



.What is the Presster™?

- ❖ It is a tablet press simulator designed to match compression force and dwell time of any press.
- ❖ It is a compaction simulator designed to mimic a punch displacement profile of any rotary press.
- ❖ It is a high-speed single station tablet press with standard tooling.
- ❖ It is a powerhouse computer for tabletability, compressibility and compactibility profiles, Heckel plots, lubricant studies, and many other reports and graphs.



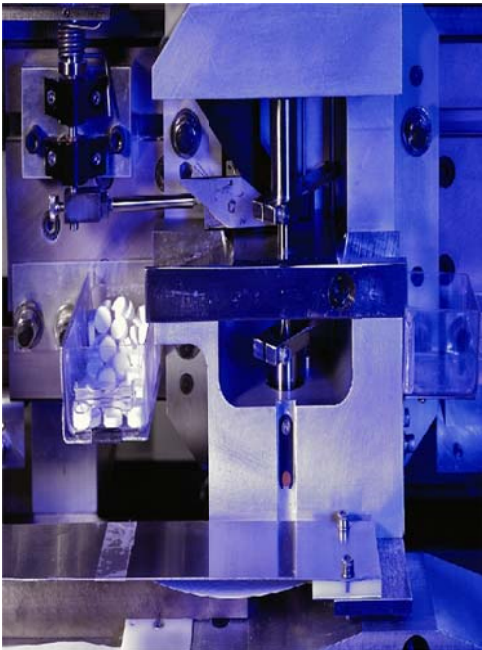
Benefits of the Presster™

- Eliminate the need for scale-up in the formulation development process
- Shorten the scale-up path to market
- Prevent capping and lamination at the production speeds
- Develop formulations for a particular production press
- Select a production press best suited for a particular product

- Optimize the production speed best suited for the specific production press
- Estimate optimal production output
- Troubleshoot problem batches without having to shut down production
- Check and calibrate production presses
- Establish the robustness of the formulation by compacting it for a wide range of production press brand and models
- Compare production presses with respect to ability to handle different compounds
- Study the basic compaction mechanisms
- Evaluate various excipients with respect to the desired tablet properties and bioavailability
- Evaluate different vendors of the same or similar excipient
- Study scale-up parameters
- Study process variables
- Fingerprint new actives and excipients
- Create compaction data bank of the excipients
- Investigate and optimize the effect of precompression
- Optimize the ejection force and the amount of lubricant
- Optimize the concentrations of various excipients in the formulation
- Optimize the mechanical properties of tablets
- Prevent capping and lamination

The Presster™ has:

- Standard IPT B tooling (D tooling optional), upper and lower compression rolls, ejection cam, take-off bar, variable speed motor controller, tablet weight and thickness adjustments and overload protection mechanism.
- A choice of interchangeable compression rolls to mimic the loading pattern of any rotary tablet press, with easy changeover mechanisms.
- Instrumentation to measure precompression, compression, ejection, take-off and (optionally) die wall forces, punch displacement, and press speed.
- Manual or automatic (gravity force) feed shoe mechanism.
- Computerized adjustment of depth of fill (tablet weight), lower wheel position (tablet thickness), and press speed (in terms of dwell time).
- Professional computer and color printer for scientific reports and plots.
- State-of-the-art software with a comprehensive database of parameters for various tablet presses, to match dwell times and compression profiles.
- Comprehensive user manual, technical documentation and validation protocol.



The Presster™ Software:

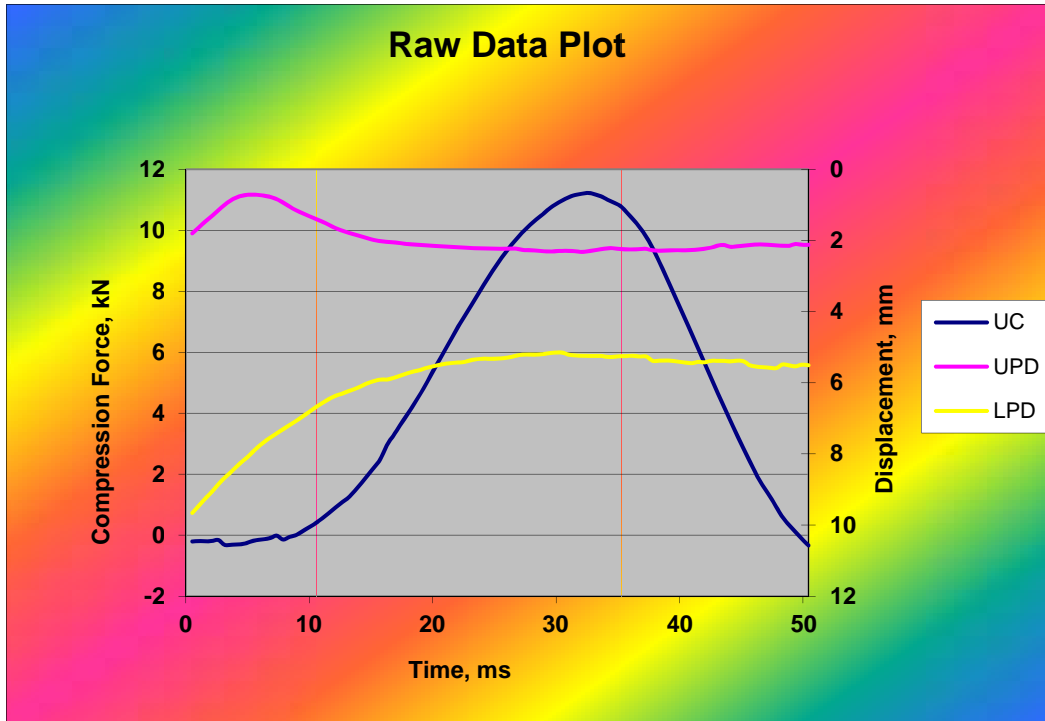
- ◆ Mouse / menu driven under Windows.
- ◆ Provides the means for comparing different compactibility profiles or Heckel plots, e.g. superimposing the current profile with previously collected graphs.
- ◆ Allows users to make any XY graphs (scatter, correlation or regression plots) of any pair of acquired or manually entered variable values.
- ◆ Produces reports and plots in the Excel (raw waveforms and statistics for all tablets made).
- ◆ Prints on demand any screen graph, report or display on the color printer.
- ◆ Has a comprehensive context sensitive on-line help.



