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New Materials & New Cutter Approved for the Gerber SOLARA™ UV2 Hybrid Inkjet Printer

SOUTH WINDSOR, Conn.- Gerber Scientific Products, Inc. has announced a host of new materials that have been profiled, tested and approved for use with the Gerber SOLARA UV2 hybrid ink jet printer. Working hand-in-hand with Laminators Inc. of Hatfield, PA, Gerber has profiled some of their most popular rigid substrates used for sign and specialty graphics applications. In addition, Gerber has tested and recommends the FSC cutter from Fletcher-Terry of Farmington, CT as fast, accurate and economical method of cutting most of these rigid materials. The list of approved materials from Laminators Inc. for printing on the Gerber SOLARA includes the following:

Omega-Bond is a solid core, 3mm aluminum composite panel with a solid polyethylene core that is extremely flat, moisture resistant and light weight. Its factory-baked, polyester paint surface is ready for UV inks or vinyl letters and comes in five colors: White/White, Black/Silver, or Yellow/Red.

OMEGA SignBoard® is a single-sided sign panel constructed of a premium grade, rigid, exterior furniture-grade plywood core and a smooth vinyl surface. These panels are impact resistant and formulated with high performance UV inhibitors to reduce the fading effect of the sun. OMEGA SignBoard is lighter and stronger than MDO and does not require time consuming and costly painting.

Alumalite™ is a strong, aluminum composite panel with a high density, corrugated polyallomer (CPA) core that will not swell, corrode, or delaminate even under prolonged water exposure. Alumalite has factory baked, acrylic-painted aluminum faces with a high gloss brilliance that is perfect for UV inks or vinyl graphics. Alumalite weighs just 24 lbs. however; it is over 50 times stronger for a comparable sheet of 0.40 sheet metal. When properly installed it has an average outdoor life expectancy of 10 years.

“We chose to work with Laminators Inc because of their outstanding reputation for high quality materials,” explained Sean Childs, product manager at Gerber Scientific Products. “We continue to profile and approve materials that we feel can consistently meet our standards for quality. Laminators Inc., with 40 years of experience in the production of metal, plastic, foam or wood panels is such a vendor.” Childs continued, “They have an excellent reputation in the industry so we are excited to endorse the use of their products with the SOLARA UV2 hybrid inkjet printer.”

“We were pleased to work with Gerber and are confident that our products will perform exceptionally well when used with the SOLARA printer,” commented John Simon, vice president of sales and marketing for Laminators Inc. “Our products are manufactured to strict standards that result in consistent surface quality and exceptional flatness typically required by flatbed digital printers.”

The Gerber SOLARA UV2 has developed an excellent reputation in the graphics industry as the most affordable, versatile and capable hybrid ink jet printer. The SOLARA UV2 can print on roll materials or rigid substrates up to 1/2" (13mm) thick and up to 60"(152cm) wide. Its custom-formulated UV-cured inks create brilliant, full-color outdoor durable graphics and the unique CMYKVG inkset allows the SOLARA to achieve a color gamut up to 50% greater than competitive systems.

“The combination of the SOLARA UV inks and outdoor materials from Laminators Inc. ensures that our printed graphics are both beautiful and long-lasting,” said Childs. “Our customers can choose one of these Laminators Inc. products and using these material-specific profiles, confidently produce jobs that have brilliant, accurate colors and extended durability.”

Gerber recognizes that rigid materials may require specialized equipment to cut them, especially in shops that do not have a Gerber Sabre™ router. “We worked with Fletcher-Terry based in Farmington, CT to recommend a cutter for the rigid substrates from Laminators Inc.,” explained Childs. “Fletcher-Terry has been very helpful in assisting us in selecting the best, most affordable cutter to recommend to our customers.”

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Fletcher-Terry, a 138 year old company with over 50 years experience in cutting machines suggested the FSC (Fletcher Substrate Cutter). The FSC is an affordable finishing solution designed specifically for the signmaking business. It provides clean, straight, accurate and debris-free cuts on many rigid materials up to 1/2" (13mm) thick.

“When Gerber approached us for a solution to cutting rigid graphics, we immediately suggested the FSC,” said Tim Croker of Fletcher-Terry. “The FSC will never come out of square and has an innovative material clamp which supplies even and secure clamping force on rigid and soft substrates of varying thicknesses. This clamp locks in place, enabling angled cuts and eliminating movement of the material during the cut.” Croker continued, “Fletcher’s advanced cutting tool technology allows the FSC to provide hundreds of debris-free cuts in a wide variety of materials, including aluminum, with flawless performance. It is the perfect finishing solution for a busy sign shop which digitally prints on many different materials.”

If you would like a more information on materials for Laminators Inc, the FSC cutter from Fletcher-Terry or the Gerber SOLARA UV2 printer, visit the following respective websites:
www.LaminatorsInc.com, www.fletcher-terry.com, or www.gspinc.com.

About Gerber Scientific Products

Gerber Scientific Products is a leader in the development and manufacture of computerized sign making and specialty graphics systems, software, materials, and accessories. The company’s start-to-finish digital design, printing and production products integrate via its unique Match Technology System™ to provide customers with comprehensive engineered solutions for every color printing and dimensional signage need. Based in South Windsor, Conn., Gerber Scientific Products operates as a business unit of Gerber Scientific, Inc.

Gerber Scientific is a leading international supplier of sophisticated automated manufacturing systems for sign making and specialty graphics, apparel and flexible materials, and ophthalmic lens processing. Headquartered in South Windsor, Connecticut, the company operates through four businesses: Gerber Scientific Products and Spandex Ltd., Gerber Technology, and Gerber Coburn.

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