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## **COMPAC GOES SIMPLE AND ECONOMIC WITH SCION**

Fruit and vegetable sorting supremos Compac Sorting Equipment are internationally regarded for their large installations. Whilst most companies would balk at 'bigger and better', Compac happily embraced the opportunity to provide one of the world's largest installations in California, putting in a mammoth 40 lanes for pre grade blemish sorting, and a further total of 44 lanes of final grade sizers covering an area bigger than a rugby ground.

Closer to home, Compac's technology is making a big difference in vegetable and fruit packing, such as in the new showpiece that is Longview in Hawke's Bay, or Johnny Appleseed's pack house.

**So when customers asked Compac's R&D team to come up with something completely at the other end of the scale, the company created their newest sorter control system, the Scion.**

Scion has been specifically designed to be a simple and economic electronic control system, with no buttons, no computers, and no frilly bits. What it does, according to Compac's Nigel Beach, is do the job robustly and reliably and at a fraction of the price of the bells and whistles models.

"We've listened to market feedback which told us that we needed a low cost version for small sizers, for customers who need a small machine that is simple and easy to use and doesn't involve much training," he says, adding that 24 hour service is only a phone call away if needed.

Despite its low price, the Scion still displays the Compac pedigree; with a back-lit LCD touch screen interface, ability to control 24 outlets, single or dual load cell weight input, a maximum speed of 600 carriers a minute, fill outlets to count or weight, and selective control of up to four labelling heads.

Scion was beta tested successfully in New Zealand during this last kiwifruit season and two units are running in Hungary sorting apricots. Five more units have just been shipped to Italy last month for the European market.

Nigel Beach says the Scion should fit nicely into the NZ packing shed not only because of its low cost and reliability but also because it answers a need for a small machine. "For instance, many of our NZ customers run large Compac machines – sorting export kiwifruit for example – but they also have a need for a small machine that takes the second class fruit from the Compac machine and sorts them for the local market."

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