

Retrofit of Control System Makes The Pueblo Chieftain Fit for The Future

manroland web systems has recently concluded the successful second phase of retrofits and upgrades to the UNISSET press at The Pueblo Chieftain. This means a modernization of servers, drives, and unit controls to improve diagnostics, security, and performance what includes a range of hardware retrofits, as well as the addition of a new Automation Diagnostic Server (ADS) and a retrofit of the entire press network to Ethernet.

The retrofit of the controls at The Pueblo Chieftain will keep the equipment in operation with the latest technology available. "This retrofit is a way to make it possible for The Pueblo Chieftain's UNISSET press should continue to work at its best level of production for a long time to come," stated Bill Reiser, Service Consultant for manroland web systems, "They will see the benefits immediately, with the ability to use enhanced diagnostic tools, which can eliminate future downtime."

The advantages The Pueblo Chieftain will obtain by installing the Automation Diagnostic Server will allow press crews to have immediate access not only to the new control system themselves, but will provide them with a prompt connection to manroland web systems' experienced team of technical experts. With the ability ADS provides to view online documentation and wiring diagrams simultaneously, the press engineer and the manroland technician will be able to save time with the precise and clarified sharing of information.

The retrofit of the drive system, the section and folder unit controllers guarantee parts replacement and availability of the press for the future, eliminating any parts obsolescence issues. manroland web systems was chosen for this upgrade because of the company's ability to provide a phased approach to these upgrades and retrofits without a significant interruption to production. Additionally, the manroland web systems team was able to provide Project Management, technical excellence, and the logistical knowledge needed to implement the changeover.

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