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Metal Detection, X-ray or Both 'Making the Right Choice'

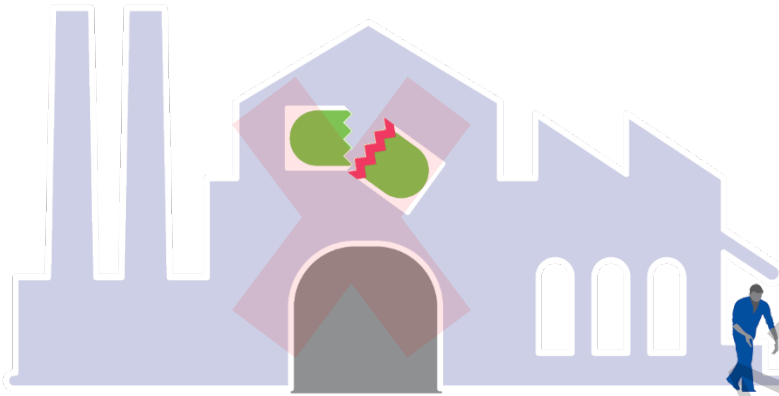
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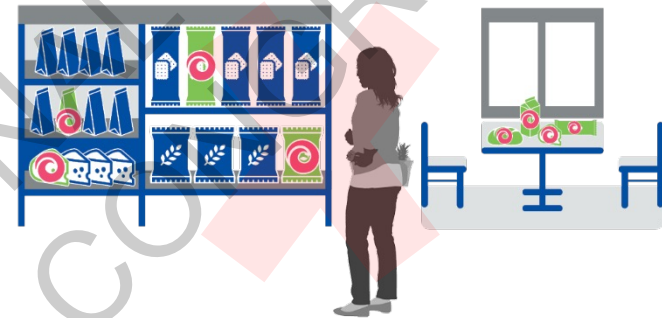
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A metal detection or x-ray system is like an insurance policy ...



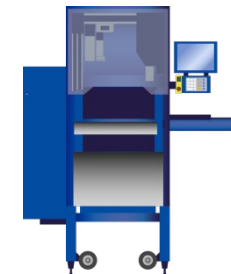
To PROTECT AGAINST irreparable damage to brand reputation



To REDUCE the RISK of contaminated products reaching supermarket shelves and consumers' tables

