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Xitron Installs 5,000th SCREEN CTP Interface

Part of Navigator Elite workflow purchased by American Graphics

Ann Arbor, MI, USA March 16, 2020 – Xitron, the leading independent developer of Harlequin RIP® and workflow products for commercial, flexo, digital, and high-speed inkjet printing has now surpassed the 5,000-unit mark for its ubiquitous Screen "Blue Box." The interface is designed to allow virtually any RIP or workflow to drive PlateRite computer-to-plate (CTP) systems manufactured by SCREEN Graphic Solutions Co. Ltd. (SCREEN GA). This milestone is representative of Xitron's on-going efforts to lead the printing industry in prepress independence.

Through its extensive dealer network, Xitron has sold over 35,000 Harlequin RIPs, driving CTP devices from SCREEN, Agfa, Fujifilm, Kodak, Presstek (MarkAndy), and Heidelberg, among others. Xitron's SCREEN USB interface is estimated to be driving more than a quarter of the SCREEN PlateRite (PT-R) engines in production worldwide, either through a Navigator RIP - or Raster Blaster TIFF catcher when other workflows are in use. In the case of number 5,000, American Graphics in Lake Havasu City, Arizona replaced their aging Rampage system with the Xitron Navigator Elite workflow, directly driving the SCREEN PT-R.

"There's no question that the SCREEN CTP line has proven itself to our customer base over the last few years," said Karen Crews, president of Xitron. "Existing users tend to keep their SCREEN PT-Rs for a long time. Discovering they can upgrade to more productive, flexible, and economical workflow choices without having to buy a new CTP engine makes them very happy. Similarly, other customers are excited to learn that, through Xitron Raster Blaster technology, they can keep their existing workflows and buy new or used SCREEN engines for reliable plate output," she added.

Xitron drives all SCREEN thermal CTP engines that use the PIF, S-PIF, or F-PIF connector to supply raster data to the imager. This includes models re-branded as Acento and Avalon with Agfa, as well as

all the Fujifilm-branded Luxel "T-Series" imagers. Options are also available for driving engines using the Gigabit Ethernet interface - either through the EP-B101 Converter box developed by SCREEN - or connecting directly to the imager if so equipped.

"It's vitally important for SCREEN PT-R owners to know that choices are available when it comes time to consider capital purchases," summarized Ms. Crews. "It doesn't matter if the PlateRite platesetter is 20 years old or being considered for a brand new purchase; established and proven Xitron products can drive it."

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Xitron develops advanced workflow systems and interfaces to drive the prepress industry's most popular new, and legacy output devices, prolonging our customers' investments. In addition, Xitron's pressroom workflow solutions extend the functionality of press consoles from several industry-leading press manufacturers. Xitron's Navigator RIP, Raster Blaster TIFF Catcher, and Sierra Workflow solutions are recognized as prepress standards. Built around the Harlequin RIP core technology from Global Graphics and the Adobe PDF Print Engine from Adobe Systems, Xitron engineers continue to develop solutions for the graphic arts market, driving hundreds of different models of imagesetters, proofers, platesetters, inkjet printers, and digital presses. With shipments of more than 35,000 RIPs, Xitron is the largest independent Harlequin RIP developer in the market and is a subsidiary of Global Graphics, PLC.

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