

Ridgway Machines design and manufacture a wide range of concentric heads capable of applying tapes to round, rectangular or sector type products.

Precision tape tension, combined with accurate tape laying and fast head speeds make concentric heads an ideal solution to meet application requirements.

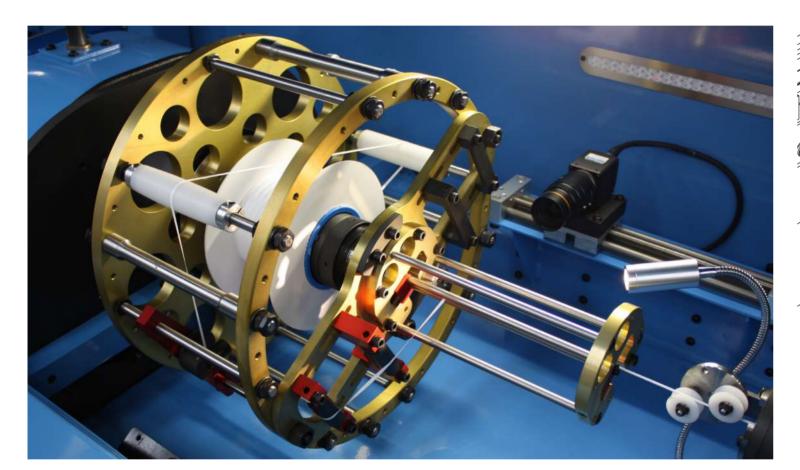
Key features:

- Twin servo technology
- Active tape tension control
- Head synchronisation to caterpillar

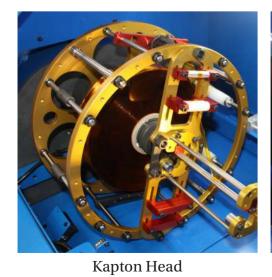
• Heads speeds up to 2,500 RPM

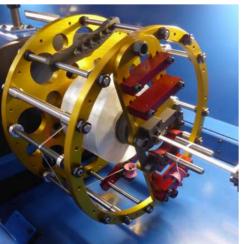
Tape break detection

Low pad detection

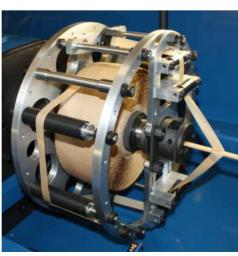


PTFE Head with Fine Wire Guide & Camera System





Fibreglass Head

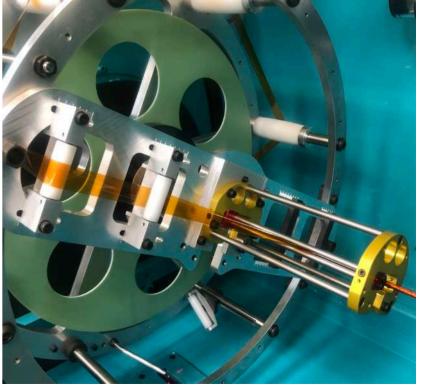






The Fine Wire Guide is used to help steady the wire to ensure high quality and high speed during the taping process. Ideal for applications below 3mm in diameter.

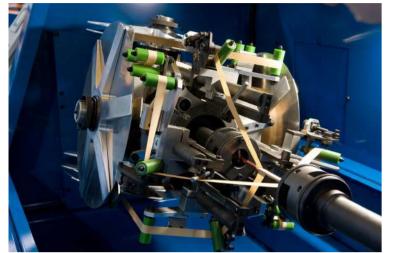




TAPING - TANGENTIAL & RADIAL HEADS

Tangential heads are an ideal solution for applications where multiple tape pads are used simultaneously.

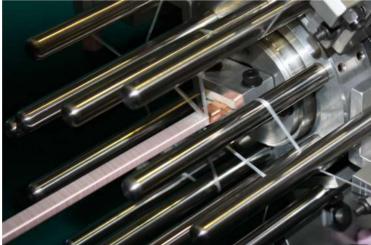
Flexibility in design allows for a wide range of options including, number of pads, larger pad diameters, increased tape widths and thickness's.





