PREMIUM FEATURE:

LINE BALANCE OPTIMISATION CONTROL[™]

Automatic optimisation and control of machine restarts and recovery speeds for performance gains of between 2-5%.



LBO Control[™] is a supervisory line control module that leverages the power of LineView[™] to optimise line balance.

LineView™ monitors the entire line and, based on the relationship between the core machines, LBO Control™ automatically optimises restart times and recovery speeds after a stop. Expect performance gains of between 2-5%.



LBO Control™ optimises the restart times on core machines (typically filler, labeller, packer) to accelerate restart and recovery after downtime events.

The goal is to maintain the Critical Machine/ Bottleneck in a running state at its rated speed.

When upstream or downstream equipment fail, maintain the Critical Machine in a running state for as long as possible.

When the Critical Machine stops, restart it as quickly as possible and optimise recovery time.

LBO Control™ works in two ways:



Quick Restart (QR)

Reduce back up (buildback) time by 10-120 seconds per downtime event within each zone (between each machine pair). Maximum benefits are gained on lines running between 50-80% efficiency (as they tend to have more minor stops).



Recovery Time (RT)

Optimise the recovery speed of machines, ensuring that after a stoppage the dynamic accumulation on the conveyor recovers as quickly as possible, allowing for another stoppage without stopping the Critical Machine/Bottleneck.



Typical examples of live implementations:

QR example improvement:

2% efficiency increase (38, 22 & 29 minutes in each 24 hour period, average 30 minutes more production per day)

RT example improvement:

Optimising recovery speed has reduced recovery time by half, yielding a 1.5% efficiency improvement

Pre-requisites:

Active LineView™ and LBOM™ systems in place
Existing network between all PLC's
VPN access for support
Fully commented PLC code
Speed V-curve exists across the line for recovery
All machines run in full automatic mode
Permission to read & write data to the machine PLC
for machine sequencing
Controlled machines must have producing signal

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