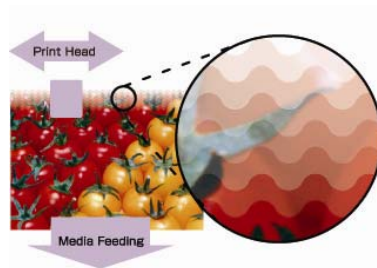


BUCKLE UP FOR A TRUE REVOLUTION ...

.... Mutoh's new "Intelligent Interweaving" printing technology for Rockhopper 3 & Spitfire 65/90 printers

Intelligent Interweaving ?

Whereas in "traditional" wide-format inkjet printers (Mutoh or not) ink is laid down on a substrate in a straight line, Mutoh's patent pending Intelligent Interweaving Technology (i^2 [pronunciation: I square / ae skwer]) will lay down the ink in a totally different way, e.g. in a "wave form" pattern.



Depending on the application or media used, Mutoh's new i^2 printing technique will vastly reduce or neutralize typical shortcomings inherently linked to inkjet printing, such as horizontal or vertical banding, missing or misfiring nozzles, step mismatch, ink mottle, etc...

Mutoh's i^2 technology will offer a twofold benefit :

- At first, the technology offers an overall better printing quality.
- Secondly, the feature boosts user-friendly operation, since the user hardly needs to spend time to fine-tune his printer to obtain top output quality.

Mutoh's i^2 technology for Rockhopper 3 & Spitfire 65/90 printers includes two weaving modes next to the already incorporated stitching mode. These weaving modes - "Sign/Quality" and "Picture/Speed" - are available on 720x720 dpi and (NEW) 540x720 dpi.

Whereas, 'Sign/Quality' should be used for signage and poster applications, containing big areas with solid colours, typography or critical gradients, the 'Picture/Speed' is a preferred setting for non-sign images, pictures & photographs.

New ! 540 dpi !

New 540 dpi productivity print modes for Rockhopper 3 and Spitfire 65/90:

The 540x720 variable dot print mode can be seen as a high speed production mode in the 720 dpi Drop Family & Variable Dot category. This is achieved by printing at a higher carriage speed and the same feed amount as in symmetric 720 variable dot. This new print mode is made available for 2 pass and 4 pass output.

Combined with the new i² technology, IMPECCABLE output quality can be reached for both sign and photo applications at 13-16 m²/h on uncoated vinyl !

Availability & Compatibility

The new intelligent interweaving printing technology and 540 dpi print modes will be on board of every **NEW** Rockhopper 3 Eco-Solvent Ultra / Spitfire 65/90 mild solvent printer as from Wednesday November 8th, 2006.

All installed-base Rockhopper 3 & Spitfire 65/90 printers will also be able to benefit from the new I² technology via a firmware upgrade.

Firmware version SX 3.01 - Release date : November 8th, 2006

The firmware SX 3.01 supporting both 540x720 dpi and the i² technology is compatible with Spitfire 65/90 & Rockhopper 3 engines of which the 4th character in the serial number is a **letter 'K'** or later: **SN xxxK-nnnnnn**.

This firmware will be released together with the Technical Information Bulletin TIB202 'SPFR 65-90 - RH 3_New firmware_sx3 01' on November 8th, 2006.

Firmware version SP 3.01 - Release date : November 8th, 2006

The firmware SP 3.01 supporting the i² technology is compatible with Spitfire 65/90 & Rockhopper 3 engines with an older serial number (4th character in the serial number is a letter 'J' or before: SN xxxJ-nnnnnn). This firmware will be released together with the Technical Information Bulletin TIB203 'SPFR 65-90 - RH 3_New firmware_sp3 01' on November 8th, 2006.

i² & 540 dpi: hints and tips

Technical Information Bulletin TIB202 'SPFR 65-90 - RH 3_New firmware_sx3 01', which will be released on November 8th, contains more information and user tips concerning speed gain of the new print mode, expanded media compatibility, profiling info, colour gamut and user comfort, as well as details how to install the new firmware.

Experience a new revolution in digital inkjet printing !

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