

FLEXO WIDE WEB PORTFOLIO



SUPPORTING EQUIPMENT









SLEEVE STORAGE SYSTEM

PRINTING SLEEVES

DEMOUNTER



FAMM 3.0

FULLY AUTOMATIC FLEXO PLATE MOUNTING MACHINE



Widths

Width [mm]	≤ 1500, 1700, 2500
Width [inch]	59", 67", 98"
Max repeat [mm/inch]	1350 / 53"

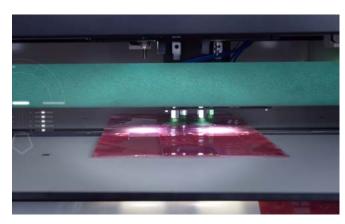
Description

The FAMM 3.0 is the next generation fully automatic mounter that continues to change the dynamics in mounting departments, a change that first started in 2005 with the ground-breaking technology of the original FAMM.

This machine is the most advanced automatic mounting solution that provides incomparable **speed**, **repeatability and accuracy**. It has been developed for our customers who demand the highest standards and aim in an optimized and highly efficient pre-press workflow, that allows an enormous **increase** in their **capacity** and a **higher overall print quality with fast changeovers**.

The patented FAMM 3.0 is the ideal solution for **short and frequent job runs**. This machine has been completely redesigned during the past 2 years and it is equipped with an updated software which allows more synchronous movements. This intelligent system controls the interactive cameras that read the digital positions of the mounting marks using the patented Image Recognition and a robotic manipulator that picks-up the plates and positions them with an **extreme accuracy down to 2µm**.

Unique Features



Robotic manipulator

The pick-up unit is completely re-designed and it is used to transfer the plate from the conveyor belt to the mounting position. Using robotics the flexo plate is automatically positioned with an accuracy of **2**





Linear motors (patent pending)

The Ultra HD cameras move automatically into position using the linear motors which are able to accelerate with **10ms/2**.





Conveyor back-light

The new split conveyor belt is able to identify the plate from the bottom and to read **QR codes.** The conveyor back light and laser line allows plates to be aligned easier.



Second pressure roller

The top pressure roller mounts half of the plate, then the mandrel lowers down so that the second pressure roller can mount the rest of the plate. During this time, the pick-up unit has already placed the next plate for mounting, optimizing the mounting time with synchronous movements.



FAMM 3.0 Unique Features





Accuracy of 2 microns

The FAMM 3.0 uses the patented **Image Recognition** software that measures the exact position of the mounting marks. The robotic manipulator uses these measurements to position the flexo plate with an unmatched accuracy of 2 microns.

Updated software

The updated software allows more synchronous movements and it features a more intuitive user interface.

Automatic mandrel rotation

When the printing plate is positioned accurately and within the chosen tolerance, the cylinder moves up and the pressure roller fixates the plate. The cylinder rotates automatically and the plate is mounted within seconds. When the plate is mounted, the cylinder moves vertically down allowing a fully automatic operation.



Depending on the status of the mounting process, the LED lights indicate whether an action needs to be taken.





Mounting Marks Specifications

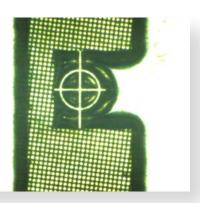
The Automatic SAMM and the Fully Automatic FAMM use the patented Image Recognition to identify the mounting marks and based on them, position the flexo plate accurately.

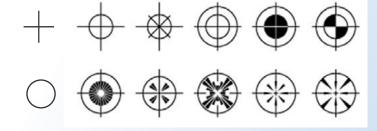
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Type of target	mode	riate type	Minimal	Advised	Shape	Size	target
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1 ositive dot	Correlation	Processed	0.4mm	0.5-0.6mm	Square		
		Thermal	0.45mm	0.5-0.6mm			
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Negative dot	Correlation	Processed	0.6mm	0.6-1mm	Square		
Positive	Correlation	Processed	2mm	2-4mm	Square		
non-dot shapes	Correlation	Thermal	2mm	2-4mm	Square		
W&H register mark	Easyreg®	-	-	-	-	-	-
Damaged targets*	Semi Auto	See specs of the original target					

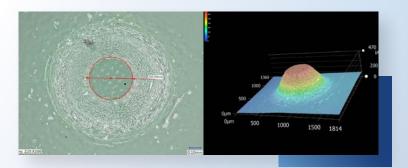
^{*} It is possible to mount damaged targets using the Semi-Automatic mode. The operator will have to locate the target once, after that the FAMM/SAMM will mount these plates automatically. Also the quality check after mounting is available.

