Introduction

For over 100 years, Paragon Group, the leader in the European printing market, has been involved in many global identification applications. Paragon Identification is a key player in the ‘access control’ market, with customers including major transport operators such as RATP (Autonomous Operator of Parisian Transports), that use magnetic stripe tickets or RFID contact-less tickets.

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Fast facts

- Long-standing customer of Domino
- Argent Sur Sauldre site - over 10,000 m² and 230 people
- 25 A400CP inkjet printers dedicated to ticket numbering
- 2 K600i monochrome printers for printing high-definition QR codes and variable data
Paragon Identification, which has its head office and main production site in Argent Sur Sauldre in the Cher region of France, serves over 5,000 customers in more than 50 countries and achieves an annual turnover of €80 million from providing technical and digital traceability, ‘access control’ and promotional marketing solutions.

Paragon Identification is always seeking innovative solutions to stay one step ahead of its customers’ needs and therefore started to look for a solution capable of printing high-definition variable data at high speeds.

François Gauthier, Director of Paragon Identification, says: “We wanted to give our customers the option of customising every ticket and adding logos or advertisements, which wasn’t possible with conventional printing equipment.”

To meet Paragon Identification’s requirements, the solution had to be easy to use and enable very simple job changes. The system also needed to be capable of printing high-resolution images and QR codes at high speeds; finally, it had to be easy to integrate into the existing production line.

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The high-quality, defect-free printing of images obtained with the i-Tech StitchLink micro-motor print head alignment control function also won over the team at Paragon Identification.

The K600i has been in operation for a few months now and its i-Tech ActiFlow feature, which ensures continuous ink circulation in the print head, is greatly appreciated; the printer is always operational with no blocked nozzles.

The operators are also delighted with the investment. “The K600i prints up to 150 m/min with a resolution of 600 dpi and is easy to operate using the Editor™GT controller. What’s more, the i-Tech CleanCap feature means that the K600i is cleaned simply and automatically, with no need for daily cleaning” adds Christophe Chirat, operator of line 153.

François Gauthier concludes, “Our partnership with Domino dates back more than 15 years, which is a testament to our satisfaction. We have also very recently purchased a second 108mm K600i UV printer for customising cinema cards, and the investment doesn’t stop there, as we have just opened a workshop dedicated to RFID.”