

ELEMENT CASE STUDY REDEFINING EXCELLENCE IN FLEXIBLE PACKAGING

Learn how a leader in reclosable flexible packaging technology expanded its audience and positioned itself as the premier supplier of flexible packaging closures.



THE SITUATION

Fresh-Lock[®], the market leader in press-to-close zipper and track and slider reclosable solutions, sought to elevate its authority in the flexible packaging industry while increasing brand awareness.

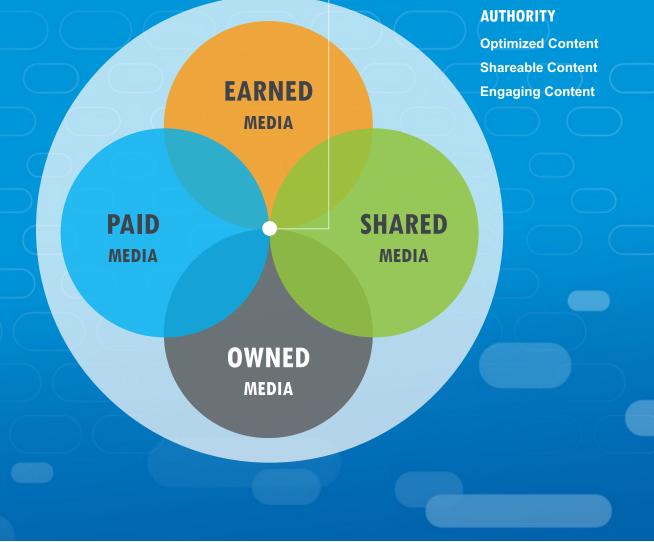
How could the Fresh-Lock team showcase its expertise across crucial pillars, including sustainability, collaboration, convenience, and the art of crafting positive consumer experiences to create brand loyalty? Element had the answer.



THE SOLUTION

With a clear vision in mind, we helped the Fresh-Lock team implement an integrated approach to establishing and solidifying its position in the market.

- We created and optimized industry-leading content
- Promoted innovation and collaboration at every turn
- Dominated packaging trade show presence
- Diversified thought leadership contributions
- Elevated and amplified all of Fresh-Lock's owned content, resulting in expanded reach and impact





THE STRATEGY LOCKING IN SUCCESS WITH AN INTEGRATED MARKETING PLAN

Fresh-Lock's marketing focused on ensuring that awareness of the Fresh-Lock name continued to rise in tandem with web authority. Element created an effective strategy that ensured anywhere anyone in the industry researched closure solutions, Fresh-Lock would be a top recommendation. BLOG A Cut Above: Exploring

Flexible Packaging Solutions for Cheese

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August 14, 2023

Exhibiting at PACK EXPO Las Vegas 2023, Fresh-Lock Closures Has New Innovations in Development

READ PRESS RELEASE \rightarrow

Fresh-Lock® Wins WorldStar Packaging Award for Fully Recyclable Laundry Detergent Pouches



Courtesy of Fresh-Lock®

February 27, 2024

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Fresh-Lock® closures, a leading brand in reclosable flexible packaging technology, has recently been honored with the 2024 WorldStar Packaging Award in the <u>household category</u> from the World Packaging Association. This accolade recognizes their collaborative efforts with <u>Accredo Packaging Inc.</u> and <u>Radienz Living</u> in developing a fully recyclable pouch with child-resistant reclosability for Kirkland Signature® Ultra Clean HE Laundry Detergent Pacs.

Fresh-Lock https://fresh-lock.com > product > sliders

Sliders: Advanced Reclosable Technology ... - Fresh-Lock

Perfect for flexible packages requiring strong top and end retention values such as pet food, lawn and garden, medium and large bags. Learn About Heavy Duty S ...



THE STRATEGY OWNED CONTENT CREATION & SEO

To bolster the Fresh-Lock's online presence, we employed a dynamic strategy, creating content to showcase the brand's key differentiators and build online authority over key competitors through:



Topic Diversity: Driven by SEO research, industry trends, timely conversations, and events



Market-Centric Approach: Crafted every piece of content to speak to the distinct requirements and challenges within each market across various industries



SEO Optimization: Strategically optimized for search to enhance visibility and reach the target audience



Earned Media Alignment: Complemented contributed articles and scheduled speaking engagements



Ongoing Engagement: Maintained a consistent flow of fresh, high-quality content to provide valuable, in-the-moment insights, positioning the brand as an authoritative resource in the industry



THE STRATEGY

PUBLIC RELATIONS & THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Through informative content like contributed articles, trade interviews, press releases, and more, Fresh-Lock's expertise reached audiences in packaging and beyond, increasing brand exposure and recognition, while standing out in the crowd.

EXCLUSIVES

Secured exclusive interview access to ensure unique media coverage

COMPELLING STORIES

Leveraged story angles that resonated with industry trends and the editorial focus of target media outlets

TRUSTED RESOURCE

Cultivated relationships with key editors to be their go-to source and referenced editorial calendars to develop pitch plans aligned with editors' needs

PITCHING STRATEGIES

Regularly evaluated and adapted pitching strategies based on media feedback and results

THE STRATEGY PAID ADVERTISING

Our paid advertising strategy aimed to boost brand awareness among converters, high-level packaging engineers, potential brand partners, and those seeking sustainability expertise, while also establishing the brand as a strategic problem solver and driving website traffic.

