



## **E-Mail Newsletter**

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***"Your leading source for quality filler change parts."***

**This month's focus:**

### **Brushes**

- **Light Weight Lower Brushes.**
- **"Solid Core" Upper Brushes.**
- **Custom Colors Available!**

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## **Take a Load Off with Our New Light Weight Brushes**

Heavy brushes got you down? Try our new light weight lower brushes and experience the difference in ease of handling. Your operators will thank you!

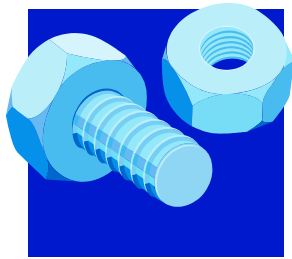
The lower brush on a RF-450 or RF-990 filler is there to brush product dust from the slats before the dust accumulates on the machine. Traditional brush construction uses a 2 inch diameter solid aluminum shaft. For this application, the solid shaft adds unnecessary weight to the brush assembly.

Working closely with our fabrication shop, we have redesigned the shaft to use aluminum tubing in place of the solid shaft. The shaft ends are welded in place and the finished shaft is pressure tested for water tightness after manufacture. The finished brush is identical in appearance and function to the traditional construction, but weighs up to 33% less. (The solid shaft weighs 3.69 pounds per foot as compared to 1.62 pounds per foot for the tubing.)

The weight savings makes for easier installation, removal and handling of the brush for the operators. A RF-450 Lower Brush with a solid shaft weighs about 18 lbs as compared to only 12 lbs for the light weight brush. A RF-990 Lower Brush compares at 25 lbs to 18 lbs!

Next time you need new or replacement brushes, ask about our light weight brushes. Your employees will thank you!

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## Lose the Screws on your Upper Brushes

Take a look at the upper brush on your filler. See all that hardware! Why risk the chance of a bolt ending up in a bottle? Eliminate all the fasteners with our "solid core" brushes!

The Upper Brush on a RF-450 or RF-990 filler acts like a paddle wheel. It prevents tablets from carrying over the top of the machine and into the bottles. The traditional construction of this brush uses a center shaft with ten individual strip brushes, each attached with several brackets. The brackets are fastened with hex head screws. Should any of these screws loosen, break, or fall out, they will likely end up in a bottle!

As part of our ongoing process to improve upon the good ideas of the past, we are always listening to our customers for suggestions that will help us improve our products and services. For example, a few years ago, we replaced the traditional style of brush with a solid core brush. The solid core design uses a solid Delrin core with the brush strips set into the Delrin core. This eliminates all the brackets and fasteners from a critical area of the machine. Not only that, it also makes a lighter, easier to clean assembly with no areas for tablets to be caught.

Eliminate the worry. Try our "solid core" upper brushes the next time you need new or replacement brushes!

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## Try a Brush of a Different Color!

The brushes on a filler are typically white or black, depending on the equipment manufacturer. White, or natural colored nylon bristles can become stained from ingredients in some products. Cleaning the brushes to their original color can be nearly impossible in some cases. It is common practice to dedicate brushes to a particular product, so that the stained nylon becomes more of a cosmetic issue. Based on requests from some of our customers, we can supply the brushes in custom colors that offset the unsightly appearance of stained, white bristles. Stock colors such as white,

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black, red, blue, green, etc. are readily available, but we can also supply colors based upon your needs. Give us a call, and let us explain how this can help you! *Minimum orders may apply.*

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## **Who We Are**

*Berkshire Packaging Services was established in 1999 by John Miller and Bill Lawton. With a combined experience of over 50 years in the pharmaceutical packaging industry, our goal is to be a reliable, high quality source of change parts for slat fillers. As a small company, we work closely with our customers to develop new and innovative solutions to improve the operation of the machines. As a practical alternative to big OEM's, Berkshire Packaging offers a full complement of slat filler change parts made from identical or superior materials. We work with only your satisfaction in mind.*



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