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IDS-3D is a fully automatic image based colour and register measuring and control system for web offset presses that also detects failures in print. A digital camera ensures that the measured data is processed in real-time and uses the digital file data as its reference. The ultimate result realized by IDS-3D is reproduction with absolute colour and register stability in products independent of job, printing company or press at minimum waste and maximum



### Applications for colour and register control by IDS-3D

- Automatic control of ink keys, ink fountain rollers and dampening units (Colour and damp control).
- Automatic control of colour register in all directions from all colours to each other (Colour-to-colour register).
- Measuring the register on multiple locations on the printing cylinder to define register deviations between plate positions and to control the web growth behaviour (Fan-out control & Plate to Plate Register).
- Alarm for the identification of production preparation failures such as incorrectly positioned plates (Production preparation failures).
- Alarm in case of production process failures (Production process monitoring).
- Press presetting tools and extensive reporting of production relevant information to optimize the printing process (Printing process optimization).

### What are the unique features?

- · Combined functionality of colour and register in one camera.
- · Works by measurements in the print without the use of marks.
- Online measurements on a free running web.
- Automatic cleaning of the optics thanks to AIMS.
- Extensive "remote diagnostics" via VPN connection.
- Measurement of colours in print in CIELab colour values.
- Easy to operate by means of a touch screen.
- · Combined control of ink and dampening.
- · Detection of production preparation and process failures.

### What are the advantages of IDS-3D?

- Single camera system reduces the need of multiple camera's.
- Less labour-intensive thanks to automatic colour and register corrections.
- Less waste due to automatic colour and register optimization while starting up and recognition of incorrectly positioned plates.
- Alarms triggered by printing problems such as running dry.
- Reproduction with absolute colour stability, independent of job, printing company or press.
- Colour register information per individual page or plate position.
- Easy to expand for product quality reports via Intelligent Quality Management.

### Options:

- Anti embossing: all printing units are controlled so that ink buildup on the blankets is reduced and the wash frequency can be minimized.
- Front to back register control ensures that the front of the printed web is brought into register with the back of the printed web.
- · Waste gate control: dumping unsellable copies when produced.
- · Error reporting button on operator screen.
- Alarm signals via traffic light.

# **Specifications**

#### Camera:

Type: 3D - CMOS - 2.6 megapixel
Measurements: 60 per second— 400 DPI
Time to measure 1 Meter web width: 10 to 15 sec (depends on print)

Light source: LED

Processor: FPGA, Dual Core / DSP + ARM

Max. web speed: 18 m/s

Dimensions: 140 mm \* 80 mm \* 40 mm

Weight: 0.250 kg
Temperature during operation:  $-5^{\circ}$  C to  $+45^{\circ}$  C
Temperature in storage:  $-25^{\circ}$  C to  $+60^{\circ}$  C

Power consumptions: 0,16 kWh p/t during production. 0,1 kWh p/t during non production.

Impacts / Vibrations: < 70 g / < 7 g (11 - 200 Hz)

Camera IP code: IP67

Certifications: CE / UL / FCC

# AIMS:

Lifespan: Approx. 9 Months, 150 refreshments

### **Motorized transport:**

Speed: 2000 mm/s
Transport motor IP code: IP65

#### Colour and register control functionality from the image:

Digital reference image: RIP data; 1-Bit TIFF or TIFF/G4 files Colours: CMYK / 2 x PMS only in colour bars. Web stability condition: ± 3 mm (laterally + circumferentially)

± 4 mm (focus depth)

Accuracy CIELab colour value:  $1\Delta E$ Accuracy raster percentage:  $\pm 1\%$ Accuracy dot gain:  $\pm 2\%$ Accuracy K-value:  $\pm 2\%$ Accuracy Density:  $\pm D0.02$ Accuracy Colour register:  $\pm 0.01 \text{ mm}$ 

Colorimetrics measurements: CIE L\*a\*b\*,  $\Delta$ E\* CIELAB

Maximum colour register error:  $\pm$  3.0 mm Minimum density:  $\pm$  0.6 D for CMYK

Density determination: Density, Dot gain, Contrast

Measuring conditions:

Reference white: Absolute, relative

Exposure profiles: D50

Angle of observation: 2° optional: 10°

Density standards: DIN 16536/Status-E, ANSI Status T.

# Used Q.I. Press Controls owned patented technology:

Colour control from the image:

US5,774,635; EP0699132; EP 1551635; US7,040,232; NL2009786; Print Failure detection: US5,774,635; EP0699132; US7,040,232;

Damp Control: US5,774,635; EP0699132; US7,040,232;

Register & Ribbon Control: US6,108,436; EP0850763; 2354230;

US6,604,463; AIMS: NL2008732;

Specifications may change without further notice.