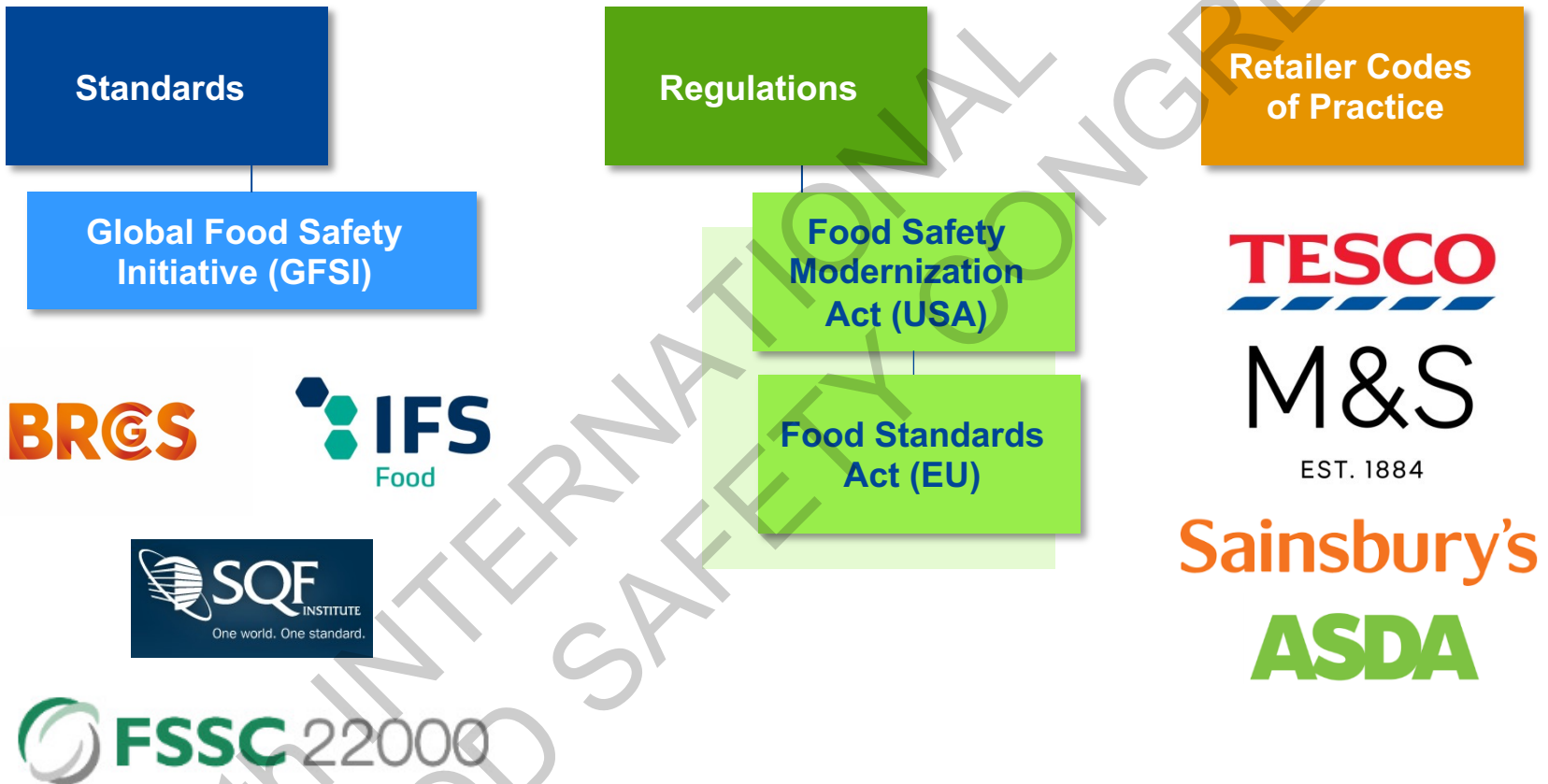


To help AVOID failed audits or loss of retailer contracts



To PROTECT expensive equipment further downstream

Compliance with global standards, local regulations & retailer requirements



UK Retailers estimate

50,000

incidents of metal contamination reach the end user every year

Volume of reported Incidents

10%

Investigation results suggest

90%

of metal contaminants found are subsequently **reported as “detectable”** by the detector (Metal Detector or X-ray System)

Conclusions

Causes: Procedural, operational and system failure

NOT thought to be linked to performance of the metal detection or x-ray inspection system.

Actions

Increased focus on C.O.P.

Better training

Certification/auditing

Use of greater levels of failsafe monitoring to enhance system functionality

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Conveyorized

Gravity Fall

Throats

Pipeline

Pharma

- All sectors
- Bulk, unpacked and wrapped foods

- Flour
- Grains
- Powders

- Potato chips
- Confectionary

- Soups, sauces, baby food
- Pumped sausage meat

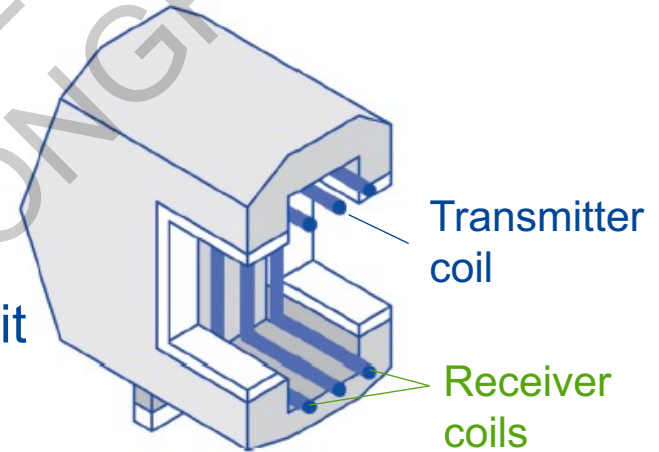
- Tablets
- Capsules
- Powders



Based on magnetic permeability & electrical conductivity

Balanced coil design

- 3 coils wound around a supporting frame
- Creates an electro-magnetic field
- Field is disturbed when metal passes through it

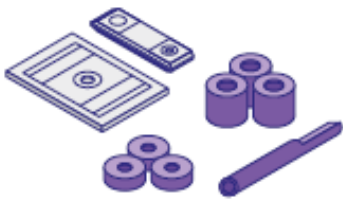


Modern metal detectors can identify all metal types

Best performance requires:

Maximum sensitivity + Stability + Reliability (0 false rejects)

When measuring the sensitivity of a metal detector, a test piece must be reliably detectable when passed through the center of the aperture.



