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Miami, Guam install GammTech stackers

Eight years after Gunter Gammerler essentially “put the band back together” to create and rebuild stackers and trimmers, GammTech is gearing up to ship its 100th new stacker. “We’re doing something right,” said Mark Legac, vice president of sales and marketing for GammTech. “We’re installing three machines this week and two next.”

Two stackers were recently shipped to Gannett and GammTech is installing one at the first daily newspaper in Guam to be printed digitally.

The Miami Herald recently purchased its

second GammTech stacker for its facility in Doral, Florida.

“We print 25 different products now,” said Jeff Sauls, assistant director of production for the Miami Herald.

The quip stackers didn’t handle the comics and wraps for inserters well, Sauls said. But the GammTech stackers are a better stacker for running a thinner paper.

“It (the GammTech stacker) gives you a better stacked product using less manpower at the same time,” Sauls said. “It’s kind of a cross-over for the commercial and newspaper.”



Photo: GammTech

Installation of the GammTech stackers for The Miami Herald at the Doral, Florida facility.

Washington daily renews inserters with EDG

The Spokesman-Review in Spokane, Washington, inked a deal with Electronic Design Group and Newspaper Solutions to renew three inserters.

The upgrade will include a new PLC and a migration over to AC drives and motors from the older DC technology in order to improve efficiency.

The existing dual motor NP630 has a single DC drive operating two motors. The new system will provide individual 20hp AC drives, which will permit running on a single drive as a backup plan in case

of a drive or motor failure. This also provides commonality of drives as the two NP632s will be configured as single motor inserters, so one 20hp drive/motor for each of these machines.

“The Spokesman-Review is looking forward to standardizing the drives and PLCs for both its pressroom and packaging center equipment,” said Laurie Lunzer, director of production and IT at The Spokesman-Review. “We are confident these new drives will give us both the reliability and flexibility we need in our equipment to minimize downtime.”

Rhode Island, California papers upgrade with ProImage

ProImage installed its SaaS ink optimization software OnColor ECO at The Newport Daily News/*Newport Life* magazine in Newport, Rhode Island and the Manteca (California) Bulletin.

The Newport (Rhode Island) Daily News prints an average of 80 pages with a circulation of up to 24,000 and was experiencing ink rub off and high ink costs, according to Kevin

Schoen, operations director of The Newport Daily News.

After installing ECO, the paper saw savings of 15 percent and less ink offset, Schoen said.

“Using ECO SaaS service has not caused any production delays and ECO also corrects problems with RGB pages being sent as it converts them correctly to CMYK,” said Schoen.

Morris Newspapers of California prints the Manteca Bulletin and six other titles as well as a variety of commercial work.

The paper looks cleaner with less ink rub off and a slight improvement with press start-up after the OnColor install, said Ron Randall, pressroom manager of Morris Newspapers.

“Staff found that the installation was easy with assistance from ProImage,” Randall said.

South American paper replaces lock ups

El Tiempo in Colombia recently bought and installed a 704 lock up system from Acutech. Print2Finish supplied the Acutech lock ups and upgraded two Urbanite presses. The Acutech locks replaced older OEM mechanical lock ups common in Goss and other single-wide presses.

The conversion allows the paper to start up faster in register and

minimizes start-up and running waste since all colors are in register faster and stay in register through the run.

“Most of the installations over the last eleven years have been in North America, Asia. We are happy to complete this system for El Tiempo in South America,” said Joe Bella, owner of Acutech.