

Ga-Vehren to blood 912 modules at Print 05

By Rod Hayes

Ga-Vehren International will launch several further modules for its 912 converting lines at Print 05. The 912 series is part of a range of converting machines, which is difficult to place in a particular category. The Ga-Vehren replaces table-hands in the way it automates jobs which traditionally would have to be carried out manually.

The 912 consists of a vacuum conveying line over which modules can be placed and these enable tasks to be carried out on to a base media. This could be the mounting of credit cards in tight register, holograms, or CDs on to magazines and, with the aid of a pick and place system; the placing



The 912 consists of a vacuum conveying line over which modules can be placed

of awkwardly shaped objects. These modules due for launch at Print 05 take the functionality of a Ga-Vehren line to new levels of. The VF 111 will allow the affixing of plastic cards at up to 25,000 per hour and even with a measure of

adaptation attach coins or other flat items.

The integration of inkjet systems really widens the options. The 912 can now be fitted with a uv DOD (drop-on-demand) system that can overprint cards and letters at a quality that is difficult to distinguish from thermal card printing.

Further systems will include a roll patch module that can feed and cut film for windows, patches and overwraps as well. Another feature certain to create interest is the 912's ability to encode, read and verify the magstripe on the back of a card.

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Summary

- New levels of functionality for 912
- First showing at Print 05
- Card fixing at 25,000 per hour

Heidelberg targets SMEs with TA52

By Rich Heap

Heidelberg is aiming an impact in small sized printshops this when it releases its level touchscreen Stahlfolder TA52 folder.

The company claims maximum speed the Stahlfolder TA52 buck folder can fold up to sheets an hour.

Heidelberg also said worked without t expertise.

The user operat Stahlfolder TA52 from screen with simple icons standard folds, including certina, letterfold, gatefolding.

Users can also pro some 200 further for the machine can do and crossfolding equipped with two stations.

The TA52 has a width of 52cm and can size formats from 1x 52x85cm. A small forming station is also available for smaller jobs.

Heidelberg claims Stahlfolder is the ideal for small and medium printshops looking to folding jobs as simply ble.

The machine has polyurethane Extra Gri to give good sheet com mean it can work many grades and thicknesses.

It can also become a digital workflow when combined with the Prinect production system.

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Summary

- New Heidelberg entry level
- Up to 40,000 sheets folded
- For small to mid-sized print

Arrow pairs Star with Valore

By Mark Foxwell

Arrowhead Print, a commercial printer in Alton, has brought 60% of its finishing inhouse by installing a Shoei Star 4KL folder and a Muller Valore stitch trim system.

The £90,000 investment has allowed the company to fold and stitch A4 eight-page and A5 16-page magazines and catalogues for a range of customers, including financial institutions, estate agents and developers.

Print finishing manager Nigel Willis said: "We had to outsource a lot of work because our old machine was only capable of folding four to six pages, so we had to replace it with one that could fold 16 pages."

The company said it will save a considerable amount of



Arrowhead's Shoei Star 4KL folder will boost the firm's inhouse finishing

money not farming out the work.

Mr Willis added: "After one year, the total amount saved will almost cover the cost of the two machines."

Arrowhead obtained the Shoei from Encore Machinery and specified the Muller with

four feeders plus cover. Mr Willis said not all the finishing is now being done inhouse as there are still two specialist jobs sent out.

Summary

- Brings 60% of finishing inhouse
- Installs Shoei Star 4KL folder
- And Muller Valore stitch

KEP fires up StitchLiner

KEP Print Group, the Tamworth screenprinter, has boosted its finishing capabilities by installing a Horizon StitchLiner from Graphic Arts Equipment.

Mark Plowman, managing director, said: "We wandered on to a GAE stand at one of the print shows a few years ago, and were absolutely amazed by the Horizon kit. It allows non-specialists to set up processes in a minute that previously would have taken highly skilled people an hour. It opened our eyes to a 21st century way of working, and all three of our Horizon products have been superb."

The company has run a Horizon VAC-Turbo collator for three years and recently installed a Horizon AFC-544 Touch folding machine.

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