



The Proof is in the Process



"Using Digital-Page in our process enabled us to approve a proof within hours as opposed to days."

A recent FDA regulation revision has had pharmaceutical packagers scrambling to fine-tune their process. It is now more important than ever for pharmaceutical packagers, such as Catalent, to ensure processes are operating as efficiently as possible.

"Reading an even larger sheet will take more time and larger equipment. Our goal is to reduce the time it takes for verifications in order to increase efficiencies for both our customers and ourselves," **says Maria Serra**, QA Manager for Catalent Puerto Rico



Being a Global Vision customer for over a decade, Catalent had already benefitted from Global Vision's automated inspection solutions in their production department. However, they believed that if they could extend this same technology to all departments in their workflow, they would be able to increase efficiencies even more—regardless of the FDA regulation.

"Completely automating our process would allow for quicker verifications, better error detections and a happier QC staff," **says Serra**.

CHALLENGES

- * High approval time

The regulation implies changes to the size and content found on inserts, consequently translating into more complex and time consuming inspections for pharmaceutical packaging.

SOLUTION

- * Install Scan-TVS, a scanner-based artwork comparator, on the production floor

Scan-TVS enabled them to check the customer proof to the first sample off the press to ensure that they were the same. "The goal is for us to demonstrate a solid process so that our customers will trust our QC department enough to give the final go-ahead before starting the full press run. Thus eliminating the need for the customer to physically come to the plant to review and approve the file," explains Serra.

BENEFITS

- * Reduced approval time

will come in handy for Catalent customers that are dealing with product launches that need to move quickly.

"Pfizer has come to see our facility and are looking to approve us as a proofless supplier," says Serra, "which would allow us to make revisions without hardcopy proofs and consequently help them get their products to market faster."