



## **News Release**

### ***For Immediate Release***

### **Announcing TOPSePAC® - Web-based Package Design and Palletization Software**

**RICHARDSON**, Texas – May 5, 2003 - TOPS® Engineering Corporation announced today official release of TOPSePAC® - a web-based application which allows packaging engineers to determine case packs, pallet patterns, and to use the most cost effective box by calculating stacking strength. With TOPSePAC®, packaging design can be carried out anytime, anywhere, on any platforms with any internet browser.

TOPSePAC® is the internet version of TOPS®Pro, the premier Windows based packaging design and palletization software from TOPS® Engineering. TOPSePAC® offers similar functions as TOPS®Pro including built-in ship case and pallet database, various primary package shapes, support of dividers, pads, caps, board grade selections, rotate and edit pallet layers, corner posts and more.

In addition to the portability of package design and assuring the products are optimized for shipping, users of the intuitive TOPSePAC® can also realize these benefits:

- ❖ Lower Total Cost of Ownership (TCO) – There is no software to install or maintain. Users can cut IT support cost and always stay up to date with the latest version of TOPSePAC®.
- ❖ Better Data Management – All design data and specifications are stored in one central location, accessible anytime, anywhere using an internet browser, eliminating distance or WAN limitations. The single storage point also allows easy maintenance of software configurations and default data.
- ❖ Value Added Customer Service – Sales representatives can bring package design and palletization to the customers and illustrate optimal case sizes, pallet patterns within seconds, all at the customers' locales.
- ❖ Integration – Analysis and solution data are saved in XML format can be easily integrated with other web-based systems or enterprise solutions.

TOPSePAC® is designed for packaging engineers and sales representatives who need to be on the road often. It is also targeted to larger customers and integrated suppliers who are looking for a corporate wide solution for package design and palletization which is cost effective, easy to use and maintain and offers value added service to their customers.

**Availability** – TOPSePAC® is available on a per license basis. Each license is provided with three (3) user accounts. There can only be one TOPSePAC® user at one time, the other account holders, if logged in, will be granted view access only.

Free trial of TOPSePAC® is available to qualified prospect who will be issued a username and password combination and access TOPSePAC® free for 30 days using any internet browsers.

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**About TOPS®**

TOPS® Engineering Corporation is the world leader in the development of innovative software for the distribution and packaging professionals. Its flagship products, "TOPS®Pro" - Package Design and Palletization software and "MaxLoad®Pro" - Cargo Load Planning and Optimization software, has over 6000 installed base worldwide and serves big and small corporations across wide industries. TOPS® also offers the first web-based package design software, TOPSePAC®, allowing package engineers to perform design and analysis anytime, anywhere, on any platform using any internet browser.

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