Mounting marks types

The FAMM/SAMM detects all common mounting marks and microdots within the above specifications.







^{**} Microdots with a smaller diameter than 0.4mm can become unstable and can deteriorate following printing

^{***}When possible, it is recommended to avoid screening such as pixel+ on the mounting mark for optimal recognition. When using a laser to apply the screening, the screening can be avoided using object-based selective screening in the prepress software.



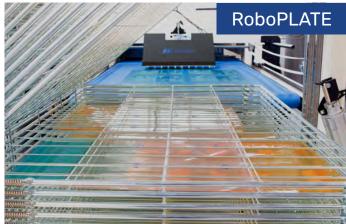
The operator places the **Tech Cart** inside the ROBOCELL and selects a job from the HMI console. The **Robot** will then take the first sleeve and **apply tape automatically** (RoboTAPE). Following, it will **load** the taped sleeve on the **FAMM 3.0**.

The plate loader (ROBOPLATE) contains the required plates for the specific job. The second robotic unit will pick-up the plates and place them on the conveyor belt. Then, the robotic manipulator of the FAMM 3.0 will take the first plate and position it with an accuracy of 2 microns. When the mounting process is completed as explained before, the Robot will unload the mounted sleeve and place it back on the Tech Cart. The same process is repeated until all the sleeves of the selected job are mounted.

As a reference, the sleeves of a 10-color job can be taped and mounted fully automatically in **less than 25 minutes** beginning to end.







Workflow 4.0 with Fully Automatic Tape Application & Mounting



Using cutting-edge technology, we created Workflow 4.0 which guarantees the best efficiency in the pre-press department enabling consistent, fast and high-quality printing. AV Flexologic produces the equipment needed during every step of the process.

- 1. The workflow starts with retrieving the **Tech Sleeves** from a Semi-Automatic vertical Sleeve Storage System, which provides the optimal storage and protection for sleeves. All transport during the process is done easily and safely with a **Tech Cart**®.
- 2. The operator places the Tech Cart inside the ROBOCELL area and selects a job from the control console. Then, the sleeves for the selected job will be taped and mounted fully automatically. When the process is over the sleeves on the Tech Cart are ready for printing.
- **3.** The previous steps ensure that the well-maintained printing sleeves are mounted accurately and no press-downtime will be caused because of mismounted sleeves. AV Flexologic provides also solutions like the **EasyReg** mark, which homes the sleeves in the zero position and it is ready to be used in the printing press. With these settings, the set-up is reduced significantly.

- **4.** After the expected high-quality printing is achieved, the tape and plates can be demounted on a TAD or **Demounter** efficiently and effortlessly, while taking maximum care to prevent damaging of the plates.
- **5.** A complete **3D landscape** of printing sleeves can be measured in the **TIR measurement system** that helps building up a record with exact sleeve conditions of each sleeve in stock and predict the necessary pressure for each sleeve needed in the press to get a good print quality and reduce the need to adjust the pressure of a sleeve during set up of the press.

The entire workflow ends by safely storing the sleeves back to the **customized** Sleeve Storage System, and the process can be followed all over again. The **Sleeve Storage System** is the solution for common problems such as sleeve swelling, distortion, and damaged edges.



SAMM 2.0

AUTOMATIC FLEXO PLATE MOUNTING MACHINE



Widths

Width [mm]	≤ 1300, 1700, 2200
Width [inch]	52", 67", 87"
Max repeat [mm/inch]	1350 / 53"

Description

The patented **SAMM 2.0** is AV Flexologic's solution to common industry trends. Building on 15+ years of experience with automatic mounting machines using vision technology, the SAMM and FAMM are the most accurate and fastest mounting machines in the world. The Automatic SAMM 2.0 mounts flexo plates onto sleeves with unmatched accuracy, repeatability and speed.

Workflow

The operator only needs to preposition roughly the flexo plate with the help of the laser pointers. Then the machine takes over and positions the flexo plate using **robotics**. Additionally, with the help of motorized cameras and the patented **Image Recognition** software, the flexo plate is placed with an accuracy of **5 microns**. Following, the motorized front table automatically moves and the flexo plate is mounted onto the sleeve without **any operator interaction**. During the mounting process, the operator can focus on other preparatory tasks. The SAMM 2.0 features a staggering **30-second** mounting speed, attending to higher quality demands and reducing press downtime.