4 Pad Head, ideal for high insulation build applications. Head speeds up to 1000 RPM

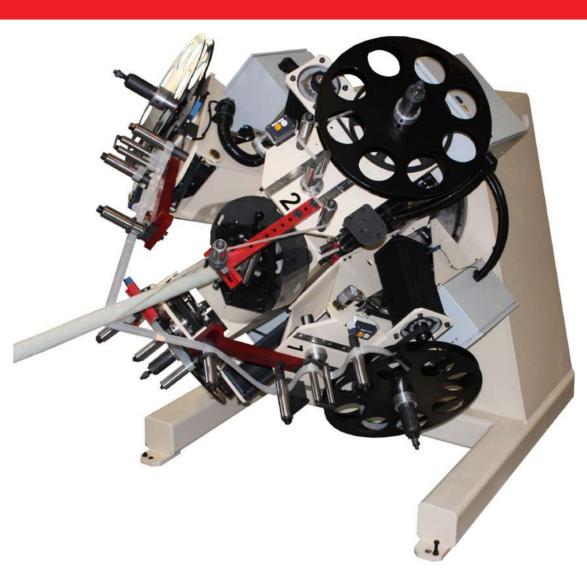




6 Bobbin Glass Taping Head being used for applying glass yarn



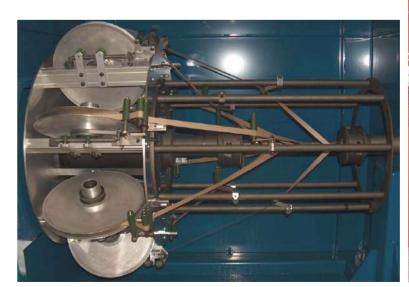
2 Pad Head used for cable taping, utilising tape pads 700mm in diameter



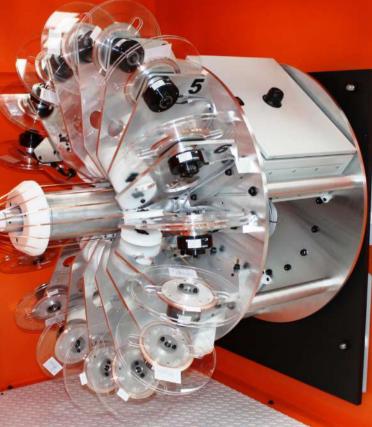
4 Pad Radial Head applying tapes up to 160mm in width onto cables up to 230mm in diameter. Tape pads up to 700mm in diameter 50kg in weight.

This machine incorporates wing plates to angle each tape to the desired taping angle, this helps to prevent twisting of the tapes and is ideal for applications utilising thicker and wider tapes.

Different tensioning systems can be utilised on these heads, including mechanical, electro-mechanical and servo systems.



8 Pad Radial head using tape widths up to 60mm and up to 400mm diameter pads



16 Pad Radial head designed to apply multiple conductors or tapes onto cables and formers

TAPING BAYS & STRUCTURES

Ridgway Machines offer a variety of taping bay designs to house different head styles and quantities. Taping machines can be offered as a complete line solution or incorporated into existing production lines.

The compact bay series, accommodate the caterpillar unit within the taping bay. Single, double and triple head solutions are available. For larger heads, a standalone taping bay is utilised.

Multiple bays can be incorporated into a single line.



HTM-CSC - Single Head with CAT50



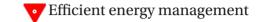
HTM-CTC - Triple Head with CAT50

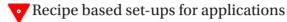


All machines are supplied with control consoles and electrical systems incorporating PC / PLC controls and drive systems. Ridgway have worked with a number of different suppliers and can incorporate customers preferred manufacturers as required.

Key features:









