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TIFF Assembler Plus

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Introduction

We are pleased to send you the TIFF Assembler Plus software. These release notes highlight the available features of TIFF Assembler Plus software. Where appropriate, they refer you to the TIFF Assembler Plus help for more information. Changes made after the help was published are described in detail in these release notes.

What Is in These Release Notes

The release notes include the following sections:

About TIFF Assembler Plus—describes menu commands, options, windows, or dialog boxes in TIFF Assembler Plus software.

Installing TIFF Assembler Plus—describes how to install TIFF Assembler Plus.

Activating TIFF Assembler Plus—describes how to activate TIFF Assembler Plus.

Known Problems—lists problems that are not yet resolved.

About TIFF Assembler Plus

TIFF Assembler Plus is an assembly software that provides efficient tools for the arrangement of 1-bit TIFF files on a layout for plate making and film imaging. It lets you design a layout, position multiple separations (TIFF files) on the layout, and arrange them automatically or manually. Working with TIFF Assembler Plus saves time, increases productivity and minimizes plate/media waste.

You simply drag separations onto a layout of the plate and either place them manually or allow the software to arrange them. TIFF Assembler Plus provides you with the option to enable file rotation or restrict file rotation. You may want to force all separations for a given job to the same orientation relative to the grain of the plate. TIFF Assembler Plus enables you to do that.

TIFF Assembler Plus enables you to mix 1-bit TIFF files with different compression formats on the same layout. You can include a LEN file in the layout as well. As soon as you open a LEN file in TIFF Assembler Plus or add it to a layout, the LEN file is automatically translated into a TIFF file. Any image on the layout can be manipulated using tools such as rotate, and crop.

TIFF Assembler Plus also allows you to preview original image TIFF files and their properties. You can view single TIFF files or a composite image made of several TIFF files that represent the color separations of this image.

Using TIFF Assembler Plus, you can import any image in a standard file format (such as 1-bit TIFF G4 compressed, packbits compressed, LZW compressed and uncompressed formats), for placement on the layout. You can drag image files from Windows Explorer directly to the layout. You can also drag image files for preview of a single separation or a composite image.

TIFF Assembler Plus main benefits:

- Improved preview capabilities that enable you to control TIFF quality
- Cropping tools (including a polygonal crop)
- Time-saving and increased productivity
- Minimized plate waste
- Automatic rescaling to fit layout resolution
- LEN file support
- Step-and-repeat functionally
- Ability to add marks
- Integration with ThermoFlex TIFF FE software
- A new online help system that you can access by clicking the Help  icon on the main toolbar.

Installing TIFF Assembler Plus

TIFF Assembler Plus software is supplied with the ThermoFlex TIFF FE software in both the ThermoFlex Mid/Narrow and ThermoFlex Wide configurations.

When you install ThermoFlex TIFF FE software, the HASP driver of the TIFF Assembler Plus software is installed automatically.

To operate TIFF Assembler plus you must use the dongle supplied with the ThermoFlex TIFF FE kit.



For information about installing ThermoFlex TIFF FE software, see the ThermoFlex TIFF FE Installation guide, 731-00324A-EN Rev A. You can find this guide in http://techplanet.creo.com/output/device_connectivity/xpo/content/docs/Flex_TIFF_FE_Install.pdf



Note: If you have the TIFF Assembler software installed on your computer, you do not have to remove it to install TIFF Assembler Plus. Both applications can reside on the same computer.

Activating TIFF Assembler Plus

TIFF Assembler Plus software is activated from within the ThermoFlex TIFF FE software.

To activate TIFF Assembler Plus software:

- From the ThermoFlex TIFF FE palette, click the **TIFF Assembler Plus**  icon.

Known Problems

This section lists known problems in TIFF Assembler Plus software. When a problem listed here is resolved, the solution is described in the *Problems Fixed* section of the release notes for the next version of TIFF Assembler Plus software.

- You cannot view a file whose name contains Japanese characters.
- Sometimes, TIFF Assembler Plus does not recognize the separation color of a third-party TIFF file and displays it in black.