## **Product Specification Sheet**



# **BST Detectable Suction Cups | CU\***



#### The BST Detectable Suction Cups

Vacuum depanner belts with silicone suction cups are widely used throughout the baking industry as a fast and effective method of extracting bakery products from oven pans on a moving conveyor belt. The heat and speed of this process results in inevitable wear on silicone based suction cups. BST metal detectable silicone suction cups are designed to be detected should they come into accidental contact with the food. BST suction cups contain an evenly dispersed metal detectable additive, making the cup and its fragments detectable by correctly calibrated in line metal detection systems.

Their metal detectable properties and extensive food contact approvals make BST metal detectable suctions cups the ideal vacuum depanner suction cup. Our cups are available in a variety of styles to suit different applications, hard cups for bread loafs, soft cups for morning goods such as pastries, and extra wide soft cups for muffins.

BST metal detectable suction cups are a cost effective solution for preventing contamination, cost far less than product wastage and definitely less than a damaged reputation due to a product recall.

### **BST Suction Cup Advantages**

- ✓ Detectable by in-line metal detection systems
- √ Highly visible blue or terracotta colours for easy visual identification
- ✓ Wide operating temperature range (upto 200°C)
- ✓ Available in a variety of styles to suit different applications
- ✓ FDA and EU Approved Material
- ✓ Can be used as part of HACCP and BRC procedures
- ✓ Displays due diligence in the prevention of foreign body contamination

| Image | Product Description  | Product Code     | Dimensions   |
|-------|--|------------------|--|
|       | Soft Suction Cup 40mm  |                  |  |
|       | Terracotta Colour<br>Plain Rim<br>(25 Shore A)   | CU3CSC4017MT     | Diameter: 40mm Height: 40mm                              |
|       | Light Blue Colour<br>Plain Rim<br>(25 Shore A)   | CU3CSC4017MB     | Hole Size: 14mm  |
|       | Suitable for morning goods, pastries etc.  |                  |  |
|       | Soft Suction Cup 40mm with 25mm Bore Hole Terracotta Colour Plain Rim (25 Shore A) Suitable for morning goods, pastries etc. | CU3CSC4027MT     | Diameter: 40mm Height: 40mm Hole Size: 25mm              |
|       | Soft Suction Cup 36mm Terracotta Colour Plain Rim (25 Shore A) Suitable for morning goods, pastries etc.                     | CU3CSC3617MT     | Diameter: 36mm Height: 36mm Hole Size: 14mm              |
|       | Soft Suction Cup 40mm with Long Neck Terracotta Colour Plain Rim (25 Shore A) Suitable for bread products.                   | CU1SCPR4014570MT | Diameter: 40mm  Height: 70mm  Hole Size: 14.5mm and 25mm |
|       | Hard Suction Cup 40mm Blue Colour Ringed Rim (35 Shore A) Suitable for bread products.                                       | CU3CHC4019MB     | Diameter: 40mm Height: 40mm Hole Size: 14mm              |
|       | Hard Suction Cup 40mm Blue Colour Plain Rim (35 Shore A) Suitable for bread products.  | CU1HCPR4019MB    | Diameter: 40mm Height: 40mm Hole Size: 14mm              |

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|       | Hard Suction Cup 40mm Blue Colour Plain Rim (35 Shore A) Suitable for bread products                 | CU1HCPR402550MB | Diameter: 40mm  Height: 50mm  Hole Size: 25mm |
|       | Hard Suction Cup 40mm with Long Neck Blue Colour Ringed Rim (35 Shore A) Suitable for bread products | CU3CLC4019MB    | Diameter: 40mm Height: 50mm Hole Size: 12mm   |

## **Product and Packaging Information**

| Pack Size         | 100        | Material       | Food Safe Silicone |
|-------------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Pack Weight       | 0.01kg     | Detectability  | Metal Detectable   |
| Temperature Range | Upto 200°C | Commodity Code | 40169997           |

## Safety Certificates / Approvals

FDA Approved **BRC** Compliant Made In Britain

ISO 9001:2015 **EU** Compliant







#### **Product Materials**

Manufactured from food safe silicone rubber, with a non-hazardous metal detectable additive. This composite formulation is heat resistant to 200°C.

## **Cleaning Information**

BST silicone suction cups have a good resistance to water and immersion for several days and would give a volume change of less than 1%. Temperatures up to 100 °C should present no problems with loss of strength or hardness, although steam will cause a quicker degradation than immersion in water.

## **Food Contact Status (EU)**

EC Regulation 1935/2004 & 2023/2006 - These suction cups conform to certain EU Regulations that allow them to comply with the applicable requirements of Article 3, and Articles 15 and 17 of the Regulation (EC) 1935/2004 and the GMP requirements of Regulation EC 2023/2006.

We declare that these silicone compounds used to produce these suction cups use ingredients and manufacturing processes that would allow it to comply with specific articles included in the EC1935/2004 Regulations.

Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 - This regulation is titled "plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food", and in this regulation, the cups silicone compound is not classed as a plastic. In the absence of an equivalent Directive for Silicones with or without additives, we declare that with regards to the Silicone suction cups with metal detectable additive, used in a repeat application, if there was a transfer of the metal detectable additive to the product, it would be so small as to be insignificant compared to that ingested naturally from other food sources

### **Food Contact Status (FDA)**

FDA Section 21: CFR 177.2600 - The silicone polymer, pigments and curative used in the manufacture of the bellows are suitable for food applications, and will meet the FDA Section 21 CFR 177.2600 covering "rubber articles intended for repeated use in contact with aqueous and fatty foods" by meeting the extraction limits after testing accordingly by refluxing in distilled water and n-hexane.

### **Metal Detectability**

BST silicone suction cups contain an evenly dispersed metal detectable additive, making them detectable by correctly calibrated metal detection systems.

Our range of detectable suction cups and retainer clips is continually being developed, and has been sold successfully for approximately 27 years. The products have successfully helped prevent food product contamination. By fitting these detectable products to production line depander belts the manufacturer is showing due diligence in the prevention of foreign body contamination.

It should be noted however that all applications vary, as do the products being handled, and therefore BST cannot accept any liability for detection failure, for example due particularly to small parts or pieces of a suction cup not being detected.

Metal detectability performance will vary based on, but not limited to the following factors:

- Calibration Levels
- Product Type (E.g. Wet, Dry, Frozen, Liquid)
- Aperture Dimensions
- Orientation

Orientation is a highly influential factor for the metal detectability of a contaminant that is non spherical, i.e. it will be easier to detect the contaminant when passing in one orientation compared to another - this is known as the orientation effect.

For this reason BST recommend that all our products be thoroughly tested on your metal detection systems by a trained and certified professional. It may be the case that your equipment needs to be re-calibrated in order to reliably detect this product. Such a professional should be available by contacting the manufacturer of your metal detection system.

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