

Printware

KRISSON PRINTING Installs PlateStream



Krisson Prepress Manager Peter Kent with his new PlateStream.

Krisson Printing, part of the Textile Division of the Ferguson International Group, installed a **Printware PlateStream** 34 cm CTP system at its North London, England site. Here, most of its work is concerned with the textile and apparel trade, including printing bar codes, prices and similar critical information for prestigious British brands such as Marks & Spencer and BHS.

Krisson purchased the PlateStream, despite having two Eskofot DPX-420 platesetters already installed, because it needed a fast, flexible CTP system to handle additional work it was taking on. “We do a lot of direct-to-plate work,” says prepress manager Peter Kent, “where we use the plate once and throw it away. From both an economic and quality point of view, we find polyester plates best for these applications and, with a lot of new business coming in, we needed another platesetter. The PlateStream was a good option for us. It is quicker, highly reliable and gives us the flexibility we need.” Krisson uses the PlateStream to produce plates with a resolution of 900 dpi, although it can go up to 2400, and runs can be anything from as low as three up to hundreds or, occasionally, thousands.

“The PlateStream's chemical management is excellent,” says Peter Kent, “and saves us hours of cleaning. Prior to installing it, we had to clean our DPX units daily to ensure that quality was maintained. The PlateStream processor unit needs only to be cleaned weekly, an operation that takes just 15 to 20 minutes.”

The PlateStream produces an image width of 34 cm onto silver halide polyester or paper plates. The integrated two-bath processor has adjustable automatic replenishment and the unit accommodates a range of RIPs and RIP interface options as well as a variety of film handling capabilities.