

ProofStation

Page/Form Proof Module



In an automated newspaper production workflow, the error-free transfer of form bitmaps to the platesetter is of paramount importance. Any errors not detected on a digital page are then transferred straight to the plate and hence onto the paper. ProofStation helps to prevent scenarios like this by generating a perfect simulation of the print results on your screen. As a softproof system that can be used on both the intranet and internet, ProofStation visualizes all the required bitmap pages from the production RIP. The enhanced user interface ensures rapid detection of technical and content-related errors, and any corrections can be made prior to imaging.



Visualization of original files

ProofStation ensures that only pages without errors are transferred from the prepress system to the platesetter. It does not use any interpreted files or files that have been modified elsewhere, but the original bitmaps only. ProofStation is therefore able to display a true image of all the pro-



duced pages on your monitor. In order to create the best possible simulation of the print results and not just check that the text, layout and images are error-free, the proof can also be output as a color-accurate proof. The corresponding ICC profiles for individual printer and monitor properties are integrated at the click of your mouse. Depending on whether you want to proof a page or an assembled printing

form, you can toggle between the page and form proof modules.

Transparent release

Pages/forms can be checked and proofed on any computer that is connected to the production server. As an additional service, it is possible to inform other people of the proof

results by automatically sending them an e-mail, text message or fax.

Easy to operate

ProofStation is extremely easy to operate due to its ergonomic GUI. Individual pages/forms can be selected using a number of different search criteria and then visualized as a table or as thumbnails in a dummy for quick

reference. By clicking on a table entry or thumbnail, the respective bitmap is loaded and displayed in a separate window. You can choose between the default PNG and a high-res pixel-accurate TIFF display mode for viewing composite images or individual color separations with. A multilevel zoom function ensures maximum accuracy. To maintain consistent printing quality, the ink density can be checked and an overprint preview can be used. A measuring tool is available for measuring distances.

To cater for different user requirements, all the functions in the proof window can also be executed via keyboard shortcuts. And last but not least, an optional feature for comparing versions – in which differences are marked red – reduces the number of proofs to a minimum.

Flexible system integration

ProofStation can be used on both the intranet and – using an optional web component – on the internet, so that pages can be proofed from a remote location as well. ProofStation can, of course, be seamlessly integrated in the ppi workflow, as can the printers on which a hard proof is output.

Different proof modules for a complete overview

Apart from the page/form proof module, additional modules are available for proofing ads and part-pages. These are described in separate datasheets.

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