

# Colines creates an innovative pouch, designed for recyclability\* with cast calender MDO PE + 7-layer blown barrier film using ExxonMobil Signature Polymers







Optimized for packaging lines



Excellent sealability

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# Challenge

To make a stiff, tough laminated pouch designed for recyclability\*, meeting converting and end-use requirements with a substrate film made using cast calender MDO technology.

The primary challenge was to develop a laminated pouch designed for recyclability with high performance characteristics, including easy printing, lamination and pouch production on existing converting equipment. This requires integrating advanced materials and MDO technology to meet stringent packaging requirements for both food and non-food applications.

"Our ability to offer both cast film lines with integrated MDO units and a new 9-layer blown barrier line puts us in a unique position to support advanced packaging solutions," said Nicola Lombardini, R&D Manager at Colines. "The close collaboration with ExxonMobil Signature Polymers has been key to driving creativity and ensuring the success of this innovative pouch designed for recyclability. The cast MDO is run in a unique manner in calender mode, resulting in an excellent control of the thickness profile and planarity while guaranteeing unique mechanical properties to the film".

\*Designed with features intended to support recyclability. Actual recyclability depends on factors such as local collection, sortation, and recycling infrastructure, as well as the condition and configuration of the package after use. However, access to facilities that accept and process plastic film is limited and not widely available.

## **Solution**

The solution involved using cast calender MDO technology to produce a high quality low gel substrate film, combined with a tough 7-layer blown barrier sealant film. Key components included:

**Substrate film**: Produced using Colines' unique cast calender MDO technology, exploring the right selection of ExxonMobil Signature Polymers to reach the required stretch ratio in a controlled manner to deliver the desired stiffness and clarity.

Exceed<sup>™</sup> HD 6107 and Exceed<sup>™</sup> Stiff+ m 2025.ML

**Sealant film**: Can be made using a 7- or 9-layer blown barrier film extrusion, offering a wide sealing temperature window and excellent final pouch performance.

- Exceed<sup>™</sup> Stiff+ m 0926.ML contributed to the pouch drop performance
- Exxtra<sup>™</sup> Seal POP 2008.MK offered a broad sealing window
- Exceed™ m 2018.MA ensured good adhesion to the substrate film
- ExxonMobil™ LD 03322.BW1 enhanced processing stability
- Exceed<sup>™</sup> HD 6107 boosted the overall stiffness



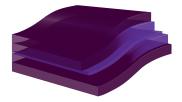




#### MDO cast calender substrate film

#### Thickness: 30 µm

- Exceed<sup>™</sup> HD 6107
- Exceed<sup>™</sup> Stiff+ m 2025.ML



#### **Contributors**

- ExxonMobil Signature Polymers:
  Outstanding stiffness of the cast MDO PE film allows
  converting on existing printing, lamination and pouch
  making equipment without compromising packaging
  integrity or aesthetics.
- Colines: Colines blown film technology for barrier sealant film, and unrivalled cast calender MDO PE film technology for stiff transparent substrate film.
- Sümer Plastik: Complete packaging solution powered by Sümer Plastik's advanced extrusion, printing and lamination
- Mitsubishi Chemical Group: for EVOH supply
- Industrie Polieco MPB SpA: for tie layer

### **Results**

The innovative pouch designed for recyclability\* demonstrated excellent performance in terms of final pouch properties such as an excellent survival rate of 100% dropping from typical shelf heights of 2m. The cast calender MDO technology provided a differentiated product for companies with cast lines, enabling them to diversify their offerings. The laminated pouches were suitable for various applications, enhancing the value chain from producers to end-users.

This case study highlights the successful collaboration and technological advancements in creating a high-performance pouch designed for recyclability\*, benefiting all members of the value chain.

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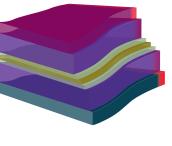
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#### 7-layer blown barrier sealant film

#### Thickness: 80 µm

- Exceed<sup>™</sup> m 2018.MA
- ExxonMobil™ LD 03322.BW1
- Exceed<sup>™</sup> Stiff+ m 0926.ML
- Exceed<sup>™</sup> HD 6107
- MPB Coesive® L600F
- SoarnoL<sup>™</sup> DC3203 RC
- Exxtra<sup>™</sup> Seal POP 2008.MK

The 9 layer formulation has double subskin layers of Exceed  $^{\text{TM}}$  Stiff+ m 0926.ML.





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