

Our editorial staff is preparing the following key topics:

Inks and varnishes

→ UV flexographic matt varnishes

They serve as protection for printed products, but also increasingly for the visual finishing of packaging.

→ UV LED flexo printing

The current status of UV LED technology, its new possibilities and the current limits.

→ Ink residue management/Dosing systems

→ Viewing booths

→ Printing with extended colour palette

Quality control

→ Colour management – Colour transformation from flexo to digital printing

→ Proof printing

→ Inline spectral measurement devices – part 1

In this multi-part article we explain the current status of the so-called inline spectral measurement devices with a focus on roll-to-roll printing. Furthermore, typical application scenarios, construction methods and software interfaces and tips for their evaluation are presented.

Prepress flexo and gravure printing

→ Closed prepress systems

They have found their way back to packaging printing! Prof Dr med Martin Dreher became painfully aware of this in his role as scientific director of the DFTA Technology Center in Stuttgart. Thirty years ago, the DTP revolution “gave birth” to these closed processing plants.

→ Highest flexibility with only one printing platesetter

Tubex in Wasungen produces plastic and aluminum tubes, aluminum cartridges, aerosol cans, aluminum cans and tubes or cigarette sleeves. These are printed in direct printing using the screen, flexo and letterset methods. With the investment in a MultiDX! Platesetter from Lüscher, the company is now even more flexible and can produce all plates in one system.

→ Laser engraving of anilox rolls with four-beam technology

Last year, Schepers from Vreden developed the Heliolas laser system for standard applications, which due to its equipment and quality is also suitable for processing ceramic surfaces. For Schepers, this was the occasion to launch the Heliolas AX variant on the market. This machine is specially designed for the laser engraving of ceramic anilox rolls.

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Compact laminating machines – part II

The editors of Flexo+Tief-Druck have contacted a total of 12 manufacturers of compact laminating machines to give an assessment of this technology and to present their respective products in this context.

Ecology and sustainability

- **Cleaning technology/washing machines for printing plates and cylinders**
- **Waste air purification and heat recovery**

Review DFTA Fall Conference and FachPack

In autumn, numerous events and trade fairs are starting again. Two such highlights in September were the DFTA Fall Conference and the FachPack show. In their review, the editors of Flexo+Tief-Druck will focus on **flexible packaging** and **corrugated packaging**.

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