

Technological Development Updates on Glass Containers for Pharmaceuticals

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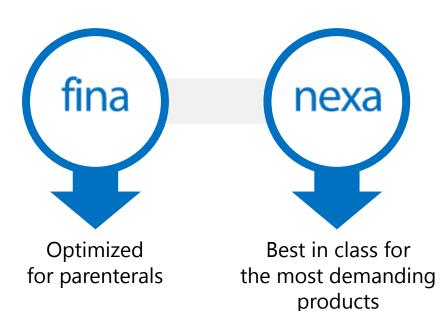






Ompi | New Portfolio





A Brand New Product Portfolio



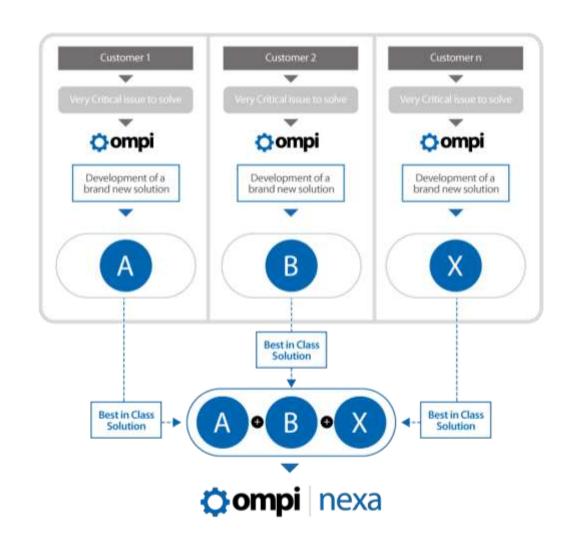
Ompi Nexa | The sum of the 'n' best solutions

Ompi Nexa is the right option to guarantee:

- High compatibility between drug and container
- Unprecedented cosmetic performances



Optimize
Total Cost of
Ownership



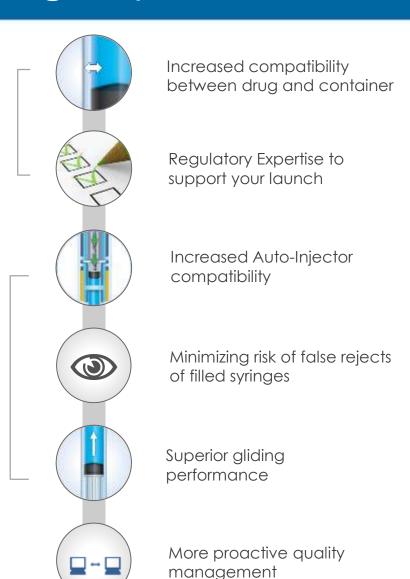


Ompi Nexa Syringes | Benefits



Ensuring your successful and timely launch for novel and existing drug.

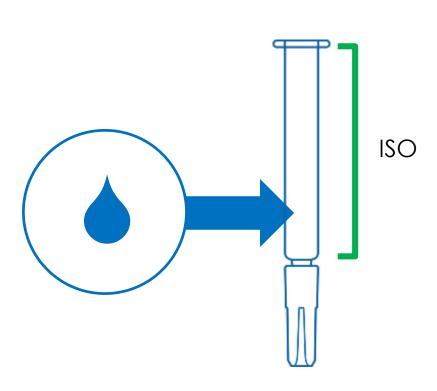
Minimizing your Total Cost of Ownership via superior reliability



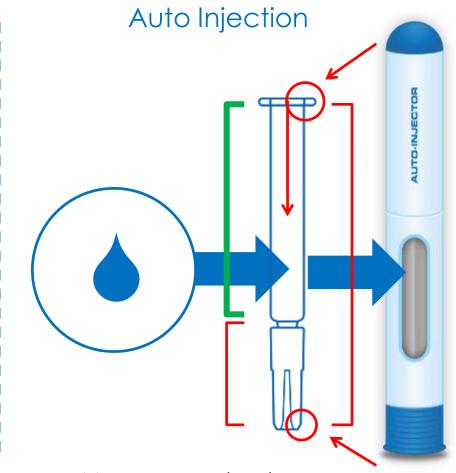


A big challenge (ISO 11040)

Manual Injection



Easy to manage, less parameters to check



More parameters to manage, More experience required



Compatibility with Auto-Injectors



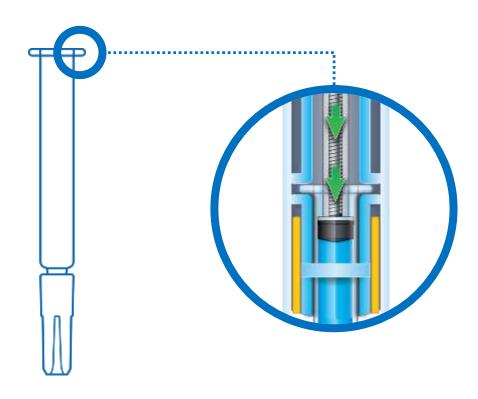
Flange shape & dimensions

Shoulder radius

Needle selection



Flange Shape & Dimensions



- Critical to the functionality of the system
- Sometimes submitted to high mechanical stress