Remote diagnostics



Ridgway High Capacity Concentric Taping Machine

Vertical Taping Bay



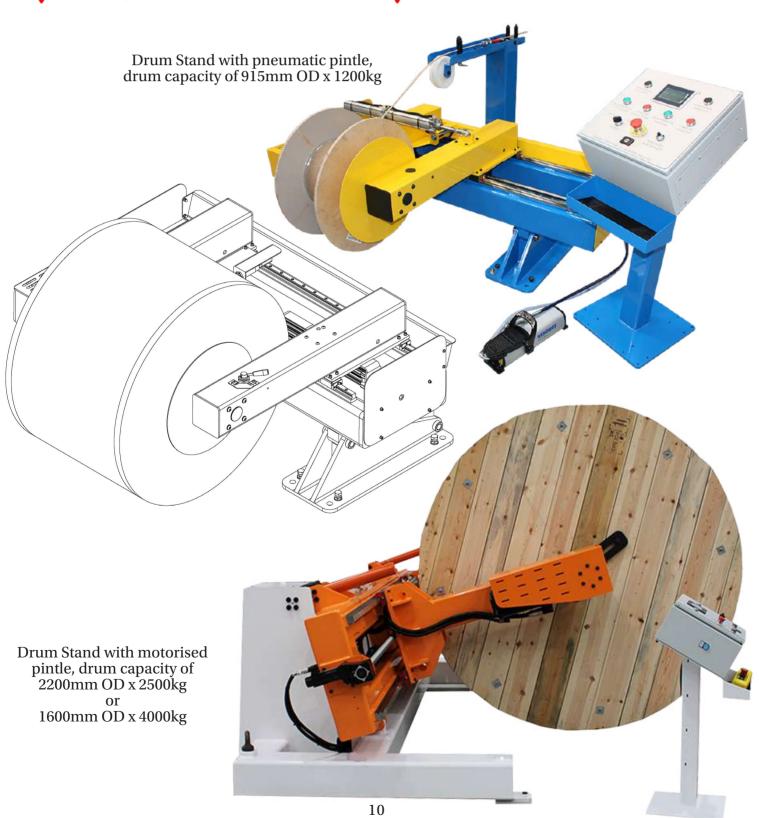
DRUM STANDS

Ridgway design and manufacture a wide range of drum stands to accept a variety of drum diameters, widths and weights. From shafted solutions to pintle designs, the units can be tailored to suit specific customer requirements.

Mechanical and motorised braking systems are available with traversing wire and traversing drum designs.

Options can include:

- Shafted / Pintle drum clamping designs
- Hydraulic, pneumatic and motorised lift designs
- Motorised / dancer (speed) tension control
- Single / multi drum units
- Traversing wire / drum solutions
- Wire break detection

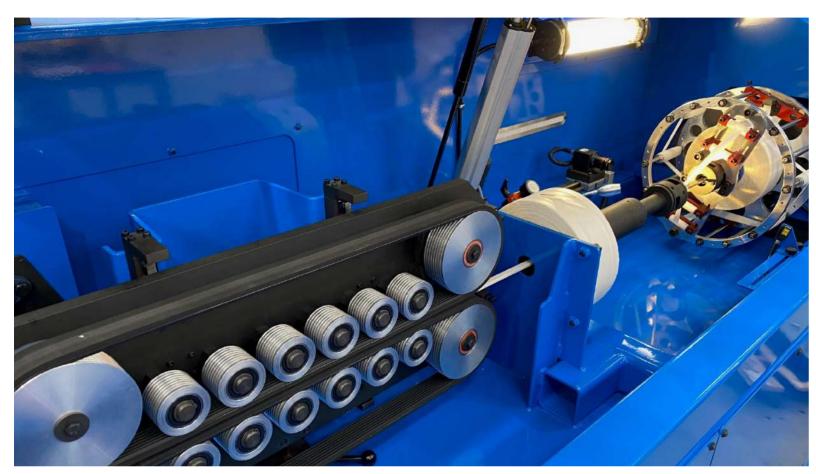




CATERPILLARS & CAPSTANS

Caterpillars and Capstans are designed to pull wires and cables through the taping machines at controlled speeds up to 65m/min. Synchronisation with the tape heads ensure a consistent, quality laying of the tapes.

A range of belt materials are available to suit the application.



Integrated CAT50 in HTM-CSC Taping Bay





CAT50 Caterpillar integrated into Ridgway compact taping bay, 50kg pull force





50kg pull force Capstan Unit with up to 3 wraps



HEATING & COOLING SYSTEMS

Ridgway manufacture a variety of different ovens which vary in length and temperature. Single pass and multi pass options are available. Automated retractable elements are used to prevent burning of product when machine is stopped. Pyrometers are fitted to monitor the temperature as the product passes through the heating equipment.



