



Web Cleaning & Static Control

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<http://www.amstat.com>
- On the Internet, use www.google.com. "static eliminators"

Active devices should be placed at the unwinds and rewinds, as well as at each nip point on press. When material passes through a nip, a static charge is generated.

Ionized Air Blowers

Ion blowers are recommended for products, like label sheets, that may require post-press antistatic treatment. Commercial blowers are available but the fans may be too strong for the sheets. Work with your supplier to get the appropriate equipment.

Many handheld hair driers on the market today have ion generators that will dissipate static charges. This can provide a low cost, short-term alternative.

Anti-Static Sprays

Anti-static sprays and coatings have also been used to control and dissipate static charges.

- On the Internet, use www.google.com, "anti-static spray" for commercial products
- Home products such as Static Guard can work as anti-static spray.
- A homemade anti-static spray can be made by combining 1/4 cup fabric softener, 1/4 cup ammonia and 2 cups of water.

Use caution with anti-static sprays and dryer sheets so they do not contaminate the finished labels. For instance, labels that will be imprinted, including laser and inkjet printer labels, must not be contaminated with a static spray.

In summary, clean your equipment throughout the process, clean the material, remove any static, and if needed, employ more aggressive web cleaning immediately before critical press operations.

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