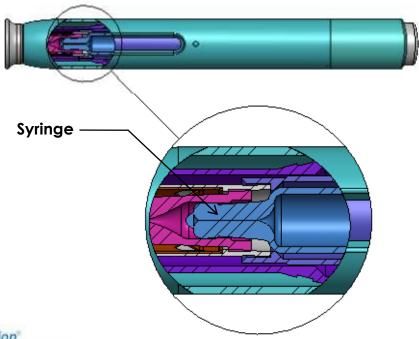
Benefits of Optimized Flange

- Flange tailored on the AI syringe carrier
- Less issues during syringe assembly
- Faster development for new AI (through a joint collaboration between syringe manufacturer, AI manufacturer and PharmaCo because of the different flange designs available)



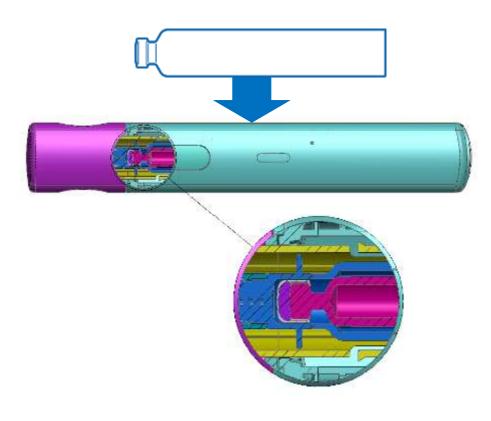
Shoulder Interaction

- Some Al's use the shoulder as a contact point for assembly & the functionality of the system
- This is becoming a critical part of the syringe barrel and for this reason must be characterized for the dimensional point of view





Shoulder Interaction



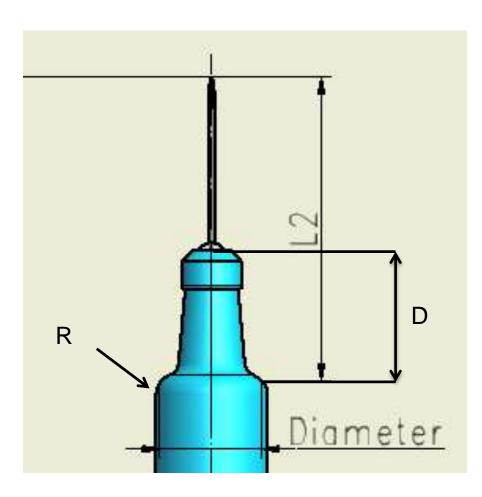
ISO 11040-4 does not specify shoulder area

The shape and the stability of the syringe shoulder depends on the forming process & ease of inspection.

Traditionally cartridge barrels have some additional dimensional parameters to better specify the area of interaction with the device



Shoulder Interaction



- Forming process capability
- 100% Camera inspection

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Benefits of Optimized Shoulder

- Optimized integration between glass container & Al
- Reduced risk of breakage due to the mechanical interface between syringe and Al
- Reduced tolerances for injection depth



Al: Needle / Barrel Dimensions

Friction force: Depends on stopper, syringe, siliconization and aging

Viscous force: Depends on needle ID, viscosity, and injection speed

$$F_{\text{travel force}} = F_{\text{friction}} + 8\mu L \frac{SR_s^2}{R_n^4}$$

 μ = viscosity (Poise)

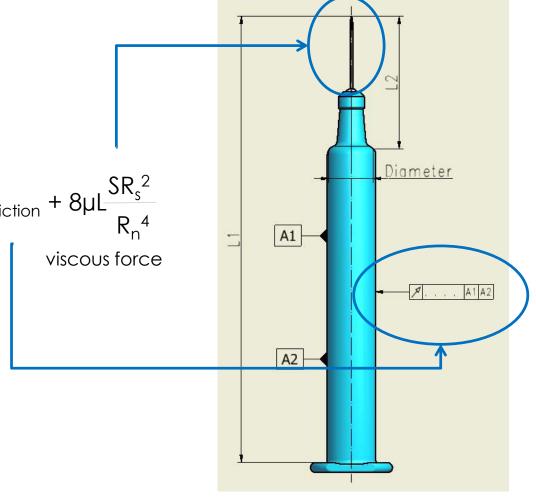
L = needle length (cm)

S = injection speed (mL/min)

 R_s = radius of syringe (cm)

