

CASE STUDY Featuring:



tFLOW

Remove production bottlenecks and drive up yield with tFLOW®



Challenge

With 100-300 one-off units moving through their shop per day, Firehouse found itself being squeezed by increasingly tighter turn times. They sought a production automation solution that would allow them to get files to RIP in minutes instead of hours of hand work.

Tyler Koontz, Technology director in charge of automation explains, "I'm in charge of minimizing human touch points from file submission to cutting and pack-out. The goal was to get files through file prep more quickly and reduce labor costs for that department."

Solution

He reviewed several options and chose Aleyant tFLOW. "I like tFLOW's GUI interface and hot folders. Many of the other products on the market are hard to use visually, but the visibility into workflow with tFLOW sets it apart. A similar solution from Esko seemed clunky, hard to work

with and required a lot of education to use." Within the first 10 days, Tyler had created a solid master workflow that he could start applying to other product lines.

Results

Automation with tFLOW has gained Firehouse better yields and allowed the company to pare down from six FTEs in file production to 3.5. Tyler describes the tFLOW as being great for boards and banners, build and bleed, simple touch ups, color consistency - and

he is looking forward to a custom solution for pull pockets that will be created for Firehouse later this month. "I would definitely recommend tFLOW to others. Before we installed it, we hadn't realized the potential of our RIP software and cutting platform and how they could

all work together. Looking back now, I don't know how we got anything through the shop without it!"

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