FastWash

THE AUTOMATIC FLEXO PLATE WASHING SYSTEM
For Corrugated Flexo Presses

• FULL WIDTH CLEANING CLOTH
• FAST OSCILLATION
• DRY WASH
• QUALITY MAINTAINING DRY WASH
• END OF PRODUCTION WET WASH
• PATENT PENDING

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MANUAL WASHING Vs AUTOMATIC WASHING WITH FASTWASH

• Manual washing: the operators have to stop the machine to clean the plate. It takes approximately 5÷20 Minutes.

• Fastwash: the automatic Flexo printing plate washing system (installed inside the Printing Unit):
  • Removes Hickeys from flexographic printing plates without stopping the machine in the “In production Dry Wash” mode
  • Perfectly cleans the flexographic printing plate using the “End of production Wet Wash” mode

Fastwash increases the Productivity of the Machine “Runtime” while minimizing “Down Time” related plate cleaning during production runs IN PRODUCTION DRY WASH and END OF PRODUCTION WET WASH SAVES APPROX 99% OF THE TIME IN COMPARISON WITH MANUAL WASHING
ADDED VALUES:
FULL WIDTH CLEANING CLOTH and FAST OSCILLATION

- The full width cleaning cloth washes all of printing plate width at the same time. The washing quality results are improved and the washing time is drastically reduced.

- The quick transverse oscillation of the washer element, whilst in contact with the printing plate, efficiently and completely removes hickeys, dust, fibre particles, and ink.
AUTOMATIC “IN PRODUCTION DRY WASH” WITH FASTWASH

DRY WASH
The operator initiates the “Dry wash” at the Elettra touch screen or by the press console (if Fastwash is integrated with the press).

- The Washing element moves to contact the printing plate.
- While the machine continues to print it cleans the plate and removes any hickeys and moves back to it’s parking position.

QUALITY MAINTAINING DRY WASH
The operator initiates the “Quality maintaining dry wash” at the Elettra touch screen or by the press console (if Fastwash is integrated with the press).

- The Washing element moves to contact the printing plate for one rotation. This operation is repeated automatically after a time determined by the operator. For instance every 10 sheets.
- While the machine continues to print it cleanses the plate and removes any hickeys and moves back to it’s parking position. This repeated action prevents hickeys, guarantees good printing quality while the machine is in production and prevents ink build up on the stereo.
The operator starts the “End of production wet wash” at the Elettra touch screen or by the press console (if Fastwash is integrated with the press). It is possible to start this wash automatically at the end of the production or at any time the press is not in production. (Before the wash cycle begins, the machine must declutch the sheet-feeder and Anilox roller. When these conditions are satisfied the WET WASH cycle begins).

- The Spray Bar sprays washing solution (water+ detergent) on the cloth.
- The Washing Element moves to contact the printing plate removing hickeys, dust, fibre particles, and ink.
- During the wash cycle, the used cloth is indexed on the take-up roll while new cloth is supplied to the plate, charged with solution from the spray bar.
- After the wet cloth wash a drying phase begins to completely dry the plate (using dry cloth).
- At the end of the wash cycle the Washing Element returns to the parking position.

Cleaning time:
From 10 to 60 seconds for each wash at printing speeds (From 4000 to 10000 rph).
FASTWASH PRINTING PLATE WASHER COMPONENTS

Flexo Washer element

Pneumatic-Hydraulic Box

Electro-Pneumatic Unit (EPU)

Control Panel – Touch Screen
COMPANY PROFILE

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For Off-set printing applications:
- Commercial Web (Heat-Set)
- Sheet-fed
- Narrow Web
- Book Printing
- Newspaper printing

For Flexo printing applications:
- Automatic washer system for flexo printing plate (Stereo/cliché) on corrugated flexo presses
- Automatic washer system for flexo central impression drum cylinder
- Consumables

✓ Blanket cylinders washing systems
✓ Impression cylinder washing systems
✓ Ink roller washer
✓ Idle roller cleaning system
✓ Chill Roller washing system
✓ Consumables