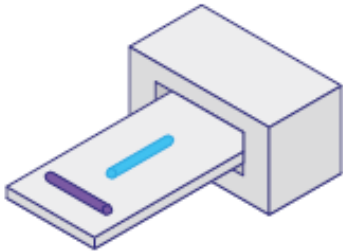
Metal Type



Packaging Material



Process Speed



Orientation Effect



Environmental Conditions



Detector Frequency



Aperture Size and Product Position



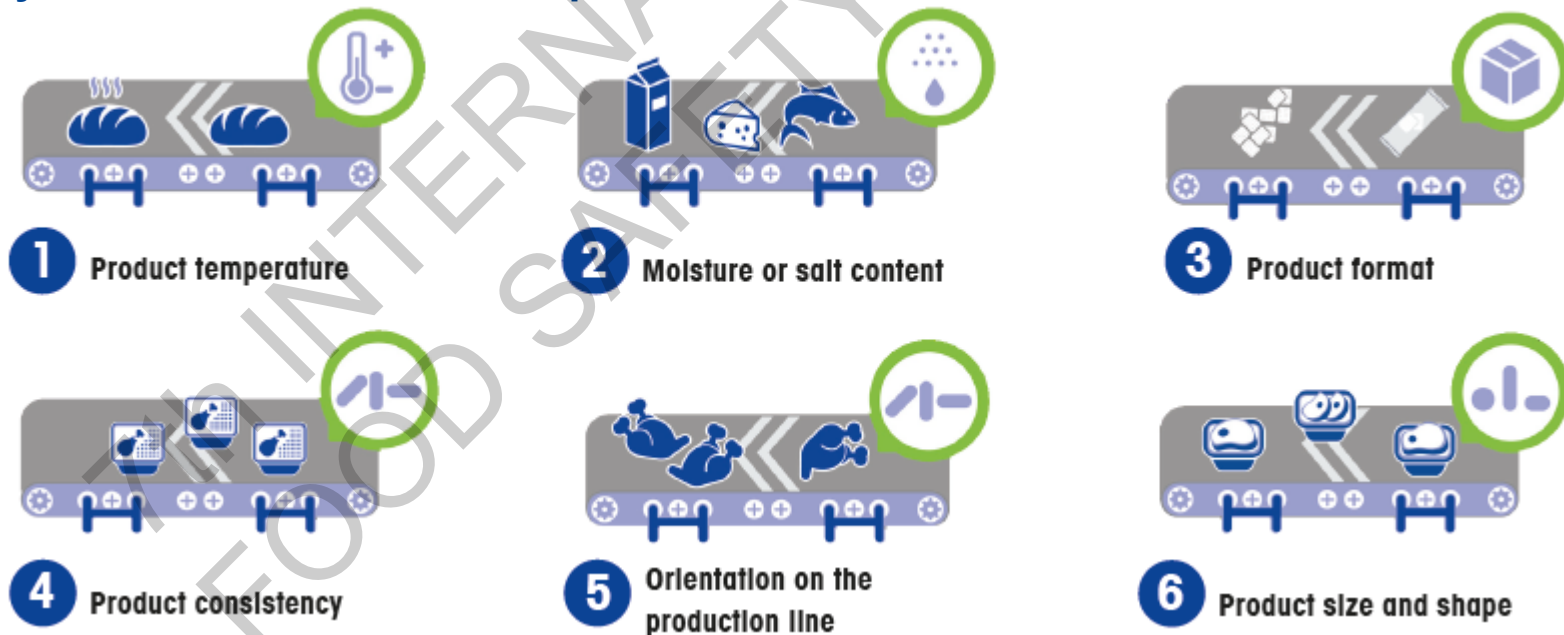
Product Characteristics

NOTE:
Product Effect is discussed in more detail later in this presentation

Product Effect can lead to high false reject rates

- Product effect occurs when a product's own characteristics inhibit the inspection device's ability to distinguish between the product being inspected, and a particular contaminant type.
 - These are often referred to as challenging applications
 - Challenging applications can result in potentially high false reject rates, unless the technology in use is able to overcome product effect

Six key factors that contribute to product effect:



Not all metal detectors are created equal for every application...



