



# F-60

## F-60 TUBE-FILLER FOR CYLINDRICAL TABLETS

#### **General Description**

The GORDIC F-60 is an compact and flexible machine. It is equipped with a SIEMENS S7 PLC which is operated from a control panel where operating instructions, error messages and tube speed, etc. are displayed. The machine is fully automated and protected against personal injuries according to the valid CE-norm.

The PLC in combination with pneumatics and replaceable format parts reduces set-up time for the GORDIC F-60 to an absolute minimum and provides flexibility in terms of possible product formats. The ROTAFILL®-system, a unique technology for gentle counting and filling of cylindrical tablets in tubes, is especially suitable for fragile products like effervescent tablets.

The F-60 can be equipped with format parts for different tablets, tubes and caps. Change from one format to another is normally done within 30 minutes. Simple format changes, like changing from one tube length to another, are done much faster.

#### **Tube feeding**

Empty tubes are fed automatically into filling position from the foldable tube magazine on the machine. One box of orientated tubes can be loaded while the machine is operating. From the magazine tubes are guided in two channels and brought into filling position to be filled two by two.

#### Tablet feeding

The tablets are fed either directly from the tablet press outlet, eventually via a conveyor, over a chute to a tablet table with a distributor.

The distributor provides an even distribution of tablets into a cassette with eight channels. From this cassette a controlled number of tablets are then filling 8 tubes, with the ROTAFILL®-system in about 2 second.

As an option our efficient tablet feeder can feed the filling machine with tablets from bulk and our unique AIRSLIDE® that provides gentle distribution, dedusting and online buffering of tablets, can be integrated.

The GORDIC F-60 is equipped with 3 dust suction points, one under the chute with the distribution arm, under the tablet table and one at the filling station.

#### Cap feeding

Caps are fed from a cap feeder, via a channel, to the capping station where the tubes are capped with pneumatic cylinders. The cap feeder's container can be loaded with up to 2000 caps, depending on cap size.

#### Filled tubes

After capping, the tubes are discharged and can be taken care of manually or as an option transported away on a conveying unit. Wrong filled tubes and significant badly capped tubes are rejected. Ink jet printing is preferably made during transport on the conveying unit.

### **Technical Data**

FORMAT RANGE		MACHINE DATA	
Tube length:	55-180 mm	Capacity:	Nominal up to 60 tubes a minute or 60000 tablets an hour, depending on the number of tablets per tube.
Tube Diameter:	19-35 mm	Voltage:	3 x 400 V AC, zero and earth, 50 Hz
Tube material:	Plastic or Aluminium	Power:	Approx. 2 kW
Tablet diameter:	16-30 mm	Compressed air:	7-8 bar, approx. 500 L/minute
Tablet thickness:	3-10 mm	Weight:	Approx. 400 kg

Please observe that the above-mentioned format range can be handled only with more than one set of format parts. Ideal production conditions are temperatures of 18-20° C and a relative humidity of 20-25%. Materials used are stainless steel (2333), aluminium (4212), Delrin (POM ACETAL), CB-PET, Teflon or Makrolon.









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