Unique Features

SAMM 1300 - 2.0

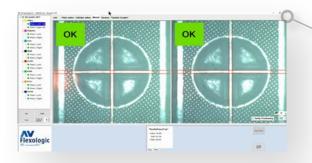


Image Recognition (patented)

The image recognition system measures the exact positions of the mounting marks and thus how **accurately** the printing plate is fixed on the sleeve. The tolerance of the report settings determines whether a plate is judged as mounted 'OK' or 'NOT OK'.

Pressure Roller

The pressure roller ensures even mounting, without **any air inclusions** and bubbles. The roller is used to apply the plates evenly over the carrier such as a sleeve, cylinder or Mylar. The use of the pressure roller eliminates the typical 'handrolling'. The feature saves time and avoids un-ergonomic working procedures.

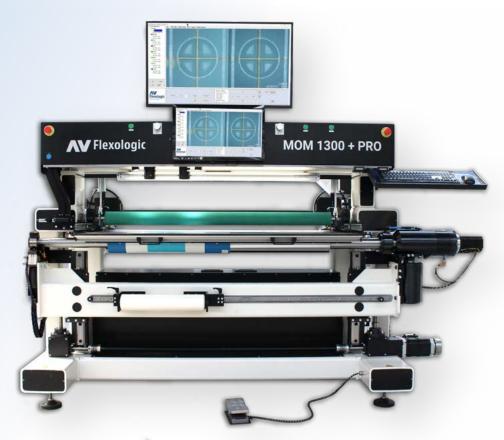
Motorized front table

An added advantage of the SAMM 2.0 is the motorized front table, which enables the machine to **fully automatically** mount individual printing plates without operator interaction, keeping the performance of the mounting job with an accuracy of **5 microns**. During the time the machine is mounting each plate, the operator can prepare the next plate or perform another preparatory or finishing operation.



MOM DD+ Pro

MOTORIZED FLEXO PLATE MOUNTING MACHINE



Widths

Width [mm]	≤ 1300, 1700, 2200
Width [inch]	52", 67", 87"
Max repeat [mm/inch]	1350 / 53"

Description

The **MOM DD+ Pro** is our high-end motorized mounting machine, which is the flexo industry standard for manual positioning of plates. Key options are available such as image recognition, a tape holder, automatic W&H Easyreg detection, and a digital TIR measuring system, which can also map the full surface of the sleeve. The MOM DD+ Pro comes standard with an open-cell pressure roller.

Workflow

The operator places the flexo plate onto the table which has an initial position indicated by laser pointers. After positioning the flexo plate, the operator elevates the vertically moving cylinder, lowers the pressure roller and rotates the cylinder using the foot pedal. With the first sleeve mounted, the operator can select the next mounting job in the machine.

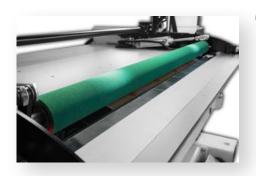
The machine provides benefits to an operator in multiple ways. Through motorization, the flexo plate mounting process requires a lot less operator interference. The Image Recognition ensures mistake-free processes which saves time and money, while the pressure roller prevents any air inclusions, ensuring the best print results.

Unique Features

MOM 1300 + PRO

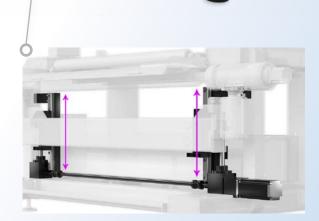
Automatic moving HD cameras

The MOM DD+ Pro is equipped with HD Ethernet cameras cameras that move automatically into the mounting position. The operator only needs to create the job and select the plate that wants to mount.



Pressure Roller

The pressure roller ensures even mounting, without **any air inclusions** and bubbles. The roller is used to apply the plates evenly over the carrier such as a sleeve, cylinder or Mylar. The use of the pressure roller eliminates the typical 'handrolling'. The feature saves time and avoids un-ergonomic working procedures.



Vertically moving cylinder

AV Flexologic

There are several advantages of having the cylinder move vertically towards a fixed-height mounting table. For one this ensures a **fixed distance from the lens to the plate**, eliminating the need to focus the camera lenses. Avoiding focusing the lenses also means avoiding the parallax effect common to most plate mounting machines on the market since when changing the focus distance the 'focal point' also varies which distorts the calibration of the cameras. To ensure a fixed distance from the camera to the printing plate, instead of focusing the cameras to compensate diameter variations of the sleeve, the height of the cylinder is adjusted depending on the outer diameter of the sleeve.