With our understanding of Fresh-Lock's audiences, we were able to:

- Utilize behavioral targeting to strategically reach key audiences
- Leverage remarketing tactics to continue to engage interested prospects and relationships
- Activate tradeshows before, after, and during the event to draw in web traffic during peak show times
- Change our platforms to align our content with our ads and the audiences we were trying to reach



Want Reclosability?

Adding **value** to your package is within reach.

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THE STRATEGY SOCIAL MEDIA

By leveraging the LinkedIn profile of one of Fresh-Lock's SMEs, we showcased the ongoing work and accomplishments of the brand through content such as:

- Highlighting Fresh-Lock's latest projects, innovations, and initiatives
- Showcasing insightful articles and case studies, and sharing industry trends while engaging in meaningful conversations with other industry experts
- Utilizing videos, graphics, and behind-the-scenes snapshots to enhance engagement further



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If you missed us at Global Pouch Forum please reach out to me or on our website to connect with the Fresh-Lock team 0



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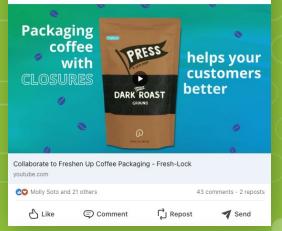
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In honor of the #CoffeeExpo2024, thought I would share this little nugget to help your consumers savor each sip from a freshly opened pouch to the last home brewed pot of the package.

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Thinking about transitioning from rigid to flexible packaging? You may want to catch this podcast where my colleagues, Natalie Kaczorowski and Todd Meussling, talk about the many benefits of making the switch....

PODCAST:

Fresh-Lock Discusses Switch to Flexible Packaging for Kirkland Laundry Detergent Pacs



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PODCAST | Fresh-Lock's Award-Winning Flexible Packaging for Laundry Detergent Pacs packagingstrategies.com

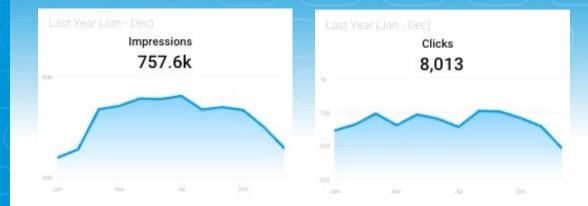
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THE SUCCESS WEBSITE & SEO METRICS

Fresh-Lock significantly improved its website metrics by creating, optimizing, and amplifying industry-leading content. Here are the 2023 highlights:

- Fresh-Lock.com had a 45% increase in search result appearances 2023 vs 2022, showing up over 750K times.
- Following the homepage, the Top 5 visited pages on the website were blog content, accounting for 45% of all

organic search clicks.



ORGANIC SEARCH PERFORMANCE BY PAGE

Page URL	Clicks	Impressions	CTR by Pages	Average Position
https://fresh-lock.com/	2,518	42,309	5.95%	27.8
https://fresh-lock.com/blog/slider-press-to-close-zipper-reclosable-packaging	1,181	35,039	3.37%	26
https://fresh-lock.com/blog/what-you-need-to-know-about-child-resistant-packaging	247	39,685	0.62%	24.9
https://fresh-lock.com/blog/reclosable-cereal-bags	203	33,414	0.61%	33.3
https://fresh-lock.com/blog/resealable-packaging-consumer-loyalty	196	44,588	0.44%	24.1
https://fresh-lock.com/blog/reclosable-packaging-for-dried-fruit-and-nuts	180	28,507	0.63%	34.1
https://fresh-lock.com/product/child-resistant-zippers	136	4,766	2.85%	33.6
https://fresh-lock.com/product/sliders	125	12,228	1.02%	26.9
https://fresh-lock.com/blog/coffee-packaging-design-trends	122	31,260	0.39%	55.3
https://fresh-lock.com/about-us	117	10,823	1.08%	4.3
https://fresh-lock.com/product/child-guard-slider	103	23,131	0.45%	32.9

THE SUCCESS SERP RANKING RESULTS

Fresh-Lock ended 2023 with 121 unbranded, unique queries ranking on Page 1 of Google Search Results, equaling a 6X increase since 2018. Unbranded, unique queries ranking of Google Search Results

121

increase since 2018

6X



THE SUCCESS PUBLIC RELATIONS RESULTS

Throughout 2023, Fresh-Lock was featured in industry publications, both domestic and international, over 30 times, reaching a qualified audience of over 760K. Features in Industry Publications

30 +

Total Audience Reach

760k+



THE SUCCESS PAID ADVERTISING RESULTS

Strategy optimizations in 2023 resulted in a 105% increase in clicks compared to 2022 and updates to audience targeting eliminated irrelevant impressions, increasing CTR percentage over 3X!

3X

CTR

Percentage

Increase

INCREASE IN CLICKS

2023

2022

THE SUCCESS ORGANIC LINKEDIN RESULTS

Impressions per post have nearly doubled since 2021 with event-based posts in 2023 leading the way in engagement rate, seeing engagement rates as high as 3%.

Engagement Rate

+3%

IMPRESSIONS PER POST

2023

2021





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