'Dry' Applications
No product effect impacts

'Wet' Applications
Where product has high salt or moisture content, variable temperature, or is packed in metallized film

Use ultra-high tuned frequency detection technology

Use Multi-Simultaneous Frequency and Product Signal Suppression technology to reduce the active product signal from wet products*



*Or those packaged in metallized film

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Choosing the Right X-ray System for the Application...

Vertical Systems



▪ Sealed Pack Machines



▪ Bulk-Flow Machines



▪ Pipeline Machine



▪ Large Case Machine



▪ Loose flow Machine



Horizontal Systems



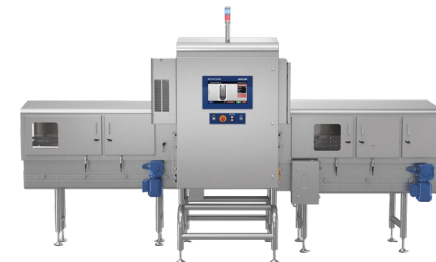
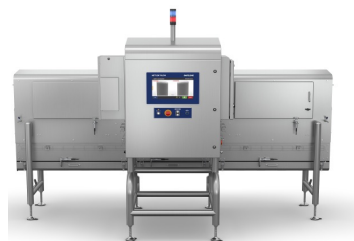
▪ Low Absorption Packaging



▪ Medium Absorption Packaging



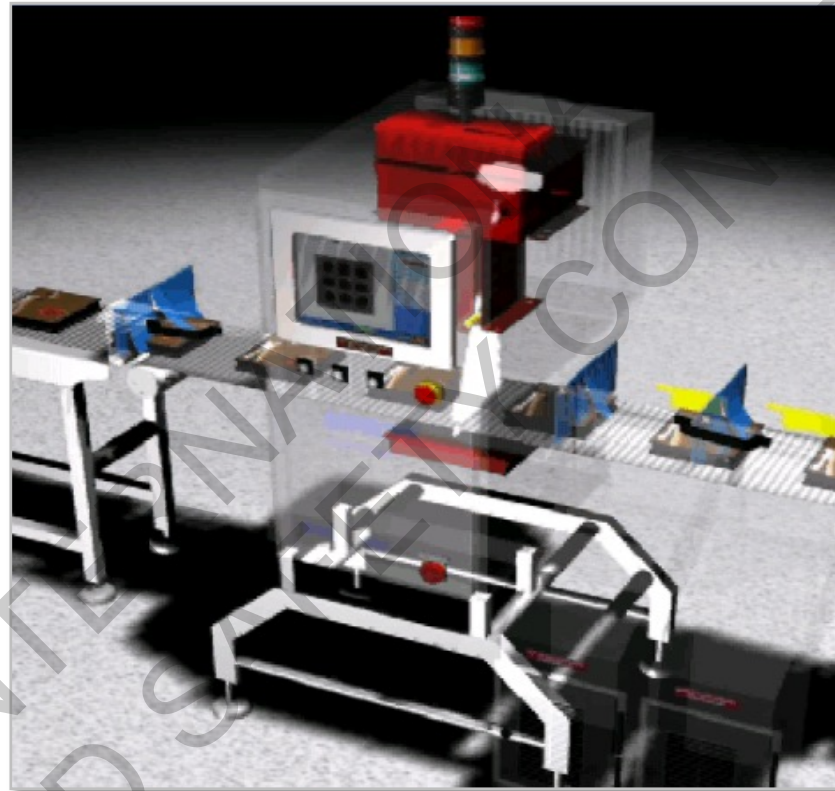
▪ High Absorption Packaging



X-Ray generator (red) housing the tube (white)

Computer rebuilds and analyses each image

Detector (red) passes data to the computer



Tube (white) emits beam downwards

Low energy X-ray beam passes through the product

Computer decision initiates rejection of faulty product













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Example of the technology working

- When a pack passes through the x-ray beam, only the residual energy reaches the detector.
- Measurement of the differences in absorption between product and contaminant (contrast is the basis of x-ray inspection).
- There are three key factors that determine the contaminant detection capability :
 - Product thickness (in the direction of the x-ray beam)
 - Product density to x-rays (e.g. soup is more dense than cereal)
 - Contaminant density to x-rays (e.g. metal is more dense than glass)



