

Glass Primary Packaging Trends Carlos Navarro

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Expertise





Full portfolio (ampoules, cartridges, syringes, vials) from glass tubing



Expertise on manufacturing cartridges for insulin



Innovative solutions for Biotech



Full Range of Sterile products (vials, cartridges and syringes)



Leader in converting technology



100% Dimensional and Cosmetic Controls by Camera



Full range of Automatic Inspection Machines



Assembly, Packaging and Process Equipment

OMPI do Brasil







Bulk Containers



Ready-to-Use Containers (Sterile)















How the Pharma Market is changing?











- Research
- Fill/Finish
- Marketing

Pharmaceutical Industry is looking for new manufacturing solutions to increase flexibility and reduce manufacturing costs



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+5-8%	 Anti-coagulants Vaccines Anti-infectives Anti-inflammatoryagents Haematologicalagents MStreatments 	 Humangrowth hormones Obstetricagents Cancertherapies Painrelievers 		
+8-10%	Anti-DiabeticsSelf-Injections	Humangrowthhormones		
+5%	 MStreatments Vaccines 1[°] Healthcare 			

Source: PDA Presentation of Dr. Friedrich Haefele, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH & Co. KG

Glass is the ideal material for parenteral packaging; even if has some limitations these can be mitigated





Glass breakage





- Standard converting technology can induce flaws
- Flaws concentrate the stress locally, decreasing the overall
 strength of the glass

When a load is applied, e.g. during the injection with a pen injector, the critical defect could trigger the failure in the glass leading to the **breakage of the whole** component





Vials – Critical Defects











CRITICAL DEFECTS	BODY	SHOULDER	COLLAR	NECK	MOUTH	BOTTOM
Contamination	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Scratches	Х	Х	-	-	-	Х
Folds / Deformations	-	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Bubbles	-	Х	Х	-	-	-
Pressure marks	-	-	Х	Х	-	-
Airlines	Х	-	-	-	-	-
Chips / Cracks	Х	Х	Х	-	Х	Х











Syringes – High dimensional process capability









Syringe – Features needed





Glass Delamination





- Separation of thin glass layers (lamellae) that appear as shiny, needle shaped particles floating in the contact liquid
- The formation of a **silica-rich layer poorly bonded** to the substrate is the first stage of an extended delamination

Glass-liquid interactions are responsible for the

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formation of an altered layer





Optimized vials manufacturing process with an higher quality product from chemical point of view

Needle stick injuries & evolution of needle safety devices











integrated needlestick protection capability





It is no longer about stable production alone.

Production facilities must be ready for adaption to changes in corporate strategy, in market dynamics and in short-term targets.

SOURCE: NNE PHARMAPLAN





"The success of a manufacturing site is moving **from site stability to site agility**:

in addition to maintaining stable production, pharmaceutical sites are now required to accommodate more changes and deliver on unexpected targets"

SOURCE: NNE PHARMAPLAN





- Mono Product ٠
- Core and Non core Activities ٠

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- High Capex ٠
- High Running Costs ٠

Big Size Full Process

- Multi Product ٠
- Only Core Activities
- Very Limited Capex
- Reduced Running Costs

Flexibility Fast Reaction

A Comprehensive Range of RTU Containers













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Thank You for Your Attention!

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