

Better Pack®

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Product Line



**BETTER
PACKAGES™**
Seal with Integrity

Beginning a new era of Carton Sealing

Better Packages sets the standard

For more than 80 years Better Packages has manufactured the world's most popular tape dispensers. Many companies in a variety of industries have profited from using our products. Better Packages tape dispensers have been in continuous use, on the production line, for over 25 years and are still running strong today! If it's been shipped in corrugated, it's been sealed with a Better Packages tape dispenser!

Redesigned from the inside out

The Better Pack 555e family has been totally redesigned from the inside out, while maintaining the integrity and reliability that made the original 555 an industry standard. The new micro-processor based control system improves overall reliability plus allows the Better Pack 555eSA to be interfaced with the following devices: PCs, printers, weighing scales, shipping systems and optical measuring devices.

Tested by shipping professionals for professionals

The Better Pack 555e was extensively tested and put through more than 1 million cycles without any defects. *It is the only electronic tape dispenser to pass UL requirements (new standard UL 1950).* We are so confident of its performance, that we've backed it with a *2 year warranty, including free parts and labor!*[†]

Better Packages meets the challenge...again

Intelligently designed! Ruggedly constructed! User-friendly! The new Better Pack 555e is so unique that we've patented* both its' form and function. It's not just a new tape dispenser...the 555e is the tape dispenser shipping professionals will be using well into the 21st century.



The original
Better Pack® 555

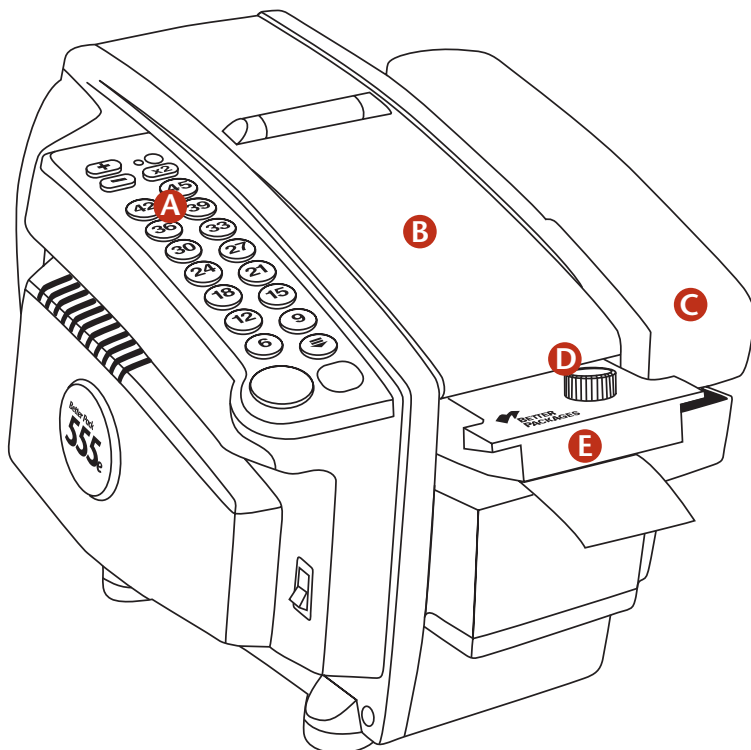


*Patent Pending

[†]Subject to certain limitations and exclusions. A copy of the entire warranty agreement is available upon request.

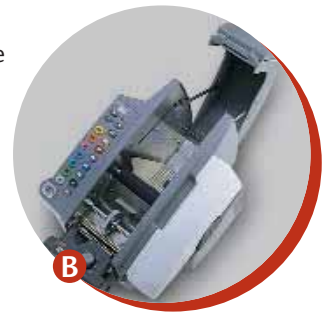
Features

- **Fully electronic control system**
Improves reliability and serviceability
- **Programmable keys (BP555eSA)**
Set tape lengths up to 120" depending on model increments.
Tape length is adjustable (up or down) in 1/2" increments
- **Random length key**
To allow tape to be dispensed at any length
- **Largest tape capacity in the industry**
For fewer changeovers
- **Extra heavy duty, self-oiling blade**
For superior, consistent cutting
- **Steel frame construction covered with ABS plastic**
For strength, durability and impact resistance
- **20% increase in motor power**
For longer life, cooler running and smoother operation
- **Extra long (detachable) electrical cord**
For improved operator ease, comfort and safety
- **Engineered and built to meet or exceed FCC, UL, CE and CSA(CUL) regulatory requirements**
- **Ergonomic design**
Allows for operation from either side of the machine
- **Improved operator safety features**
- **Designed for easy mounting on work surfaces**
- **Manufactured in Shelton, Connecticut, USA**



A

- **Color coded user-friendly keypad**
For ease of operation, improved "soft-touch" tactile feel and durable performance



B

- **Stainless steel tape path and steel side frames**
For added strength and longevity
- **Top Loading**
For easier, quicker roll changeovers



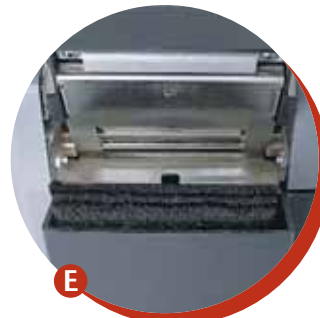
C

- **Larger water bottle capacity, plus new no-spill cap design**
For fewer refills, less downtime and fewer spills



D

- **Improved, adjustable top heater**
Ensures superior tape adhesion and performance. Plus, it's thermostatically controlled and low voltage - for safe long life operation and the use of an extensive variety of tapes



E

- **Superior, three (3) brush wetting system**
Ensures proper activation and wetting of tape adhesive

Specifications

The Better Pack 555e is available in six models that are designed to fit your exact packing application. The six models have the same physical characteristics, with the exception of the keypads.

