



HIGH-SPEED "DIAMOND HP" READY FOR OFFICIAL INTRODUCTION AT CONVERFLEX 2006

Verona, Italy - The "Diamond HP" is the latest press design from Uteco Converting S.p.A. in the High Performance CI gearless flexo press market. The new machine model was designed to address the needs of the high-productivity converter requiring faster speeds while maintaining the highest standards in printing. The Diamond has been sold to several European customers in both the 8-color and 10-color versions.

The press is designed to run at 600 m/min (1900 fpm) and features air conditioning of the CI frame, sleeve extraction assist system, and a new design for the between color dryers with high speed air nozzles and optimized air exhaust passages. The machine comes equipped with carbon fiber mandrels for both plate and anilox sleeves and new fully automatic unwinders and rewinders

starting from 42" in diameter and the possibility to apply an automatic reel change system to handle shaft loading and unloading at the winder for automatic handling. This press ranges in width from 1 meter up to 1.6 meters (42"- 65") with repeats from 350 mm up to 1020 mm.

The Diamond will be officially introduced during the Converflex show in Milan scheduled for May 2006. Uteco will organize concurrently an open house at the factory with an 8-color "Diamond" running printing demonstrations. Transportation will be arranged from the exhibition hall in Milan to the Uteco factory in Verona. For more information please contact [Sabrina Tomba](#).

UTECO INTRODUCES FIRST SLEEVE-BASED PRESS FOR THE GRAVURE MARKET

Verona, Italy - The introduction of the world's first sleeve-based rotogravure press utilizing sleeve technology on both the printing cylinder and the counterpressure cylinder took place December 12th through 16th in the Uteco factory. The new "Q-Press" was developed to fill the needs of converters that want to print shortrun orders using rotogravure printing technology.

Many interested rotogravure printers attended the week long open press trials to witness the technological advances of Uteco's rotogravure division. Visitors saw first hand the potential of sleeve-based gravure printing.

Some of the advantages of the new Q-Press:

- By eliminating the need for trolleys we have reduced the space between the printing stations giving us the advantage of a shorter web passage
- Transversally opening drying hoods to reduce the space between printing groups Quick job change on the machine
- Doctor blade system with 100% feed-back of the blade positioning for each job recipe
- Compact on-line washing system
- High performance drying
- Printing speed: 300 m/min.
- Direct Drive
- Touch screen supervisor panel -on each printing group to ensure easy operation

After the press trials were completed, disassembly of the press began for the installation scheduled early 2006 at a large European converting company.



UTECO CONVERTING S.p.A. REFLECTS ON A PROFITABLE 2005



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Verona, Italy - With fourth quarter results tallied, Uteco Converting S.p.A. reflects on a successful 2005. Overall worldwide sales increased by 30%, bolstered by the success of our top seller and latest introduction, the "Onyx" flexographic press.

Available in eight and ten colors, 25 units or the "Onyx" press were sold worldwide.

Flexographic press sales also included a number of our "Emerald" presses, including a 9-color "Emerald SIL" inline gearless press with UV curing system, several 10C-CI "Emerald" gearless and the "Emerald 812" CI gearless for large repeats

the 10-color models. With the official introduction slated for May 2006, Uteco management is quite pleased with the interest this press has generated and anticipate the "Diamond HP" to play a large role in the success of the coming year.

2005 also marked the return of Uteco into the rotogravure market with the sale of five gravure presses, one of which was the new sleeve-based gravure "Q-press" which addresses the need for faster job changeovers by eliminating the need for rotogravure trolleys.

Completing the list of sales for the year, several solvent and solventless laminators were sold into the marketplace. The sales in the North American market represented 15% of the total

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up to 1250 mm. Several
Inline flexo units rounded
out the sales of this model
in 2005.

Uteco sales in 2005. The year
concluded as the most profitable
for Uteco Converting S.p.A. since
the year 2000.

Gearing up for the official
2006 introduction, the new
high performance flexo
"Diamond HP" has already
been sold into the market
during 2005, both in the 8-
color and

10-COLOR "EMERALD PRESS" INSTALLED AT COLUMBUS CELLO-POLY

Columbus, OH - The
installation and final test
run of the 10-color
"Emerald" press purchased
by Columbus Cello Poly was
completed in November.
This is the fourth Uteco
machine installed at their
facility.

converting industry for over 40
years. Their specialty is process
printing, laminating and
conversion of bags
and pouches. Their product lines
can be found in many markets
including textiles /apparel, lawn
and garden, pet products, food
products, agricultural products,
and consumer products.

The press features include
a 1300 mm (51") printing
width with a repeat range
of 350mm-800mm (13.8"-
31.5"), 800mm automatic
turret unwinder and
rewinder, and BST Premium
video inspection system.
Columbus Cello-Poly has
been in the

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