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Acme Corrugated Box invests $9M in new BW Papersystems Flexo Folder Gluer line

50-inch BW Papersystems G-Grafix Flexo Folder Gluer and Twin Box Slitter® help support growing customer demand



The new 50-inch BW Papersystems Flexo Folder Gluer line is shown during installation at Acme Corrugated Box in Hatboro, Pennsylvania.

HUNT VALLEY, Md. — Nov. 19, 2026 — Acme Corrugated Box, a family-owned corrugated manufacturer serving the Mid-Atlantic region since 1918, has brought a new BW Papersystems converting line into full production at its facility in Hatboro, Pennsylvania. Built around a 50-inch BW Papersystems G-Grafix Flexo Folder Gluer and inline Twin Box Slitter, the approximately $9 million investment adds the capacity Acme needs to keep delivering on time as customer demand continues to grow.

“This investment is about serving our growing client base,” said Bob Cohen, President, Acme. “It gives us the capacity to keep our deliveries on time and to keep pace with the demands of our clients.”

The new converting line combines BW Papersystems' G-Grafix Flexo Folder Gluer and Twin Box Slitter with supporting equipment from BW Papersystems’ sister company, Alliance Machine Systems International. The integrated solution gives Acme added flexibility to run and separate certain products directly within the line, reducing the need for additional downstream processing.

Installation began in early October in the last open machine bay remaining from a building expansion Acme initiated in 2020. The project was completed without disrupting existing production. Operator training and live-order testing began in October, and the line entered full production Nov. 2, with Acme's team now operating the equipment independently.

“In corrugated, the product doesn’t change much, but the equipment does,” said Jeff Lucash, Chief Commercial Officer, Acme. “Upgrading our technology is how we continue to be leaders in our industry while servicing our customers the way they expect.”

Acme selected BW Papersystems in part for the company's reputation in the corrugated industry, extensive installed base and responsive aftermarket support network. BW Papersystems' parts and service operation in Maryland provides technical support and replacement parts within close proximity to the Hatboro facility.

“We’re excited about the opportunity to partner with Acme, one of the industry’s premier operators,” said Pete Bickford, Vice President of Sales, BW Papersystems. “We know Acme will push the capabilities of our 50-inch Flexo and Twin Box Slitter. The G-Grafix is designed to handle demanding products while maintaining high productivity and a competitive cost of operation. Pairing it with our Twin Box Slitter allows Acme to produce two boxes per machine revolution. The wider blanks used on the Twin Box Slitter enable taller stacks and improve efficiency at the corrugator while optimizing use of work-in-process space.”

The new line is part of Acme's broader modernization and capacity expansion strategy. The BW Papersystems equipment will play a key role in supporting the company's continued growth, with additional investments in converting and finishing capabilities planned for 2027.

ABOUT BW PAPERSYSTEMS

BW Papersystems, part of Barry-Wehmiller, combines innovative technologies and long-standing global experience in the corrugating and finishing, sheeting and packaging, folding carton and paperboard, and stationery and security-documents

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industries. BW Papersystems is a global leader in corrugated finishing, offering rugged rotary die cutters and flexo folder gluers, and ancillary equipment including the Twin Box Slitter. For more, go to bwpapersystems.com.

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