

On the stamping side, Varas of Spain showcased its easy open end parts development for can makers, including die tests, tools and spars for sealing and flanging machines.

Hinterkopf of Germany was one of the few companies to bring over a large-scale machine. It shared a stand with Schuler and its impact extrusions presses, as well as with a couple of women who were painted by an artist to look as if they had clothes on. This, for obvious reasons, attracted a fair amount of attention to the stand. Also on display at the stand was the H240 offset colour printing machine for aluminium bottles, which can print on bottles of any size. Features include swift changeover. "We are not aiming for speed – our customers are in the high-end beverage market," notes Alexander Hinterkopf.

Sprimag, also of Germany, had the HIL-60 and HIL-64 for coating aluminium tubes from 10 to 50mm in diameter, and aluminium monobloc aerosol cans from 35 to 60mm, with speeds up to 250 ppm. Features include an internal coating machine with nine spray guns, automatic ejection of parts for inspection, touch screen controls, quick and easy diameter changes and spray gun life and swing axis. The annealing and drying ovens have easy accessibility due to large doors, and a reduced space requirement. The ovens also offer smoother running chain due to several drive positions,

quick and easy reassembling of shafts and chain wheels, and easy accessibility of the burner unit. Options include an internal coating machine with intermediate drier and a second paint circulation supply system.

Can Man of Switzerland had also brought its latest Pacemaker Plus welding body maker to the show, which features speeds from 20 up to 600 cpm. The company also offers spare parts and modifications to all kinds of welders, along with its technical service.

Cannex de las Americas was also the launch pad for UK-based CornaudMetalbox Engineering's latest product – a multiple-stage die necker. The unit shown was the final neck stage of a multi-die neck system along with a flanger and light tester. It is capable of multiple die necking and flanging of two-piece aluminium or steel cans at speeds up to 3,400 cans per minute. Features include a 12 head unit with 240 degrees of process time, achieved by lowering the 18 pocket transfer turret, which leads to significantly reduced machine dynamics and a dual infeed starwheel turret. □



Can Man's latest offering was on display