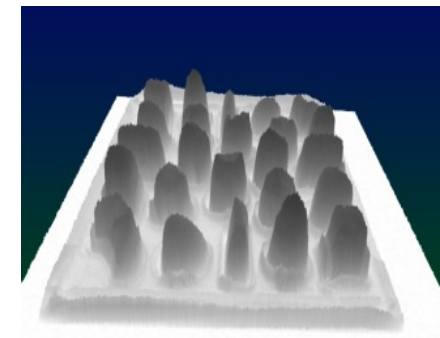
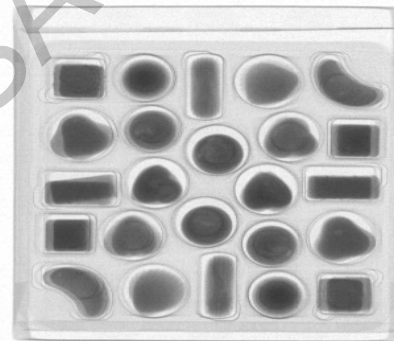
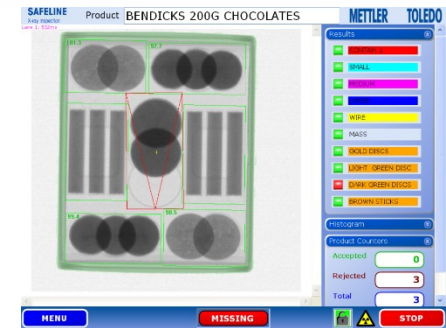
For the most part, density is used as a benchmark for inspection capabilities
 In terms of Specific Gravity, i.e. SG, water has an SG of 1.0

Typical Food Contaminant	Typical Density g/cm ³	Detectability
 Wood, stalks, insects, fruit stones	0.7	Typically not detectable
 Low density plastics	0.9 - 1.2	
 Water (reference)	1.0	Typical food density
 Dense rubber, bone, agglomerates	2.5	Detectable in sizes typically >3mm
 Glass ('low mineral'), ceramics	2.5	
 Aluminium	2.7	Detectable in sizes typically >2mm
 Mineral stone, dense plastics	3.0	
 Glass ('high mineral')	6.0	
 Non-ferrous metal	7.5	Detectable in sizes typically >0.5mm depending on material and product
 Ferrous metal and stainless steel	7.5 - 8.0	
 Lead	11.30	
 Gold	19.30	

If the contaminant floats on water it is not detectable

Product and Packaging Integrity

- Mass Measurement of overall pack
- Zoned mass for multi compartments
- Fill Level Control
- Damaged Product
- Missing Product
- Product dimension checks
- Insert Inspection (leaflet)
- Product Trapped within the seal
- Caps / Closure in Place
- Consistent Product Quality



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Metal detection and x-ray inspection offer differing capabilities

Metal detection may be the best choice when:

- Metal is the only likely foreign body contaminant risk
- Aluminum has been identified as a potential risk
- Product must be inspected under gravity-fed conditions, including VFFS applications
- There is a need to protect expensive downstream equipment from metal contaminants

X-ray inspection may be the best choice when:

- Non-metallic contaminants such as glass, mineral stone, calcified bone, or high density rubber or plastics are identified as the contaminant risks
- Product is in metal packaging
- Additional product and packaging checks are required, such as mass measurement, checking for missing or broken products, product in seal inspection or fill level checks

When Both Solutions Should Be Considered

- Different foreign body risks are identified at different CCPs
- Retailer contracts require both
- To achieve peace of mind that all precautionary steps have been taken to minimize the risk of foreign body contamination

Note

Product testing prior to purchase is highly recommended to establish achievable sensitivity.





