release software), providing a clearly visible digital display of the size and grade of produce at each outlet.

First off the starting blocks to install Compac's new BDM 1000's were Kalafatis Coolstores Pty Ltd of Shepperton, Vic., packing apples and stonefruit.

According to Compac's James Flocchini, the new BDM 1000's does away with the time-worn 'sticky notes', blackboard and chalk or taped pieces of paper that operators traditionally used to up-date packers working around the sizer.

"Apart from the mess and mistake factor, having a manual system meant that people had to go round and change the size and grade information at each outlet whenever they made a change. The potential for mistakes was significant," he says.

Compac's BDM 1000 displays a packhouse's individual size and grade names. It's linked to the Compac software and electronics to automatically update each outlet according to the changes made by the sizer operator.

"It significantly reduces the potential of mistakes, particularly on machines where many changes are made per day or where multiple sizes and grades may be coming out at each outlet. The BDM 1000 displays are instantly up-dated with new size and grade information when changes are made to the Compac software by the sizer operator," says Flocchini.

"Our R&D team has been working on this for several years, and we saw that it met a real need to have systems that helped avoid putting fruit into incorrect packaging."

Compac technology is developed and refined through a partnership of in-house design teams and input from customers. A key component comes from listening to packers' priorities; in general focussed around making packing faster, gentler, quieter, more dependable and intelligent

James Flocchini says options for the units include single and double sided viewing to make it simpler for staff to see what's happening at any single location depending the sizer's configuration.

The BDM 1000's will run on any Compac machine (running current generation electronics and current release software) and display whatever size and grade fruit or vegetable being processed. Fitting time on an average size machine, by Compac technicians, is around one day.

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