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*The UTECO NEXT 450 promises peak performance in gravure printing of flexible packaging for short and medium runs.*

## Major player enters the gravure market

Recently Uteco has launched their new gravure press Next 450, which was designed with the ambition to achieve the following objectives:

- Faster job change
- Reduced setup time through automated solutions
- Maximum efficiency drying system
- Simplify controls in a centralized location

### **Inking encapsulated**

The inking system is enclosed to eliminate emissions and ink misting in the printing area. The doctor blade is extremely rigid yet lightweight. Wide range of positioning controls (angle / point) of the doctor blade at all cylinder sizes.

### **Trolleys job change**

At the end of a job, the washed cylinders, are expelled and new ones relative to the next job inserted through a semi-automatic trolley system, with a significant reduction in job change time. NEXT 450 is designed to work with both integral and hollow shaft cylinders .

### **Efficient and noiseless ventilation/drying system**

NEXT 450 uses the Uteco ventilation system "CUBE" which provides compact design, low noise, and optimum energy efficiency

The drying capacity is achieved with hoods from 2.4 up to 10 meters length. They are characterized by air knives with brand new profile that improve the efficiency and uniformity of the air flow, and the laterally opening system allows total accessibility for cleaning / maintenance.

### **A centralized totally control area**

NEXT 450 features single location supervisory controls where all the machine settings can be accessed and maintained a touchscreen supervisory HMI concentrates in one location all all th eprocess controls for quality management.

### **Online-to press applications**

NEXT 450 can be customized with different in-line technologies such as in-line lamination, application of cold/hot glue , PVDC coating, digital print heads, laser die cutting units, and EB groups.

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