

Certification According to "Process Standard Offset" (ISO 12647-2)

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bvdm/Fogra Certification

Common certification programme with bvdm since 3 years

- Demonstration of quality to the outside world
- Ensurance of smooth production internally
- Elimination of complaints

Certificate

- Issued by Fogra and bvdm
- Valid for two years

Certified companies

- Worldwide: approx. 250
- Germany: approx. 200



Certificate





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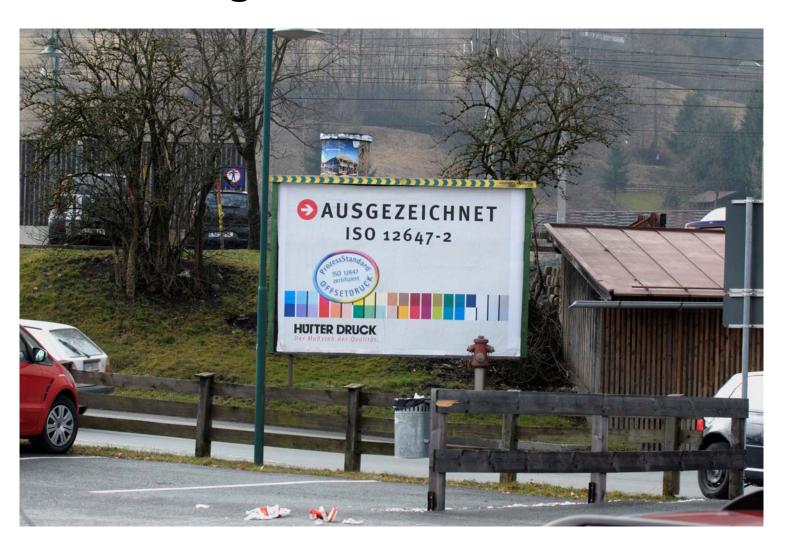


Seal of Approval





Advertizing ...





Application Proceedure

- Getting in contact with Fogra: gemeinhardt@fogra.org
- Filling-in of a questionaire
- Seminars or consultancy at site
- Fixing a day for the certification test
- Delivery of test formes and prepress assignments
- Test with Fogra employee at site
- Evaluation by Fogra and bvdm
- Issuance of the certificate / repeating the test
- Coarse intermediate test after one year



What is Tested?

Aim values and tolerances

- Process Standard Offset
- In accordance with ISO 12647

Quality controls

- Control strips, measuring devices ...
- Suitable strategies

Knowledge

- Entire workflow
- On every workplace



What can be certified?

Prepress

- Expert colour management
- Contract proof creation

Print

- Standardized platemaking
- Production printing
 - Sheet-fed offset printing
 - Heatset offset printing
 - Continuous forms printing
 - Newsprinting



Certification Test

- Test, no consultancy!
- Fogra employee must be at site
 - Sheet-fed or web machines: approx. 1 day
 - Sheet-fed and web machines: approx. 1 ½ days
- Introductory talk
 - Leading employees of participating departments
 - Workflow, equipment, quality controls ...
- Following the production process



Prepress

Colour management assignment

- Demonstration of solutions
- Profiled monitor with suitable viewing conditions

Scanner assignment

2 contract proofs

- Depending on paper type used for printing
- Simulation of PT 1/2 (PT 3) and PT 5

Equipment to be checked

- Preflight check tools
- D50 standard light
- Colour measurement devices



Platemaking

- Output of test forme
- Demonstration of quality checks
 - Digital plate wedge
 - Visual check / tone value measurements
 - Processor
- Tone value corrections in RIP
 - How to make test prints
 - Correction tables
- Assurance of suitable strategies



Print Run

- Only one paper chosen by print shop
 - Sheet-fed machines: PT 1/2
 - Web machines: PT 3 (PT 1/2)
- Print run
 - Sheet-fed machines
 - 5,000 impressions
 - One-sided
 - Web machines
 - 10,000 impressions
 - One- or two-sided
 - Only one side is evaluated (beforehand arrangement)



Evaluation

- Measurements by Fogra and bvdm
- OK sheets
 - Average of 3 samples
 - Parameters
 - Solid tone colours of primaries (secondaries informative)
 - Tone value increases, spread and tonal range
 - Register deviation
- Print run
 - 7 out of 10 samples must be within tolerances
 - Parameters
 - Solid tone colours of primaries
 - Tone value increase
 - Register deviation



Intermediate Test

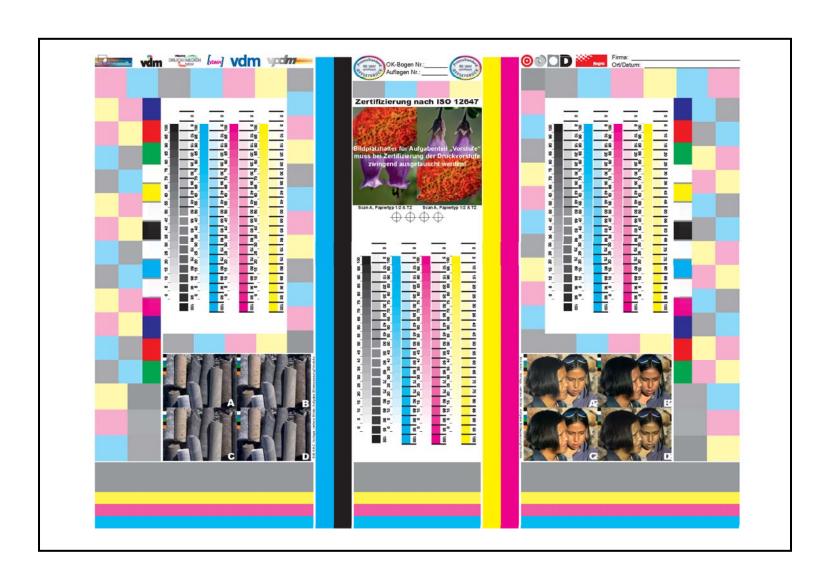
- After one year without reminder
- No presence at print shop necessary
- Documents to be sent to Fogra
 - 6 standardized printed samples with suitable print control strip (out of any print run)
 - 1 contract proof with media wedge (same paper type)

Coarse evaluation

- Solid tones and tone value increse
- Media edge
- No measuring report



Test Forme for Sheet-fed Machines





Test Pages for Web Machines