Sensitivity Standards



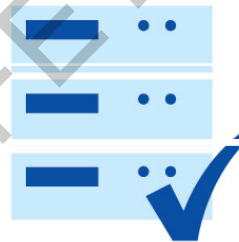
Hygienic Design



**Productivity Targets
& OEE**



Location of CCPs



Additional Quality Checks



Minimized Product Waste

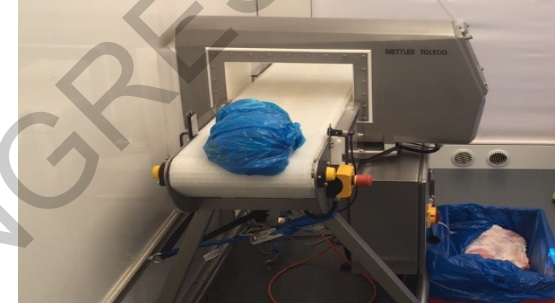


Product Format



Total Cost of Ownership

Helping our customers further to make the right choice



On-site Product Demo

We can bring our demo vehicle to you*, so you can put our metal detector to the test and compare results against your current metal detector performance.

eDemo

Product presentation
Show specific machine functions
To demonstrate software & solutions
Demostarte product tests
Conduct FAT
Training for Customers

Product Testing

We offer **FREE** product testing at our Global test facilities supported by a full product test report on your individual product(s).

Request for Test
Metal Detection & X-ray Inspection

Contact Details		Customer Details	
MQ Product Manager:	Oliver Dörmel	Customer name:	Bachof + Klein SE & Co. KG
MQ Sales Representative:	Helmut Schmalzing	Customer Address:	Industriehofweg 1
Contact e-mail:	helmut.schmalzing@mettler.com		69427 Heidelberg
Phone number:	+49 622 401 248 57		

Product Specifications	
Product name:	Füllerbecker
Peak length (mm):	750
Peak width (mm):	400
Peak height (mm):	100
Peak Weight (g):	3
Peak (µs):	50
Gap between probes (mm):	400
Conveyor speed (m/min):	20
Packaging type:	None
Inspection Type:	2D

How mouse over for specification guidance

*Availability varies by country

Key Considerations

Choosing the right solution involves more than just physical equipment. A partner who offers **local service support** can help you achieve optimal performance from your product inspection equipment.

Equipment manufacturers who can **offer integrated process solutions including software** for automated data collection and electronic record keeping will make it easier to comply with industry standards and regulations.



Assurance and Certification

Professional documentation and compliance-related products and services are available for your metal detection and x-ray inspection systems, including certified test samples and Performance Verification.

Equipment Optimization

METTLER TOLEDO can help you achieve optimum equipment performance, from professional start-up support to preventative maintenance and service contracts.



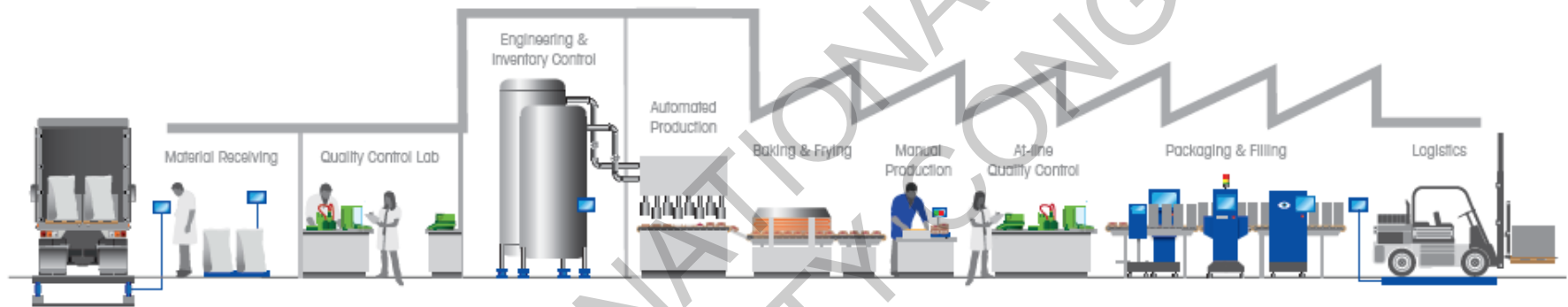
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Thank you for your time

White Paper

Metal Detection, X-ray Inspection or Both Making the Right Choice

Metal detection and x-ray inspection have long been the first line of defense against physical contaminants. However, vast improvements in engineering and software mean it's not immediately obvious which technology will provide the best performance.

By summarizing the key advantages and disadvantages of each, this white paper helps readers decide which product inspection system to invest in to ensure the quality and safety of their own food and pharmaceutical products.



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Download our free whitepaper 'Metal Detection, X-ray or Both - Making the Right Choice' for detailed guidance on choosing the right inspection technology for product safety and quality control.

This document summarizes the pros and cons of each technology and guides you through the decision making process.

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