BP555e Electronic Tape Dispenser

Size: 20"L x 12.5"W x 12"H (51 x 32 x 30 cm)

Dispensing Speed: Up to 45" per second (114 cm)

No. of Water Brushes: 3

Water Bottle Capacity: 2 pints 2 oz. (1 liter)

Shipping Weight: 32 lbs. (15 kg)

Power Requirements: 115 volts, 60 Hz, 5 Amps
UL listed, CSA (CUL)

Tape Width: 1 1/2" to 3"W (3.8 to 7.7 cm)

Maximum Roll Size: Up to 1000 ft. of tape
Up to 10" diameter roll (25 cm)

Tape Lengths Dispensed (Front Keys):

555eS	6" - 45" (15 - 114 cm)
555eSA	6" - 45" (15 - 114 cm)
555eL	12" - 90" (30 - 228 cm)
555eLA	12" - 90" (30 - 228 cm)
555eM	10 - 140 cm
555eMA	10 - 140 cm

Warranty: A complete 2 year warranty on all parts and labor†

Current 555 Models Updated 555e Models

BP 555S		BP555eS
BP 555L36		
BP 555L45		
BP 555LLS		BP555eL
BP 555LL		
BP 556-2		BP555eSA BP555eLA
BP 556-0		
BP 554		

Available Options

• PC Software and Interface

Using a PC, it can monitor tape use, productivity, maintenance requirements, plus perform other operations.

- Shows tape usage and tape remaining
- Monitors productivity by pieces sealed per employee/shift
- Reminds when to perform routine maintenance and add water
- Remotely change length of tape dispensed by keys (for custom lengths)
- Interfaces with printer, weighing scale, optical measuring device and shipping system (and printer) to print bills of lading, manifests, etc.

• Foot Pedal

For hands free operation

• Code Taper

Imprints tape with your custom message or code as the tape is dispensed. This in-line process improves productivity plus it identifies merchandise and helps to discourage in-transit pilferage.

• Tape Aerial

Delivers and holds a straight length of moistened tape for instant trouble free application. Center tape scoring assures accurate alignment and equal tape coverage.

• OMD (Optical Measuring Device)*

Automatically measures the size of the carton and dispenses the correct amount of tape for hands free dispensing.



* Contact Better Packages for specifications

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Better Packages tape dispensers are used to seal cartons for industries as diverse as apparel, pharmaceuticals, furniture, food, electronics, printing and mail centers.

A few of the packaging professionals who use Better Packages tape dispensers:

Allied Signal – AB

Brinks

DFS

Estée Lauder

Ford Motor Company

Fruit of the Loom Apparel

Good Humor

Hewlett-Packard

JC Penney

L.L. Bean

Loctite

PP & G

Kroger

Schering-Plough

Steelcase

Tandy Corporation



Reinforced Tape...The Professional's Choice!

Advantages



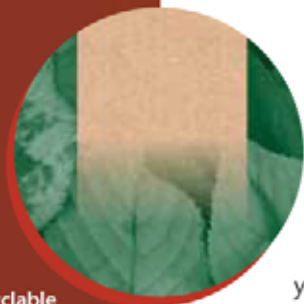
Strength



Durability



Security



Recyclable

- Strong secure seal
- Neat appearance
- Easy to use
- May be imprinted during application
- Doesn't stick to itself during application
- Only one strip necessary for complete security
- Works well in dirty, dusty environments
- Permanent bond formed when the gummed adhesive penetrates the corrugated board
- Unaffected by extremes of cold, heat, light or humidity
- Tamper evident if the seal is compromised
- Even when damaged it retains strength – it doesn't run, tear or stretch
- Environmentally friendly and recyclable
- Eliminates repetitive wrist motions of hand-held tape guns
- Economical when used in conjunction with a Better Pack® tape system

Virtually every major mail order house and shipper in the United States uses reinforced tape. So should you!

- Do you ship heavy or large cartons?
- Is the merchandise you ship of high value?
- Do you ship many sizes and configurations of cartons?
- Are your cartons typically over stuffed or under stuffed?
- Are you a pick-and-pack operation, a frozen food operation, or a manufacturer or distributor with a wide variety of items?
- Have you had a problem with in-transit pilferage?

If the answer is yes to any of these questions, you should consider the advantages of reinforced tape and join the packaging professionals.



Plastic Tape vs. Paper Tape

Seal Better... Seal Faster

Comparison tests of closing standard 34" corrugated cartons indicate that 42% more cartons can be closed (in the same time) using paper tape vs. plastic tape. (Standard manual dispenser was used for plastic tape & Better Pack 555e tape dispenser was used for paper tape.)



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