Unique options MOM DD+ Pro

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Image Recognition System

Unique to the MOM DD+ Pro is the optional Image Recognition system, which is also included in the SAMM and FAMM automatic mounting machines. AV Flexologic has developed image recognition based **Quality Control** and intelligent **positioning assistant** on the MOM DD+ Pro. With the positioning assistant the workflow remains the same, however the image recognition system constantly measures the position of the mounting marks. When the operator has positioned the plate by hand to within a user-set tolerance, the MOM gives the 'OK' and the cylinder automatically moves up to fix the plate to the adhesive on the sleeve.

Tape holder on precision rail

A tape holder can optionally be added on precision linear guides. The linear guides make sure the tape roll is completely parallel to the sleeve when applying tape and assist the operator to easily move the tape along the side of the sleeve.



Cutting knife for tape and plates

A special cutting knife with precise depth adjustment can be added on the camera beam. The cutting knife can be easily slid through the beam and cut the tape effortless and without damaging the printing sleeve.

Automatic Easyreg detection

Another feature which uses image recognition is the automatic zero-setting feature for detecting a visual mark on the edge of the sleeve. The machine automatically scans the edge of the sleeve to look for the visual mark. Once this mark is recognized, the sleeve is centered and set to zero on this visual mark, to which the plates are mounted. The printing press picks up this mark (such as the W&H Easyreg mark) and the registration of the decks is done automatically. It is also possible to detect the precise location of a magnet in the edge of the sleeve for printing presses such as BOBST, SOMA and Allstein.



Features & Options	MOM DD S	MOM DD+ Pro
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Max Repeat size	1500 mm / 60"	1350 mm / 53"
HD Ethernet Cameras	\checkmark	✓
Air mandrel	\checkmark	✓
Windows 10 mounting software	\checkmark	✓
Overlay	\checkmark	✓
Digital Zoom capability	\checkmark	✓
40" HD Monitor	\checkmark	\checkmark
Laser pointers	\checkmark	✓
Quality Report	\checkmark	✓
Motorized cameras	\checkmark	✓
Digital Calibration System	\checkmark	✓
Motorized rotation of cylinder	\checkmark	\checkmark
Pressure roller	0	✓
Synchronized front table	0	\checkmark
Fixed distance from lens to plate		\checkmark
Vertical Movement of Cylinder		\checkmark
Image Recognition Software		0
Quality check w/ image recognition		0
Critical Spare Parts Package	0	0
Tape holder on precision rail	0	0
Barcode Scanner	0	0
Automatic Easyreg detection	0	0
Shaft Coupling for cylinders		0
TIR Sleeve measurement		0
Cutting knife for tape		0
Sleeve Tracking System*		0
	 *ani	= Included 0 = Optional







MOM DD S

MOTORIZED FLEXO PLATE MOUNTING MACHINE



Widths

Width [mm]	1500
Width [inch]	59"
Max repeat [mm/inch]	1350 / 53"

Description

The MOM DD S is the industry-wide standard in mounting machines for mounting flexographic printing plates onto sleeves with manual positioning of printing plates. The MOM DD S is a cost efficient alternative to the MOM DD+ Pro series up to 1500mm printing width.

Workflow

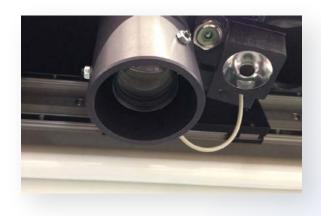
The operator creates a job including the mounting coordinates in the system. By selecting to start the job, the cameras move automatically into the mounting position of the first plate. The operator positions the plate manually with the help of a large screen. When the plate is positioned, the operator rotates the cylinder using the foot pedal and the plate is mounted. An optional pressure roller can be added to the machine for better quality mounting without air inclusions. When the mounting process is completed, the machine generates automatically a quality report with snapshots of the mounting marks.

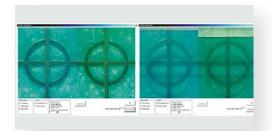
Unique Features

Motorized Cameras

The MOM DD S has HD Ethernet Cameras like the automatic and fully automatic mounting machines SAMM and FAMM. AV Flexologic ensures crisp and sharp ultra-high-resolution images, enabling an efficient and accurate mounting process. The added advantage of these cameras is that they move automatically into the mounting position, saving valuable time from calibration and ensuring high quality mounting. The operator just needs to enter the coordinates of the printing plate and select the job to start mounting.