Induction Unit



Induction Unit can be incorporated into lines to aid with the adhesion between product and tapes



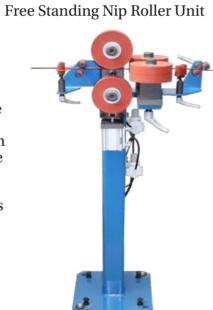
6M long Radiant Oven



Oven Mounted Nip Roller Unit

Nip Roller Units can be incorporated after the induction unit and oven to apply pressure to the coverings once heated to remove trapped air between the tape layers

and the product.

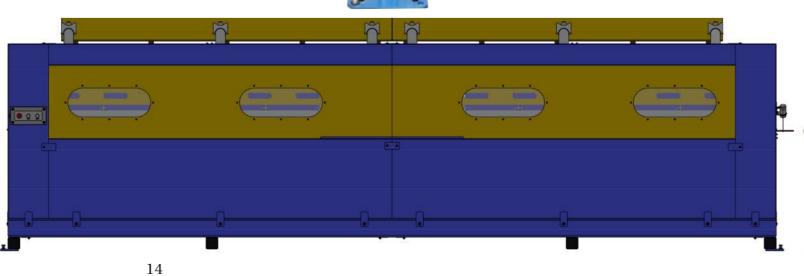


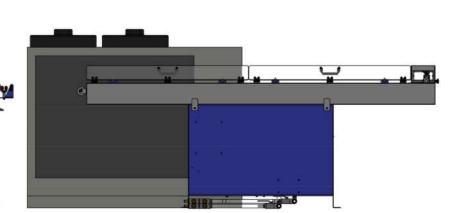
Water and Air Cooling Units are designed to cool down the product following the heating processes.

The Water Cooling System incorporates a chiller to provide re-circulation of cold water.









Ridgway offer varnish solutions for different applications, ranging from simple roller applications to multi-pass with felt applicators.

Designs can include varnish heating systems, positional adjustments and retractable units for quick removal from the production line.





Single-Pass Vanish Unit

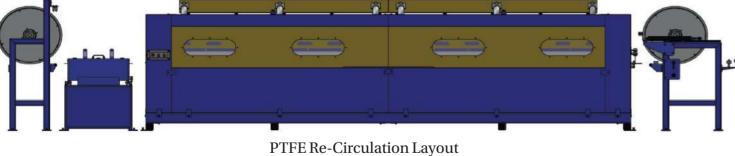
Mutli-Pass Varnish Unit

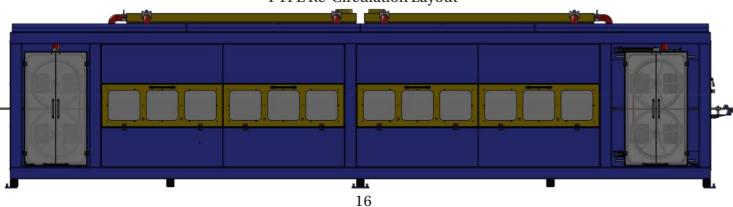


Re-circulation wheels allow for up to 3 passes through the varnish bath and radiant oven. This allows for additional build up of varnish.



Glass Re-Circulation Layout





Quality control systems such as cameras, diameter sensors and spark testers can be incorporated into production lines to ensure the quality of the finished product.

Ridgway have worked with a number of different suppliers for quality control systems and can incorporate customers preferred equipment manufacturers as required.

Hi-Resolution cameras are integrated into the machine to provide high quality multi-point vision inspection, adjustment and image capture.

The camera system monitors tape elongation, overlap, registration and contamination. The system can create a full data log for reporting and quality control purposes.





