

Perfect binding for 3D Digital

3D Digital, situated in London E3, has just installed the new automated Horizon BQ-270 TOUCH>perfect binding system, from Graphic Arts Equipment. The company uses digital machines and produces a wide range of jobs across the spectrum of print, but like many in the digital realm, specialises in variable data and short-run.

Joint Managing Director, David Moyse, said, "In just two months the amount of perfect bound books we process has risen from 500 to 5000 per month".

3D Digital has been in existence for 7 years, supplying mainly blue chip companies. In that time has grown into a

sizeable operation with 35 staff, a 15,000 square foot works and an annual turnover of around £3m.



Norman Haynes to be the sole UK agent for Stamfag

Print finishing systems and solutions provider, Norman Haynes Ltd., have announced their appointment as sole U.K. and Ireland agent for Swiss precision punching tool manufacturer, Stamfag.

Norman Haynes Ltd. will both supply and re-sharpen these punching tools from their Bradford

based factory. Complementing established flat and rotary grinding services with profile grinding, they will provide a comprehensive re-sharpening facility.

Stamfag, who celebrate over 100 years of trading, are used by label and card producing companies across the UK.



Flat folding laminating system

Gardiner Graphics (formerly Gardiner Laminating Group), one of the UK's largest trade encapsulation houses, has developed the 'Clear-Fold' laminating system specifically for the promotional print market.

The product, for which the company now holds two European patents, enables encapsulated sheets to fold flat.

The 'Clear-Fold' is a clear strip of film between two sheets of paper, which acts as an effective 'hinge' on the fold.



Folding solution for Smith & Watts

Smith & Watts' new folding machine, the MBO T530, supplied by Friedheim International, provides both speed and versatility.

"The machine has a continuous feed, and this makes it much quicker in operation compared with the stack feed of our Stahl folder", said Director Paul Wright, "Our

workflow is very mixed, so the machine we required had to be highly versatile to cope".

One of Smith & Watts' specialities is producing prestige four-colour envelopes, such as first-day covers. Wright says, "We will tackle anything from 100 four-colour leaflets to half a million subscription cards".



Quick size adjustment

The 1st of a new generation RSB 360 (Semi Automatic Wire Binder) QSA (Quick Size Adjustment) machine was launched by Renz UK Ltd, at Digital Print World. The QSA machine is specifically aimed at the digital market with its quick size adjustment feature allowing for minimal downtime when changing pitch and wire diameter.

The machines versatility in changeover from pitch and size in less than 10 minutes, guarantees one of the quickest wire finishing arms in the market place. The machine boasts an output of 600 to 800 books per hour through its advanced book delivery system, eradicating the need for an operator to physically hang the book.

BookMaker certified for linking online use

The Watkiss Vario BookMaker has been certified by Océ Printing Systems GmbH for use online to its VarioPrint 5000 family printers. The finishing system for digital print applications, links online to the printer, al-

lowing printing and booklet making in one simple operation. Digital print can be converted into high quality finished booklets by the system, which is already compatible with most other Océ cut-sheet printers.