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PRINTING PROCESSES IN NEWSPAPER PRODUCTION

OFFSET - CONVENTIONAL

FILM INKING

1. UNDERSHOT
2. OVERSHOT
3. PUMP INKING
   (INJECTION INKING)

DUCTOR INKING (Not used in newspaper printing)
Ink fountain
Fountain blade *under* the ink fountain
Ink screw, one per column
Drip pan
Ink Rail Mode of Operation

Bypass Mode of Operation

Pump

Air Valve

Ink to Ink Rail

Ink to Page Pack

Dist Rail

Bypass Rail Bypass

Suction Rail Bypass

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## DEMANDS ON NEWSINK

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IN PRACTICE

- Viscous and short inks create greater tendency to linting and rub-off
- if undershot inking is used > use newsprint with low linting and rub-off propensity (rough newsprint)
- Long and low viscous inks have tendency to ink misting and strike-through
- if overshot or pump inking is used, special additives in ink and newsprint with good opacity properties are needed
- High water take-up requires fountain solution with good wetting properties

> Ink, fountain solution, paper, inking unit and blanket properties are interrelated and must be dealt with as an entity
Harold Dahlgren

Friction roller

Ink blade without zones

Ink pump

Film roller

Fountain roller

Friction roller
Louis Jean Chambon

var. pressure setting

Roller doctor blade

Ink pump
Squeeze doctor blade with swing-away movement

var. pressure setting

Ink pump

Wifag experimental.
Compensating rollers
Kassel version

Neu-Isenburg version

Anilox roller
Chamber doctor blade
Ink pump

Koenig & Bauer
B = blanket cylinder
P = plate cylinder
I = ink forme roller

Chamber doctor blade
Anilox roller
Ink pump

MAN Roland
Distributor
Transfer roller
Scraper roller with doctor blade to remove residue ink
Film roller
Brush roller
4 ink pumps, var. driven

Rockwell
Metering blade
Pan roller var. driven
Foam roller with doctor blade to remove residue ink
Ink pump

TKS
Rider roller

Adjustable

Scraper roller with doctor blade to remove residue ink

Orange skin rubber roller = film roller

Fountain roller, var. driven

Ink pump

Mitsubishi
Ink pump
pan roller

Transfer rollers

Orange skin metering roller with doctor blade

Distributor

Ikegai-Goss
Cross-section through a chamber-doctor system with blade holder, clamp, doctor blades and ink feed.

How inktransfer functions in anilox offsets:
1. Ink pump
2. Ink trough
3. Ink feed
4. Anilox screen rollor
5. Anilox forme rollor
6. Plate cylinder
7. Blanket cyllndor
Goss digital ink pump page- or column-wide

Film inking roller, runs at the same speed as the ink fountain roller, is covered with an exchangeable PVC brush tape (affixed by a zip).

Bristle length: approx. 2.5 mm
Distance from distributor: 1.5 mm

Ink distribution rail

Scraper roller with special hard plastic covering 1/3 of the ghosting of conventional inking systems is eliminated

Doctor blade bar and worm shaft for ink return

Ink transfer roller conventional rubber-coated

Ink forme rollers conventional

Goss standard jet spray damping system

Plate cylinder

Blanket cylinder
Scraper roller

Fresh ink

Level sensor

Auger & Scraper Assembly

Shop Air

Metering pumps

Ink Distr. Rail

Pressurised recirculation ink tank

Vent

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Anteil der in den letzten 4 Jahren georderten Anilox-Offset-Farbwerke in Westeuropa

(Basis: Auftragseingang aller Hersteller für 16-Seiten-Zeitungsoffset im Zeitraum GJ 90/91 - 93/94)

Marktdurchdringung Anilox-Offset in Westeuropa
Single-Fluid Lithography

Inker

Fresh Water

Scraped Ink & Water

Reconstitution

Emulsion Distribution

Precision Pumps

Source: Rockwell Graphic Systems
Scraper Blade & Auger for Ink Return

Ink Pump

Ink Rail

Ink Pickup Roller

Ink Scraper Roller

Point of Maximum Shear Rate

Plate

Blanket

Source: Rockwell Graphic Systems.
App. 1—Solid tone density vs print length

Example of a small variation

Example of a large variation