

Taylor Corporation Purchases Printware Platesetters

Since 1998 Taylor Corporation has installed numerous Printware PlateStreams which continue to be the backbone of their CTP production. The PlateStream images, punches, processes, dries and cuts plates to length with extraordinary accuracy and without waste. The PlateStream MicroPlate Platesetter was introduced May, 1998. It makes plates of less than 60 square inches, reducing waste by 50%. The unique product is targeted at social printing and similar applications which use small printing plates.

Taylor Group Vice President John T. Schmitt commented: "We selected Printware's equipment after a thorough search of printing technology alternatives and extensive real-world testing at one of our plants. We've been very impressed with the PlateStream's reliability, speed, and cost-effectiveness, and believe it is the best computer-to-plate system available for our needs."

Minimum plate size for the PlateStream MicroPlate is a remarkable 8.5 inches long by 7 inches wide. Maximum width is 13.4 inches. The machine includes an integrated pin-bar punch, automating all of the steps in small-format platemaking. Like all members of the PlateStream Platesetter line, it runs at an amazing two plates per minute and up to 2400 dots per inch (dpi), and has drum accuracy at a capstan price. It images 4-mil to 8-mil paper or polyester media, such as Mitsubishi Silver DigiPlate™.

Privately-held Taylor Corporation is based in North Mankato, Minn. Taylor companies print business cards, envelopes, greeting cards, business forms, stationery, graduation products, and labels.

Printware designs, builds, and markets "computer-to-plate" systems which are used by the printing industry to create printing plates directly from computer data. Computer-to-plate systems replace the traditional platemaking process of typesetting, paste-up, camera work, and processing film. Printware developed the world's first platesetter in 1988, and has shipped over 1,000 platesetters since. Printware has received the prestigious Graphic Arts Technology Foundation (GATF) InterTech Technology Award for Innovative Excellence, reserved for new products judged to have major industry impact.

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