Since the positioning of the printing plate is done manually from the operator, high resolution cameras are necessary for an effective and accurate mounting.

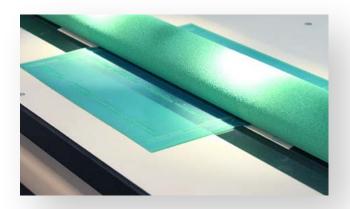




Overlay System (patented)

Once the first plate is in the right position, the overlay module enables the operator to take snapshots of the mounting marks, which are then shown semi-transparently when mounting the other plates. This feature is extremely helpful for the operator who can position accurately the plates more easily and in less time.

Unique Options



Pressure roller

Combining a fixed-height mounting table with a full-width and open-cell **pressure roller** is the ideal combination for a motorized mounting machine.

When the plate is in position, the pressure roller is lowered to fix the plate firmly onto the adhesive without air inclusions. The sleeve is rotated both ways to finalize the mounting process. Compared to traditional mounting machines, the pressure roller saves enormous operator time and reduces press downtime due to the elimination of air enclosures in between adhesive (tape or twinlock) and the printing plate.

Mounting table

An optional mounting table can be added on the MOM DD S for an easier mounting process. With the mounting table the positioning of the printing plates is faster and more efficient.





Features Overview



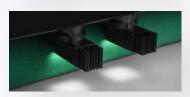


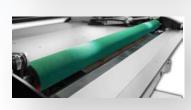














Robotic positioning

Driven by the AV Flexologic software, the robotic table positions the mounting plate with high accuracy, each and every time. After positioning the vertically moving cylinder automatically comes up.

Quality check with image recognition

The image recognition system measures the exact positions of the mounting marks and thus how accurately the printing plate is fixed on the sleeve. The tolerance of the report settings determines whether a plate is judged as mounted 'OK' or 'NOT OK'.

Motorized rotation cylinder

The chromed cylinder is driven by a high quality electric motor which is joined to a high-precision, zero backlash gear reducer called a 'harmonic drive'. This ensures maximum possible precision in the rotational (Y) direction of the mounting process. Starting or recalling a job and moving to the right mounting position for each plate is done within seconds.

HD Ethernet cameras

Using the latest technology in high-speed Ethernet cameras on all of the mounting equipment, AV Flexologic ensures crisp and sharp ultra-high-resolution images, enabling an efficient and accurate mounting process.

Custom made Air Cylinder

All sleeve-dedicated AV Flexologic mounting equipment is equipped with a high-precision chromed mounting mandrel. The cylinders are produced in Germany by a specialist company under the strictest tolerances. The cylinder is custom-made to fit press requirements.

Laser pointers

Laser pointers are mounted next to the cameras to indicate where the field of view of the cameras is. The mounting marks can be easily positioned in a fraction of time, instead of having to search for the mounting marks in the camera image each time.

DOAL lights

The image recognition system includes special DOAL lights with a half-transparent mirror which provide the best recognition conditions for automatic mounting. The light comes from the side and is reflected down in the same direction the camera is looking. When the light hits the plate surface it reflects straight back up into the lens.

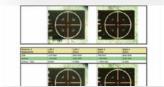
Pressure roller

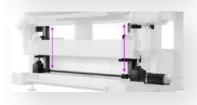
The pressure roller has become a standard feature in AV Flexologic flexo plate mounting machines over recent years. The roller is used to apply the plates evenly over the carrier such as a sleeve, cylinder or Mylar. The use of the pressure roller eliminates the typical 'hand-rolling'. The feature saves time and avoids un-ergonomic working procedures.

Digital zoom capability

Combining HD cameras with HD flatscreen monitors enables mounting equipment to zoom digitally up to 170x.



















Windows 10 mounting software

Striving for the latest up to date technology, the SAMM 2.0 is equipped with Windows 10, which is fully compatible with our software.

Quality report

After each plate is mounted, the MOM, SAMM and FAMM mounting machines have the ability to automatically check the tolerance of mounted plates using image recognition. A pdf quality report is generated on-the-fly with ability to check top and bottom.

