3 Basic Tips for Bindery Equipment Operators

Sometimes the simplest techniques are the most helpful... and appreciated! Here are 3 bindery classics that can eliminate common problems and reduce troubleshooting time.

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Tip for Centering a Rotary Crease on Your Bindery Equipment



There are several factors which affect the quality and performance of a crease. These include the rule width (male component), the depth of crease, the width of the female channel, and the 'critical distance' (the distance from the side of the male rule to the edge of the female channel.)

If the critical distance is not equal on both sides, the crease quality suffers. In other words if the crease is slightly off-center, you won't get the best possible crease, resulting in possible

fiber cracking or tearing of the folded paper.

Here is a simple, classic technique to ensure that your rotary creasing device is perfectly centered. The video demo illustrates this bindery tip using an EZ-Fit Tri-Creaser, but the concept works with any rotary scoring tool.

One important requirement: your tools must move freely on the shafts, responding to a light finger pressure. So be sure the shafts are clean and free of burrs. This is a good practice whether you are running folding machines, scoring machines, or cover feeders on saddle stitchers or perfect binders.

Many versions of the Tri-Creaser automatically center themselves, so if you have a female component without an allen screw, you don't have to worry about this step.

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Micro Perforating Tip for Bindery and Finishing Equipment



Micro Perforating on Folding Machines, Scoring Machines and Perforating machines can be trouble-some if your operators don't include this little-known technique as part of their setup procedure. Discover how to get flatter, more consistent micro perforations on all types of bindery and finishing equipment.

This technique also helps with registration problems and is critical to getting top-notch results if you run kiss-cut (cut score) jobs on any type of bindery equipment.

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Bindery Equipment Tip How to Replace Allen Screws



Bindery equipment often has to be serviced or adjusted in hard-to-reach spots. The lowly allen screw is one item that can give an operator fits when removing or replacing. Quite often the allen is dropped into an impossible-to-reach spot...repeatedly.

Folding machines, scoring or perforating machines, saddle stitchers and perfect binders all have lots of constant vibration when running. So screws work their way loose and fall out.

Or over time, the heads of the allen screws get rounded out from repeated tightening and loosening, so they need to be replaced. Whatever the reason, those hard-to-reach spots sometimes need to be reached.

This video shows a quick tip to make this frustrating task easy and fast, and works well whether you are taking the screw out or putting it in.

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