

TROUBLESHOOTING FOR SHEETFED AND WEB PRESSES

PICKING: Lifting of the coating from coated stocks onto blankets, plates or rollers.

CAUSES

1. Paper surface trash, coating dust, slitter or trimmer dust.
2. Base stock picks.
3. Pressure set too high for ink/stock combination being used.
4. Blanket too tacky.
5. Ink too tacky.

REMEDIES

1. Make tape pulls from blankets. Consult paper manufacturer.
2. If serious, reject paper. Change to more lint-resistant or pick-resistant stock.
3. Reduce impression pressure. Re-pack to manufacturer's specs.
4. Use blanket hardener. Change to less tacky, quicker-release blanket.
5. Reduce tack of ink. Consult ink manufacturer.

