

Heidelberg Announces Portfolio Expansion With Postpress Systems

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Heidelberg is further expanding its portfolio by entering into a worldwide distribution agreement with the Japanese company AN Corporation for the Kawahara TXS-1100 and Kawahara BMS-1100 automated postpress systems. This marks the global rollout of a pilot agreement concluded for the North America region last year.

This announcement expands the company's portfolio following the launch of the Generation 4 CutStar, the Speedmaster XL 106-D rotary die cutter, and new Performance Package for in-mould label production on the Speedmaster XL 106.

'Heidelberg is systematically investing in the growth markets of packaging and label printing. The distribution agreement for Kawahara blanking systems adds a further key production step in the workflow to the company's label printing portfolio,' said Rainer Hundsdörfer, CEO of Heidelberg. 'In this way, we are helping our customers further automate their processes and thus make them as efficient and cost-effective as possible,' he explained.



The Kawahara TXS-1100 and Kawahara BMS-1100 blanking stations are both high-performance models. It takes less than 15 minutes to set up a job and tooling costs are minimal. The cycle of the TXS-1100, whereby a stack of 1000 IML sheets can be quickly blanked and offloaded, takes between 1.5 and 2 minutes.

'The new Kawahara TXS-1100 is a high-performance system boasting enhanced components and an innovative feeder and unloading system. It is ideal for the in-mould label market and has proved an outstanding stripping and blanking solution for this label material, which is difficult to handle. The Kawahara BMS-1100 offers an excellent price-performance ratio for folding carton print shops that are looking to automate blanking,' emphasised Markus Höfer, Head of Business Development Label at Heidelberg. The BMS-1100 can process up to 20 blank individual stacks of packages per minute and handles single cut and nested products equally well.

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