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More on Heidelberg's saving plans What are the figures, and where will jobs get lost ?

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W2P: Is it hype or real? Some figures to give an answer

Prepress: How successful is the PDF Print engine and what's the story behind

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Chinese plate report available Regular Newsbox readers are already familiar with our series of reports on Asian (mostly Chinese) plate vendors. Now we have pulled them together into a 50-page report that is available in both German and English. Newsbox subscribers get a special reduced price.

Presstek finds niches in the UV-ink and label markets Presstek platesetters and plates have features that give them an advantage in certain markets. They've been well-received in label-printing markets, and Presstek's plates are especially well suited for printing with UV inks. We explain why.

OneVision at IFRA - and thoughts about the company's future OneVision is working on broadening its product portfolio. An example is the automated picture-processing tool, Amendo, which OneVision showed at IFRA. But will the company be able to survive the tough competition in its key markets?

Drupa follow-up: Mitsubishi and polyester plates As expected, Mitsubishi showed ECR-M's polyester platesetters at Drupa, as well as improved polyester plates. This technology is not getting the attention it deserves. There are about 10,000 printers using it world-wide (vs. 24,000 using CTP with metal plates).

The world of JDF JDF version 1.4 will be available shortly. Why isn't there more adoption among printers? A recent JDF conference in Stuttgart was well attended (but it was also free). Only 30 of the 160 participants were printers, and only one presentation (out of 9) was by a user. That says something about the state of JDF.

Miscellany The operating system that will follow Vista, CeWe's acquisition of diron, Vista-print's web-to-print patent, and other news items.

In the Issues ahead: Low-Cost InkjetCtP: Which systems will make it?

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A fresh look at Agfa's, Esko's, Fuji's, Heidelberg's and Kodak Workflows

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