

Topics of the month: Preview of “JGAS 2005”**=JGAS (JAPAN GRAPHIC ARTS SHOW) 2005=**

The “JGAS 2005” is the biggest exhibition, which relates to printing Industry, in Japan. The “JGAS 2005” will be hold by Japan Graphic Arts Suppliers Committee, under the theme “Added Value through Innovation”. Detailed schedule is as follows:

Date: October 4th to 8th, 2005

Place: Tokyo Big Sight (approx. 30minutes from Tokyo station)

=Preview of Asahi’s booth=

At booth 627 (East-Hall 6), we will exhibit water washable flexo plate with brilliant quality named "AWP". The AWP is available in conventional and digital, and both types will be shown. A newly developed processor for AWP will be also displayed.

Besides, direct laser engraving sleeve system "ADLESS", which have been a focus of worldwide attention as the system of next generation will be introduced.

For the existing products "AFP", various new grades will be also exhibited.



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=Introduction of new plate making system=

- 1) Asahi water washable plate “AWP” (Currently available for Japanese market only)

“AWP” has been developed as an ultimate response to the strong expectation of the Japanese market. This “Solvent Free” system would improve the plate making environment, and bring a higher productivity compared to the other solvent washable plate making systems. The product is also available with digital type, which realize excellent printing quality.

A new processor exclusively designed for “AWP” will be also exhibited.



Plate



Processor

- 2) Asahi Direct Laser Engraving Sleeve System “ADLESS” (Sample only)

We will exhibit “ADLESS” as a future technology of flexo printing. Using laser engraving technology, seamless polymer plate on will be produced by this system. This is also “Solvent Free”.



Sleeve

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=New AFP plates=

We will be happy to introduce our latest line of digital and conventional plates.

a) High durometer plates

Digital: DSH

Conventional: SH

The “Improved mechanical strength” and “Higher elasticity” features promote ease of plate making and longer, cleaner press runs. At the same time, high durometer contributes to obtaining excellent printing quality of highlight areas due to “Less Dot Gain”.

b) Midium durometer plates

Digital: DSF

Conventional: SF

The “High-Flexiblity” and “Midium-Durometer” features combine to produce superb ink coverage in solid areas and fine reproduction of highlight areas.

c) Low durometer plates

Digital: DSQ

Conventional: SQ

The “Ideal Shore Harness” and “Restoring Behavior” features achieve excellent printing quality, compensating the surface unevenness of the printing materials.

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