Model 1700 Automatic Panel Stacker



The Model 1700 Panel Stacker is fully automatic and will handle a wide range of panel sizes and thicknesses, and a variety of different materials such as wood, fiber board, pressed wood, cardboard, and plastic. The Stacker builds a load up to five feet high on shop trucks, skids, or pallets. The Stacker can be ordered with a unique attenuating device which stops the forward movement of the panel, and lowers it slowly to the pile. In many applications this will eliminate the need for a backstop. The machine is ruggedly constructed, and yet portable so it can be used on different jobs. Maintenance is easy since the machine has no hydraulics, pneumatics, or complicated electronics.

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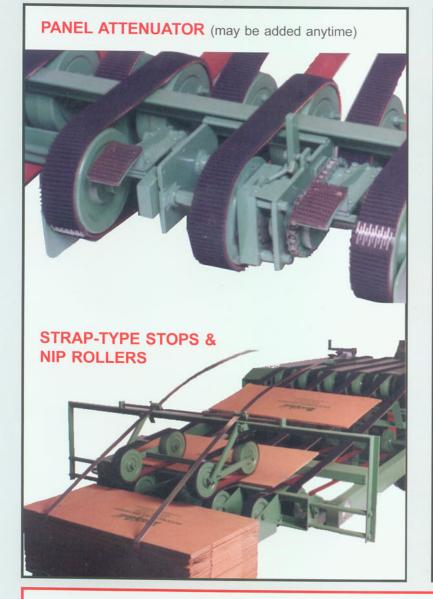
The LT Lateral Transfer option, consists of powered elevating rollers spaced between the feed belts for converting the lengthwise motion into crosswise motion, makes it possible to easily stack doors, plywood sheets, and other large products which are too large to be stacked lengthwise.

The **Stacker**, which is readily portable, is positioned with its side next to the primary machine, such as a sander. The product makes a right-angle lateral movement on the stacker, and the stack is built to the right of the primary machine as viewed from the operator's position. The machine can still be used as a standard stacker, or it can be used in applications where there is insufficient space for a standard stacker, since only the width of the machine (60") is required behind the primary machine with this option.

An **Adjustable Squaring Stop** is part of the lateral transfer option. This allows large components to be centered on the input deck and boom assembly before the belts lift and change part direction. This results in improved stack registration.

When panels are delivered skewed, as in many sanding or abrasive planing applications, we recommend our **Panel Straightening** option. During operation, two pins remain rigid allowing the panel to pivot, and mechanically releases only when both pins are contacted. This assures the correct alignment of the panels with the attenuating device, permitting it to function properly.

The **Panel Straightening** option and the **Magnetic Fence** option are compatible, and excellent results are obtained using both.



Our Panel Attenuator is normally furnished except for stacking very light panels, to retard the motion of the panel as it is delivered to the top of the stack. When the trigger is released by the panel, the rubber covered fingers extend out, stop the forward motion of the panel, lower it gently to the pile, and continue their cycle back to the ready position.

This device assures that the panels are evenly aligned front to back, and eliminates the need for a back-stop to perform this function. Use of the attenuating device allows removal of the finished load from any of three sides, and permits stacking of more than one size stock on to the same pallet. Use of attenuator at belt speeds below 75 fpm not recommended.

Our Strap-Type Stops consist of two adjustable bands secured at one end onto a cross-bar, and having a hook shaped bend at the other. The sheets slide out onto the stack, and their motion is terminated when the leading edge of the sheet hits the bend in the strap. This option is compatible with our nip-roller option since they both mount on the same cross-bar.

The **Nip-Roller** option provides additional traction on thin sheets that might not otherwise feed to the end of the conveyor, once they are on the stack. A spring load device is available to provide additional down pressure on nip rollers.





A **Magnetic Fence** is available which is useful when panels are not being fed onto the stacker in perfect alignment, but slightly skewed, such as in many sanding or abrasive planing operations. This fence assures straight and even sides on the stack.

The fence can be positioned anywhere on the input deck, and is secured by turning the knobs which control the magnetic force. No tools are needed. When the knobs are turned to the "Fasten" position, the fence grips with tremendous force, and yet can easily be removed by turning the knobs to the "Release" position. When not needed, the fence can be stored on the side of the stacker

SPECIFICATIONS

Capacity of Stock12" x 14" to 48" x 96" and up to 1-3/4" thick

Input Height......Adjustable from 32-1/2" to 41"

Floor Space RequiredMachine is 132" long and 60" wide

Electrical Requirements......240 volt, 3 phase, 60 cycle

480 volt, 3 phase, 60 cycle Total draw 4 amps at 230 volts

Other requirements available on special order

Electric Motors.....Belt - 3/4 H.P. 1800 rpm

Hoist - Torque motor with brake

Lowering - 1/3 H.P. 3450 rpm

Electric Controls Start - Stop

Lower - brings output booms down to start new stack

SwitchesHeight switch - Micro switch mercury type

Upper limit switch - Micro Switch

Other speeds available

ACCESSORIES

Lateral Transfer (must be ordered with machine)
Panel Straightener (must be ordered with machine)

(not available with lateral transfer)

DC Variable Speed, 0-100 FPM (not available with lateral transfer)

Attenuator (contact factory for use with DC drive)

Retractable Lift Hooks (not available with lateral transfer)

Magnetic Fence (not available with lateral transfer)

Strap Type Stops

Nip Rollers

Spring Load for Nip Rollers

Strap Stops & Nip Rollers

14" Infeed Shelf

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS WELCOMED!

NORTHFIELD has a fine line of other automation products for the woodworking industry. We also design and build custom automation equipment. If you have a need for a special machine, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss your requirements.



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