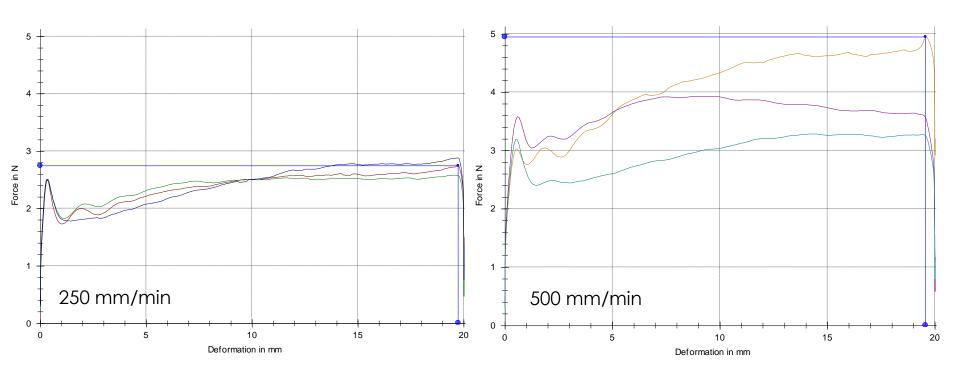
 $R_n = radius of needle (cm)$

The needle ID has most significant effect on the injection force





AI: Needle Dimensions



Less variance at low speed

More variance at high speed

viscosity and testing speed (tbd)



Benefits of Injection Depth and Needle Dimensions

- Better integration into the Al
- Reduced variability on the injection time
- Better drug administration



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Ompi Nexa Vials | Benefits



Reducing your Business impacts linked to Quality



vials



Forming process

Manufacturing process

Focus on the process

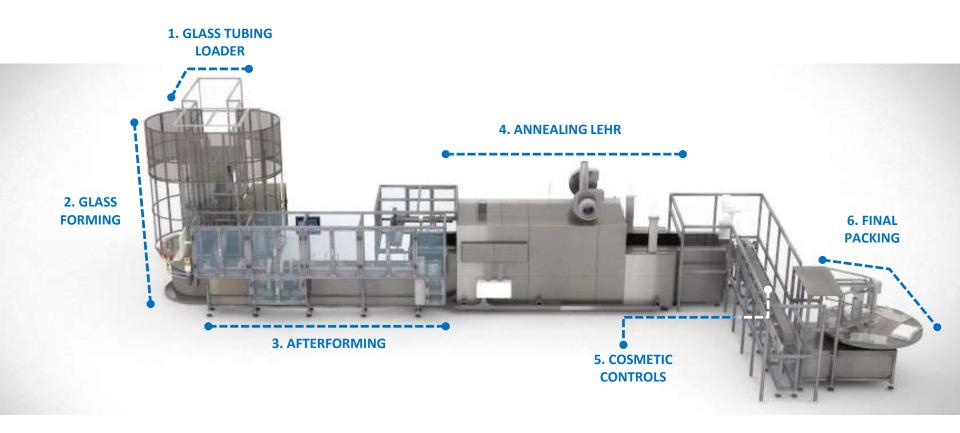
Geometry and tight dimensions

Mechanical resistance

Cosmetic quality



Technology steps and main benefits for customers



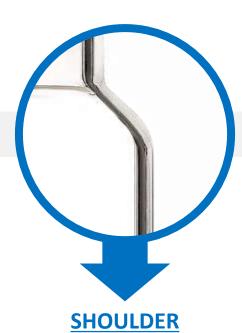


Tight Dimensional tolerances





Blowback repeatibility



Optimized for Inspection, to reduce false rejects



Freeze-dryed drugs

Science and Regulation



Handling: to preserve mechanical resistance



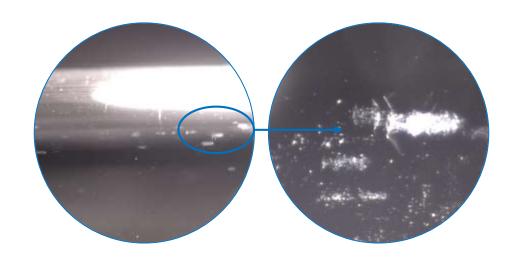
Accurate Handling

- To Avoid glass-to glass contact
- To Avoid/minimize metal-to-glass contact
- Soft handling of the vials
- Reduce particles generation



Ompi Nexa: increased mechanical performance







Cleaner+: the most advanced equipment for inspecting empty vials



Camera and Inspection

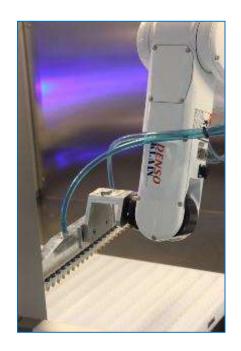
Multiple cameras



Cleaner+: the most advanced equipment for inspecting empty vials

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Handling and Automization

- Glass-to-glass contact prevented
- Fully automatic handling



Keys Take Away





- Do not forget what you learnt from the past: sometimes the sum of the improvements can be higher than expected
- Take in account the complete primary packaging process steps
- Assure a very high cosmetic quality
- Try to involve the primary packaging supplier in early stage for selecting the best option

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