

# CDI Spark 4260 Auto

## Technical specifications



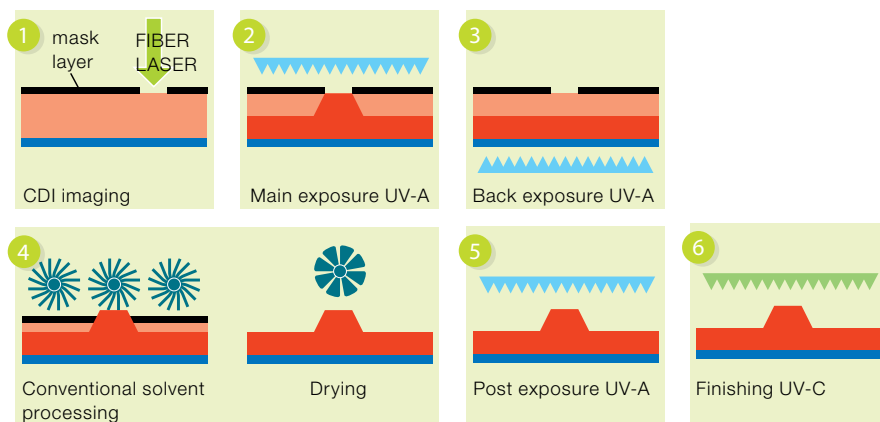
The CDI is the first and most used laser imager for direct exposure on flexo plates. As a GATF and FTA award winner, it represents a great leap forward in digital flexography.

CDI plates offer quality and printing stability that has so far only been achievable in offset or gravure. This provides business expansion from converting offset and gravure jobs to flexo. The CDI Spark 4260 Auto addresses the highest quality flexo applications, primarily in the flexible packaging and folding carton markets, with inroads also in corrugated.

The CDI Spark 4260 Auto is built for fully-automated plate loading, imaging and unloading. It is a real plate-making factory with a significant increase in productivity for flexible packaging trade shops as well as high volume converters.

Four productivity levels are available for the CDI 4260: Optics 15 (1.5 m<sup>2</sup> per hour), Optics 25 (2.5 m<sup>2</sup> per hour), Optics 40 (4 m<sup>2</sup> per hour) and Optics 80 (8 m<sup>2</sup> per hour). The CDI 4260 with Optics 80 addresses the highest throughput, flexibility and reliability needs. In just 12 minutes, it images a full size 42" x 60" / 1067 mm x 1524 mm plate of arbitrary thickness. The CDI Spark 4260 comes with EasyClamp for fast and most convenient plate loading on the vacuum drum.

### Imaging digital flexo plates on the CDI



The digital flexo plate has a mask layer – sensitized to the CDI's laser light – on top of its surface. After imaging, this mask takes the function of the traditional film negative. Through the integration of the image carrier, a digital flexo plate has sharper image definition and steeper relief shoulders than conventional plates produced with film. Image deterioration by UV light absorption and scattering in the traditional contacting through vacuum sheet and film is totally eliminated.

The CDI technology provides a major breakthrough in enhanced output quality and consistency, with reduced overall process cost.

### Type of imager

- External drum design
- Drum 4260 with EasyClamp:  
max. plate format 42" x 60" /  
1067 mm x 1524 mm or smaller
- Cast granite machine base
- High power Fiber Laser source,  
Class 1 laser

### Image quality

- Screen rulings: up to 250 lpi,  
depending on imaging resolution
- Halftone 1-99%
- Standard Optics: fully variable  
from 2000 to 2540 ppi on job-to-  
job base
- HighRes Optics: fully variable  
from 2540 to 4000 ppi on job-to-  
job base (for Optics 15 to Optics  
40)

### Engine control

Grapholas® on Intel PC with Windows XP.

The input file format is LEN or TIFF, compatible with all CDI family members.

### Plates

- All digital photopolymer plates or  
ablative film
- Usable plate thickness: 0.030" to  
0.255" / 0.76 mm to 6.35 mm
- Sizes: 42" x 60" /  
1067 mm x 1524 mm (or smaller)

### Machine dimensions

- Width: 122.0" / 3100 mm
- Depth: 113.8" / 2890 mm
- Height: 45.7" / 1160 mm
- Weight: 5500 lb / 2500 kg

### Installation requirements

- Separate vacuum and exhaust  
system included
- External compressed air device  
supplied with the system
- No external water cooling is  
required
- Electrical:
  - 230V/N/PE, 50/60 Hz, 2.9 kVA  
(imager)
  - 230V/N/PE, 50/60 Hz, 1.2 kVA  
(exhaust unit)
  - 230 V/N/PE, 50/60 Hz,  
0.75 kVA (air compressor)

### Productivity

Imaging times for digital flexo plates (format 42" x 60" / 1067 mm x 1524 mm) at 2540 ppi.  
Productivity can differ due to media and job conditions.

	Optics 15 (1.5m <sup>2</sup> /h)	Optics 25 (2.5m <sup>2</sup> /h)	Optics 40 (4m <sup>2</sup> /h)	Optics 80 (8m <sup>2</sup> /h)
Imaging time	64 min.	38 min.	24 min.	12 min.