

Improving Packing Throughput and Productivity with a Packaging Audit

The Challenge

A high-volume packing operation was struggling to maintain efficiency during peak periods.

Key issues included:

- Throughput constraints – existing packing processes could not keep pace with demand
- Inefficient pack stations – cluttered workspaces reduced productivity and increased operator fatigue
- Inconsistent product protection – varying product sizes made it difficult to achieve reliable packing outcomes

While individual packaging components appeared to be performing adequately, the overall system was limiting output and creating operational inefficiencies.



The Outcome

By taking a system-wide view, the business moved from a material-led approach to an operations-led solution.

The result was not just improved packing performance, but a more scalable, efficient and sustainable process.

This reflects a shared approach between Samuel Grant Packaging and Pregis – combining operational insight with engineered packaging solutions to improve performance, reduce waste and support long-term efficiency.

This is where a packaging audit adds real value – identifying opportunities that are often missed when focusing on individual products alone.

As highlighted across SGP's approach, packaging decisions should always consider:

- Workflow efficiency
- Labour and handling
- Material usage and waste
- Consistency and performance in real-world conditions

Not just the cost per item.

Considering a similar review?

Many operations experience the same challenges without realising the root cause sits within the packaging process itself.

A structured packaging audit can help uncover:

- Hidden inefficiencies
- Opportunities to improve throughput
- Material and cost savings
- Improvements in sustainability and compliance

If you are unsure whether your current setup is performing as efficiently as it should, we would be pleased to take a look.