

TROUBLESHOOTING FOR SHEETFED AND WEB PRESSES

MOTTLING : Print appears to be blotchy and uneven.

CAUSES

1. Improper packing.
2. Improper impression.
3. Paper absorbs ink unevenly. Often caused by different fibres that absorb ink differently, being mixed together to make the paper. This can be seen when the stock is held up to a light.
4. Poor quality or uncalibrated packing sheets under blanket.
5. Poor quality blanket.

REMEDIES

1. Pack cylinder to manufacturer's specs.
2. Adjust impression.
3. Consult the paper supplier and use a better paper.
4. Change to good quality, calibrated packing sheets. Do not use ordinary paper under the blanket.
5. Check the fabric on the back of the blanket for mottle. Change to a better blanket.

