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Techsage Launches The SpinJet 1000 Double-Sided Imposition Proofing System

May 30, 2000 - Developed by Purup-Eskofot subsidiary TechSage, which was formed last year with the purpose of creating new concepts and solutions for strategic areas of the pre-press workflow, the SpinJet 1000 is designed to be mounted on a Hewlett-Packard DesignJet 1050C or 1055CM large format inkjet printer. The combination of the new SpinJet 1000 and the DesignJet printer enables users to produce double-sided, eight-up full-colour imposition proofs - SpinProofing - at the maximum speed of the printer. The TechSage system is totally automatic, using the DesignJet's advanced paper handling system, which enables cut-sheets and rolls to be loaded. During operation, the first side of the SpinProof is printed from the roll and cut automatically by the printer. The SpinJet unit then reloads the printed cut sheet into the DesignJet, which prints the reverse side.

"Technological development has eliminated many steps in the pre-press workflow," says TechSage director Erik Kasper. "However, this has increased the demand for reliable means to check data prior to final output, and makes the potential loss when errors do occur that much higher. SpinProofing is the missing link, providing the ideal solution to one of the major drawbacks in modern pre-press production - the ability to produce a double-sided, high-quality imposition proof prior to CtP or CtF output."

TechSage is bundling an HP 1000 series printer and a SpinJet 1000 system for less than \$27,000. Alternatively, companies can purchase the SpinJet 1000 separately, and have it installed on existing HP 1000 series large format printers.