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# News Release

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## **As Alumi-Tek® Bottle Production Increases, Applied Vision Inspection Systems Continue to Meet Ball's Growing Needs in North America**

*Aluminum bottle inspection stations added to Colorado plant*

AKRON, OH - February 28, 2012 - Ball Corporation (NYSE: BLL) has installed Applied Vision inspection stations in its Golden, CO, plant as part of an increased investment in Alumi-Tek® bottle production to meet strong customer demand in North America. This installation ensures that Ball can reliably and accurately inspect the popular lightweight, re-closable, recyclable aluminum bottles.

The highly sophisticated bottle-shaped container that emerges from a single piece of aluminum might experience infrequent functional defects during the manufacturing process. These defects can be detected by Applied Vision's inspection systems, preventing the potential compromise of contents or product.

The Golden plant order reaffirms Applied Vision as the world leader in inspecting Alumi-Tek® bottles for Ball Corporation. Applied Vision systems have been used to inspect Alumi-Tek® bottles in Ball's Monticello, IN, plant since 2006 when the company engineered a novel imaging concept to pinpoint defects on the bottle's particularly complex thread and curl areas.

### **About Applied Vision Corporation**

Applied Vision Corporation designs and manufactures application-specific machine vision inspection systems for the packaging, food and beverage container and color printing industries. Applied Vision systems are sold worldwide through original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), value-added resellers (VARs), full-service distributors and company direct. For more information on Applied Vision's machine vision solutions, visit [www.appliedvision.com](http://www.appliedvision.com).

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