

Tonejet brings direct-to-can digital printing to InPrint Munich 2017

October 16th 2017 – Responding to growing demands for greater flexibility for shorter-run, multi-version beverage packaging, <u>Tonejet</u>, the only manufacturer of advanced electrostatic drop-on-demand digital print engines, will put the spotlight on digital printing direct to the can at <u>InPrint</u> in Munich (14-16th November).

Tonejet's direct-to-can digital printer - Cyclone - with inbuilt Rockwell iTRAK transport system has been designed to remove the barriers associated with small batch canning and includes features and capabilities adapted to the requirements of today's print environment — a unique approach to beverage can production.

"We've chosen to launch Cyclone at InPrint as the show provides us with a great opportunity to discuss developments, changes and requirements within the industry" comments Marvin Foreman, Sales Manager at Tonejet. "We will demonstrate how Cyclone can revitalise production capabilities and create flexible run-length opportunities."

"This system brings a new level of competitiveness to beverage can production for short to medium runs as well as ultra-short runs" continues Foreman. "Built to accommodate any design at any run length, Tonejet's direct-to-can printing capabilities provides brands with an opportunity to manage special or one-off print runs and easily accommodate for events or festivals, social media campaigns and competitions or even limited-edition beverages. We recently worked with Anheuser-Busch InBev (AB InBev), the world's largest brewer, to produce customised cans for a large music festival they had sponsored."

Using Tonejet direct-to-can printing capabilities, AB InBev created 10,000 customised cans for <u>Tomorrowland</u> (20-23rd and 28-30th July), the world's biggest electronic dance music festival, bringing together some 400,000 visitors from around 200 countries.

Tonejet, working together with AB InBev, printed 15 different can designs featuring national flags across just 10,000 units. The cans were produced in the exact quantities required, without the minimum-order restrictions associated with traditional printing. The largest print run was 1400 cans, and the shortest was just 15 cans!

Unlike analogue processes, the low cost of digital can production means that specially brewed and branded products can be produced cost effectively and quickly and every single can could be produced with a different image if required.

Long lead times and minimum order requirements are eliminated, and as the system can print multiple jobs without stopping, product time-to-market is significantly decreased too. The cost per print is comparable to traditional can decorating processes and the digital offering means 'one is the new minimum'.

The Tonejet Cyclone, with integrated Rockwell Automation iTRAK transport system, will be on show throughout InPrint 2017 in hall A6 on stand 536, demonstrating the many advantages of direct to shape digital beverage can printing.

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Caption: Tonejet's Cyclone, on show at InPrint 2017, printed 15 different can designs across just 10,000 units for AB InBev at Tomorrowland.

About Tonejet:

Tonejet is a powerful digital print technology designed exclusively to meet these needs and is leading the way in digital printing innovation. The business is particularly proud of its ground-breaking electrostatic drop-on-demand print head, which can produce cost-effective, high-quality images at high speeds on virtually any type of substrate without the need for pre-coating.

Tonejet Limited is part of TTP Group, Europe's leading technology development and licensing company. This means the company is perfectly placed to offer unrivalled industry expertise, combining a professional service with superior products.

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