



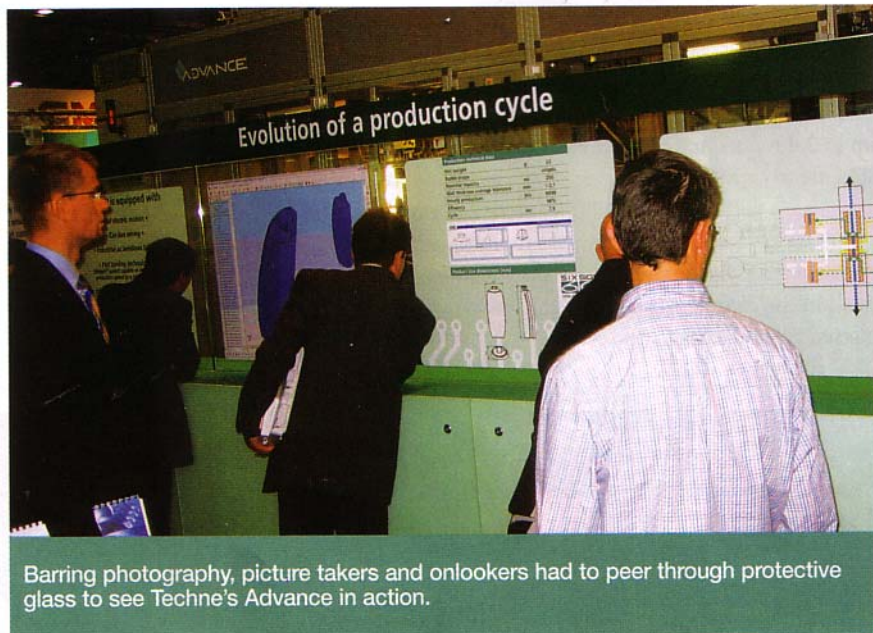
K 2007 SHOWCASE BLOWMOLDING

Blowmolding takes new shape at K

Wheel production, multicarriage format

Italian supplier Techne (Bologna) created buzz and protected intellectual property by placing its all-electric Advance extrusion blowmolding (EBM) machine behind a protective glass wall. The company believes the system can rival the output of a wheel machine with a smaller overall footprint and less energy consumption, thanks to all-electric servo-drives, which Techne said lower electricity needs 35%. In addition, the system uses a modular shuttle concept to maximize production so that one extruder is surrounded by up to four automated carriages with 10 cavities apiece for output up to 90,000 bottles/hr. **Techne SpA**, www.techne-it.com

From revisions to longstanding lines, to newly commercial all-electric machines and prototype units, blowmolding at K was marked by advances.



Barring photography, picture takers and onlookers had to peer through protective glass to see Techne's Advance in action.