The Presster™ Functionality:

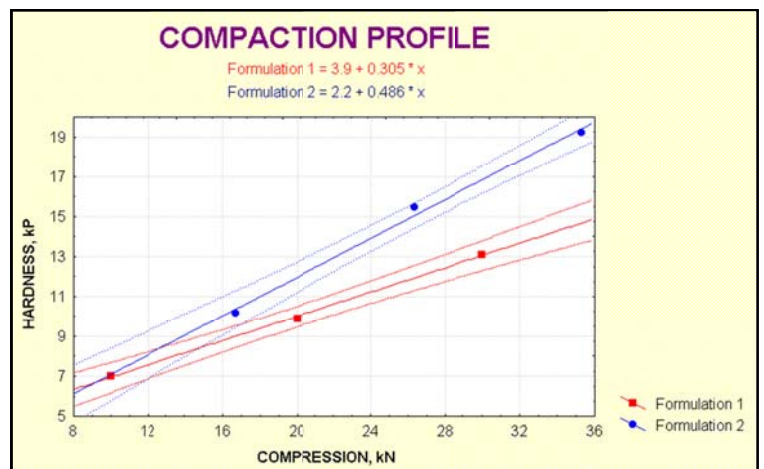
Under computer control the fully configured Presster™ will

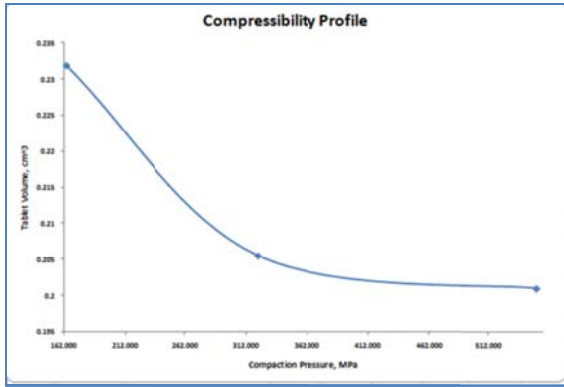
- ✓ Make tablets with up to 50 kN compression force at a user specified speed (dwell time).
- ✓ Display compression, precompression and ejection waveform and peak force, peak offset time, decompression time, dwell time, contact time, and other quantities.



- ✓ Measure punch displacement, calculate tablet volume, elastic recovery, work of compaction, and display Heckel or stress vs. strain plots.
- ✓ Allow input of tablet weight in g or mg, tablet thickness and diameter in mm or inches, and hardness in kP, SCU, or N.

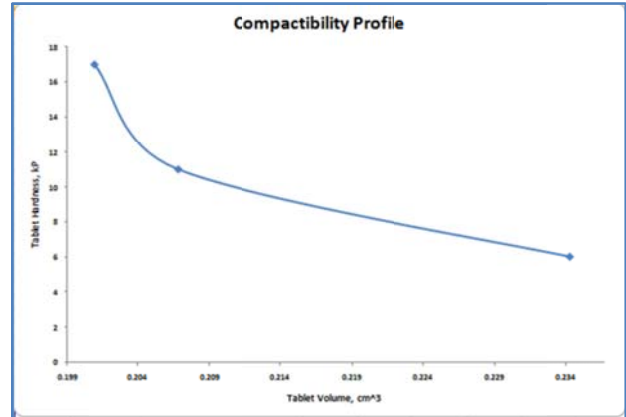
- ✓ Display tableability / compaction profile where each point corresponds to compression and hardness for each tablet made, or sample average. This plot can be converted into tensile strength vs. compression pressure.





✓ Display compressibility profile where each point corresponds to compression and volume for each tablet made, or sample average. This plot can be converted into solid fraction vs. compression pressure.

✓ Display compactibility profile where each point corresponds to volume/density and hardness for each tablet made, or sample average. This plot can be converted into tensile strength vs. solid fraction.



✓ Display an array of scientific plots and reports that are widely used in formulation development.