Vertical movement of cylinder

The cylinder moves vertically on high-precision linear guides. Advantages are that by moving the cylinder towards the plate, the plate is not disturbed in the final stage of the mounting process, meaning the 'fixation' accuracy of the plate to the sleeve is very high. Also, fixed distance from lens to plate means that there is no need to focus the lenses, ensuring the highest accuracy and user-friendliness.

Fixed distances from the lens to plate

The table is in a fixed height, so the cylinder moves up vertically when the plate is in position to fix the plate to the sleeve's adhesive layer (tape or twinlock). One of the advantages is that a fixed working height ensures best operator ergonomics.

Vacuum table

To ensure highly accurate positioning, the vacuum system fixates the plate to the robotic table before positioning.

Digital calibration system

Digital Y-calibration of the camera beam: the camera images are used in a calibration procedure to create a lookup table and digitally 'straighten' any deviations in the camera beam, down to 10 µm over the entire width of the camera beam / sleeve. For every x-position of the camera the y-deviation is recalled, the image is automatically digitally adjusted, ensuring 100x more accurate mounting. Additionally, the measured Y-deviation is stored in a lookup table.

40" HD Monitor

To be able to optimally view the mounting marks during the mounting process, the MOM and SAMM machines have a large-format HD Mounting monitor mounted on top of the machine. In combination with the HD Ethernet cameras. The magnified images are viewed with a high level of detail, making the machine more accurate and user-friendly.

Automatic repeat detection

With this feature the machine automatically detects the repeat size of the sleeve.

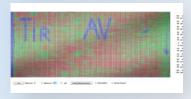
Overlay System (patented)

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Options Overview

















Automatic easyreg detection

Using our patented image recognition system, a visual mark on the edge of a sleeve such as the W&H Easyreg strip can be automatically 'set to zero' on the MOM, SAMM and FAMM mounting machines by simply pushing a button. The camera automatically homes in on the Easyreg mark and also automatically 'sets zero' in X and Y direction with 0.001mm (1µm) accuracy.

TIR Sleeve Measurement

The TIR Measurement System analyses the quality of the printing sleeve or cylinder by measuring the "3D landscape "of the surface. By using the TIR system, press downtime due to out-of-spec and damaged sleeves is prevented. Better control over the printing process is gained, while the need to adjust the pressure of a sleeve during the set-up of the press is reduced.

Tape holder on precision rail

A tape holder can optionally be added to MOM and SAMM machines on precision linear guides. The linear guides make sure the tape roll is completely parallel to the sleeve when applying tape and assist the operator to easily move the tape along the side of the sleeve.

Cutting knife for plates and tape

A special cutting knife can be slid around the whole length of the machine and cut the tape seamlessly. It is made with a precise depth adjustment, therefore the sleeve is not damaged from cutting.

Shaft coupling for cylinders

Shaft coupling for cylinders is driven by a harmonic drive. The shaft coupling is mounted on precision rails and can slide onto the cylinder shaft using a hand wheel that actuates the horizontal movement. The coupling is manually fastened by a locking mechanism that tightens a collar around the shaft, preventing any play. The shaft diameter should be the same for all cylinders.

Sleeve tracking system

Feature on the TIR. A database that tracks sleeves using the sleeve ID, which can be read using a barcode or RFID chip. The TIR sleeve measurement is then stored in this central database. Things such as run length, run times can also be added.

Barcode scanner

A barcode scanner can be optionally added to the MOM, SAMM or FAMM for automatic loading of the jobs. The jobs are then usually made offline in prepress to optimize the machine Operation Equipment Effectiveness (OEE).

Critical spare parts package

It is recommended to opt for a critical spare parts package, which is available for all equipment. AV Flexologic has spare parts warehouses in Western Europe: Alphen aan den Rijn, The Netherlands (HQ), North America: New Hudson, Michigan, USA and Eastern Europe: Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

