



Case Study

PREPAC® Zero: Eliminating Web-Break Risk
While Boosting Press Productivity

Company: Straubinger Tagblatt

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Water-Free Cleaning for Reliable, High-Performance Press Operations

Straubinger Tagblatt has strengthened the reliability and efficiency of its press operations by combining PREPAC Zero with Baldwin's preventive Annual Health Check. Installed on a KBA Commander CT, the solution eliminates water spraying during blanket cleaning while ensuring the wash system consistently performs at its best.

Background

In high-volume newspaper production, stability and uptime are critical. Traditional cleaning approaches that rely on spraying water can introduce risks such as web breaks, increased maintenance effort, and lost productivity. Straubinger Tagblatt set out to minimize these risks while relieving daily pressure on its press crews.

Why PREPAC® Zero?

PREPAC Zero is Baldwin's, pre-saturated cleaning cloth designed specifically to eliminate the need for spraying water during blanket cleaning. By removing this step entirely, PREPAC Zero significantly reduces operational risk and simplifies press maintenance.

On the KBA Commander CT, PREPAC Zero delivers clear advantages: there is no risk of web breaks caused by excess moisture, maintenance requirements are minimized, and press crews are freed up to focus on other productive tasks rather than routine upkeep. As a result, overall press productivity has increased.

Preventive Annual Health Check

To further secure long-term performance, Straubinger Tagblatt also relies on Baldwin's preventive Annual Health Check. This service ensures that the wash system is regularly inspected, adjusted, and maintained by Baldwin's experts. During these scheduled checks, the wash performance is reviewed with the press crew, the wash bars are inspected and adjusted in combination for spare part recommendations.

As a result, the wash system consistently operates at optimal performance, minimizing unexpected issues and extending system lifetime

Voice of the Customer

"Thanks to years of experience with the printing press, the value of PREPAC Zero is clear to the printing team at the Straubinger Tagblatt. I have worked on this printing press since it was commissioned in 2009. Since no additional water is needed for the automatic cleaning of the printing blankets, the risk of web breaks has been significantly reduced. Furthermore, PREPAC Zero has also considerably reduced maintenance requirements. PREPAC Zero thus minimizes both risk and maintenance and has therefore completely convinced us."

Pressroom Manager, Uli Bründl



Highlights

- Water-free blanket cleaning with PREPAC Zero
- No risk of web breaks caused by water spraying
- Significantly reduced maintenance effort for press crews
- Higher productivity as operators can focus on other tasks
- Consistently high wash system performance through preventive Annual Health Checks