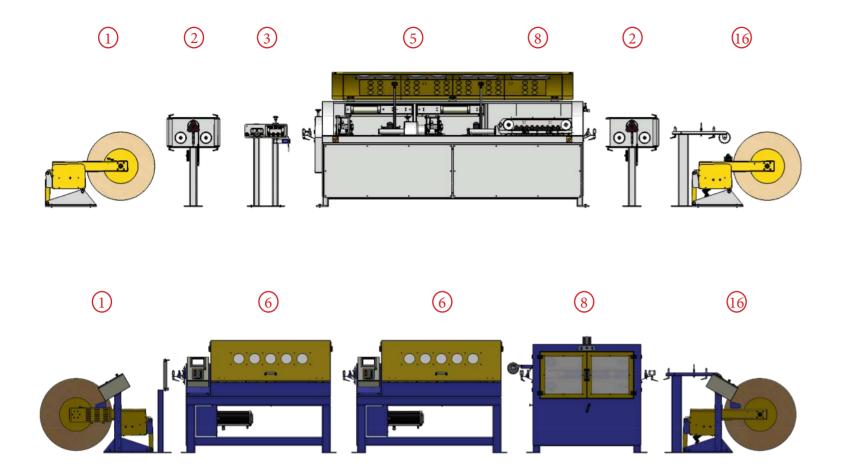
Displays showing live images from cameras with tape width and pitch measurements.

Spark Tester

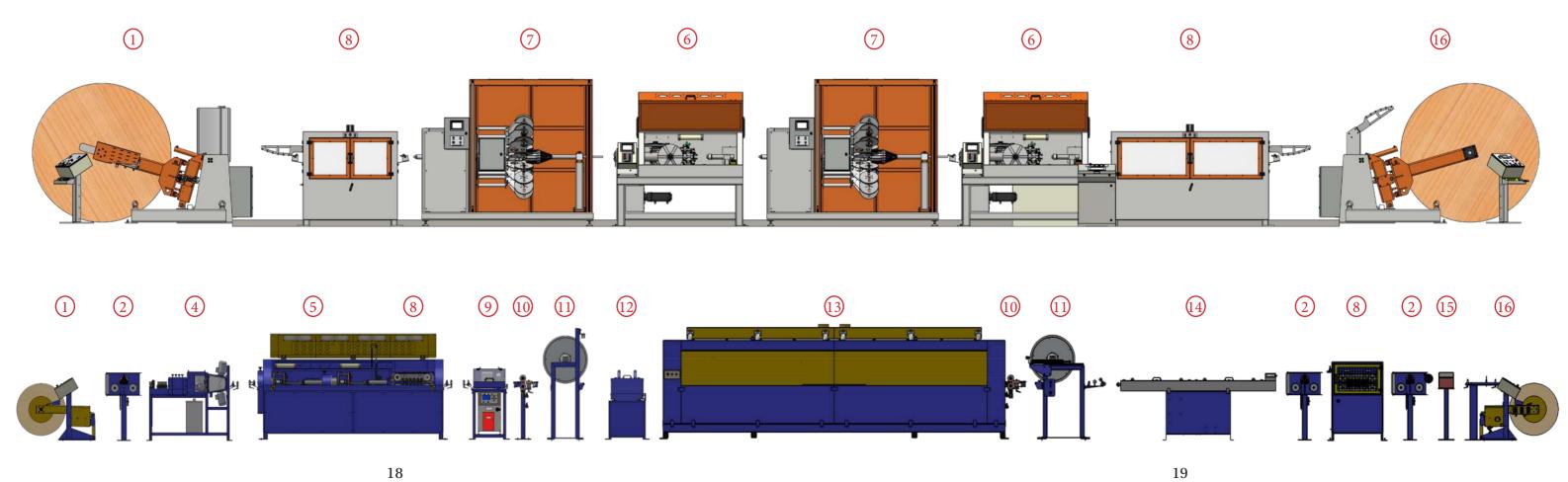
Diameter Sensors are used for product measurements. These can be positioned inside the bay after each taping head or freestanding for final product measurements.



Spark Testers are used for identifying insulation faults. An alarm output is connected to the main control system and brings the line to a controlled stop should a fault be detected.



1 Pay Off Drum Stand **Induction Unit** 10 Nip Roller Unit Dancer Re-Circulation Unit Straightening Unit Straighten & Clean Unit Varnish Unit Radiant Oven Compact Concentric Taping Machine 4 Pad Tangential Taping Machine (14) Cooling Unit 16 Pad Radial Taping Machine Spark Tester Take Up Drum Stand (8) Caterpillar







Other Solutions



Wire & Cable Taping Machinery



Coil Taping Machinery



Superconductor Cable & Coil Machinery



Coil Manufacturing Machinery



RTP & TCP Taping Machinery



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