Flexo Wide-Web Product Summary

Specifications	MOM DD S	MOM DD+ PRO	SAMM 2.0	FAMM 2.0
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HD Ethernet Cameras	✓	✓	✓	✓
Air mandrel	✓	✓	\checkmark	\checkmark
Windows 10 mounting software	✓	✓	✓	✓
Overlay	✓	✓	✓	✓
Digital Zoom capability	√	✓	√	\checkmark
40" HD Monitor	√	✓	√	✓
Laser pointers	√	✓	√	✓
Quality Report	√	√	√	✓
Motorized cameras		√ ·	<i>✓</i>	✓ /
Digital Calibration System		· ✓		·
		√		▼
Motorized rotation of cylinder		V		
Pressure roller	0	√	√	√
Synchronized front table	0	√	√	√
Vertical Movement of Cylinder		✓	√	√
Fixed distance from lens to plate		✓	\checkmark	✓
Image Recognition Software		0	✓	✓
Quality check w/ image recognition		0	\checkmark	\checkmark
Vacuum table			\checkmark	\checkmark
DOAL Lights			✓	✓
Robotic positioning			✓	✓
Automatic repeat detection			√	✓
Automatic mandrel rotation			√	✓
Robotic manipulator				√
Conveyor belt for loading multiple plates				√
Linear motors				· ✓
				√
Second automatic pressure roller	0	0	0	
Barcode Scanner Automatic Easyreg detection	0	0	0	0
Tape holder on precision rail	0	0	0	O
Cutting knife for tape	0	0	0	
TIR Sleeve measurement		0	0	
Shaft Coupling for cylinders		0	0	
Sleeve Tracking System*		0	0	
Automatic plate ID detection				0
Robotic tape application				0
Robotic sleeve loading/unloading				0
Robotic plate loading				0

✓ = Included **0** = Optional *only in combination with TIR



Worldwide Customized Flexo Sleeve Solutions

Tech Sleeves® manufactures composite printing sleeves and bridges (adapters) for the global flexographic industry. By using the highest quality of materials, durability, consistency and dimensional stability is guaranteed. The core of the sleeves and bridges are built using 2-component vinyl-ester epoxy resin combined with Spherecore and Dyneema®. This leads to an ultra-high strength composite core that guarantees form stability and ensures resistance to bouncing. **Tech Sleeves®** and **Tech Bridges®** are qualified for high printing speed of up to 800m/min, or 2,624 ft/min.

In addition to these high quality materials, Tech Sleeves® also offers additional features like **sealed ends**, the **full inner metal ring**, the **metal cutting line** and an **outer metal ring** to increase the sleeve and bridge lifetime. RFID chips and magnets can be added to both sleeves and bridges on request.

Unique Options



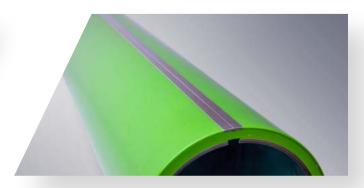
Rubber edges with metal insert

Rubber edges are used to decrease wear and tear of the sleeve and therefore increase its durability, This unique option ensures the longevity of the sleeves.



Smart Sleeve

The Smart Sleeve includes a RFID chip and magnet to store identification numbers and repeat sizes to simplify the identification process.



Metal cutting line

Helps the operator with cutting. Prevents damage to the sleeve using a metal plate of 0.5 mm thickness. Finishing with diamond grinder for smooth sleeve surface



Full inner metal ring

The full inner metal ring provides a strong and durable slot solution, but it also saves cost on buying new printing sleeves.

Tech Sleeve Versions	Tech®	Tech® Pro	Tech® Pro+
Zero line axial	•	•	•
Rubber Sealed edges both sides		•	•
Inner metal ring incl. registration slot			•

Tech Sleeve®

Layers cross-section



Innermost Core

- Flexible and expandable innermost core. (1 mm)
- · Contains Dyneema® that offers maximum strength with minimum weight.
- Dyneema® doesn't fray and is up to 40% stronger than aramid fibers such as Kevlar®.
- Prevents slipping of the sleeve on the mandrel.
- Extremely durable and resistant to moisture, UV light and chemicals.



Foam Layer

- Compressible Foam Layer. (1 mm)
- The compressible Foam Layer has high rebound resilience and is up to 50% compressible without bulging.
- · Reduces bouncing and enables the sleeve to have a perfect fit on the mandrel.
- Resistant to permanent deformation, good abrasion resistance from aging, weathering and cleaning solvents used for polymer plate cleaning.



Techcore

- Stitched, Bonded and Compressed Techcore material in various thicknesses.
- · Contains a filament fiber base which is volumized by fiberglass infused with Epoxy Vinyl-Ester-Resin.
- · Light weight with extreme high flexural strength and form stability.
- Ultra-high-strength composite core reduces bouncing at high speed.

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Outer surface layer

- The Outer Surface Layer contains Epoxy Vinyl-ester-resin reinforced with technical filaments and polyester fleece. (2 mm.)
- · High chemical and temperature resistance with excellent tape mount and demount properties.

Tech Bridge®



Description

Tech Bridge® has an ultra high strength composite core complemented by a fiber-reinforced outer shell, which makes it suitable for high speed printing. It is available with a separate air connection or as air-through. Miller valves are standard for Separate Air Tech Bridges® that have a minimum wall thickness of more than 25mm. This high quality Hard Coated Bridge Sleeve is suitable for all plate sleeves.

Features & Options

- ✓ Sealed edges
- ✓ Full inner metal ring
- ✓ Outer metal ring incl. pin
- ✓ Miller valves
- ✓ Air Through or Separate Air
- ✓ Conductive by use of carbon







Supporting Equipment

Sleeve Storage System





Description

This customized **Sleeve Storage** system allows easy access, storage and retrieval of sleeves with an optional Semi-automatic feature. The Semi-Automatic feature entails that the horizontal movement of the racks is motorized by use of electric motors. This feature allows the user to input a repeat number or job on a touchscreen interface, through which the racks automatically "open" to the specific rack where the sleeves are stored.

Advantage of Semi-automatic Sleeve Storage

- √ Easy and fast retrieval of sleeves
- ✓ No manual labor required to move sleeve racks
- ✓ Possibility to connect to ERP system for further automation
- ✓ Automatic security system
- ✓ Fully customized project







Supporting Equipment

TIR Measurement System



Description

The **TIR** measurement system is the winner of the International print & innovation award 2015. It analyses the quality of the printing sleeve or cylinder by measuring the '3D landscape' of the surface. This information gives a thorough insight on the condition of the printing sleeve or the cylinder. With that, the TIR builds up a record of the exact condition of each printing sleeve or cylinder in stock. Subsequently the printing sleeves can be placed in the press with the right pre-settings.

The ability to check the exact condition of each sleeve is essential for high-speed production with minimum pressure settings on the press. Worn out or damaged sleeves are easily detected, which prevents bad quality sleeve related downtime in the printing presses. It also helps to create an inventory of sleeves that are fit for use.

Advantages

Reduction in press downtime due to worn out printing sleeves which end up in the flexographic printing press

Quick and easy usage

Rigid steel construction

Prevent press downtime

Identify out-of-spec. sleeves

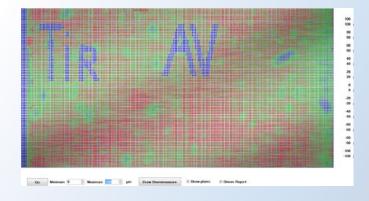
Allows better control over the printing process

Stores the measurement report

Options

Tape applicator for applying double-sided adhesive mounting tape

Cutting knife with an adjustable depth to prevent sleeve damage while cutting tape





Demounter



Description

The **Demounter** is a machine designed to prevent damaging the printing plates. The Demounter efficiently removes the flexographic printing plates and mounting tape from sleeves, without any damage. A motor driven silicon roller generates friction to pull the printing plates and mounting tape off the printing sleeve or cylinder. The roller divides equal force along the entire width of the printing plate, as opposed to the edges, which protects the printing plates from any damage.





Advantages

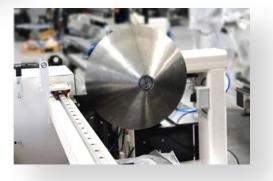
Reduces costs due to damaged printing plates allowing a quick return on investment

Saves time in prepress department

Easy to use and minimal force required

Rigid steel construction

Plug-and-play



Options

Pneumatic cones for applying tape

Cutting knife

Tape Applicator/Demounter



Description

The **TAD** (Tape Applicator/Demounter) offers safe, fast and consistent tape application, while it can also be used as a Demounter to safely demount flexo plates and tape from sleeves, without damaging them.

Features

Light and sturdy tape roller

Cutting knife with an adjustable depth to prevent sleeve damage while cutting tape

Motorized rubber roller, which distributes the force equally over the entire width of the sleeve

Teflon knife for detaching the plate from the sleeve easily and without damaging the plate





Advantages

Perfectly aligned tape without air bubbles

Minimal tape waste

Easy to use and minimal force required

Rigid steel construction

Prevents plate and sleeve damage



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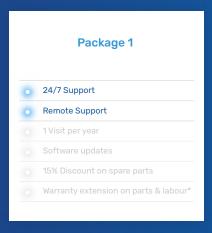


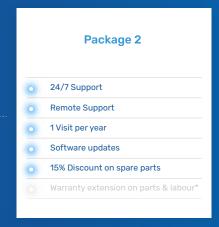
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