

## Editorial Programme 2026 (as of February 2, 2026)

### 1-2026 (February)

**Publication date:**  
5.02.2026

**Editorial deadline:**  
13.01.2026

**Advertising closing:**  
20.01.2026

- **Packaging in transition – How new conditions change everything**
  - Consistent print quality through digitisation (inspection and control systems, measuring instruments, proofing, print release process, software solutions)
  - Artificial Intelligence (AI), networking and automation in prepress, printing forme production and print production
  - Intelligent logistics in the printing periphery (cleaning systems, ink disposal, ink kitchen, storage systems)
  - Retrofit / maintenance / support of package printing machines (flexo, gravure, offset and digital printing)
  - Product protection and security: How sophisticated packaging protects against counterfeiting and product piracy

Special Section Wellpappe, Faltschachteln & Papier

#### ■ Special Wellpappe, Faltschachteln & Papier (Corrugated Board, Folding Boxes & Paper) n° 1/2026

- Production of flexible packaging from fiber-bound substrates with defined barrier properties
- Modern folding box production in sheet-fed offset, flexo, gravure, and digital printing
- Postprint and preprint in corrugated board printing (digital and analogue printing machines)
- Die-cutting technology and die-cutting tools (laser die-cutter, flatbed die-cutter, rotary die-cutter)
- Applying barrier coatings without pinholes: Is this possible?

### 2-2026 (March)

**Publication date:**  
19.03.2026

**Editorial deadline:**  
24.02.2026

**Advertising closing:**  
3.03.2026

- Printing machines in packaging production: Integration into digital production processes
- New ways in printing forme production (flexo, offset and gravure printing)
- Sustainable printing inks and varnishes (ink systems, ink dosing, colour measurement, residual ink management)
- Efficient interaction of the components in the printing unit / application system (printing forme, anilox roller / sleeve, doctor blade, chamber doctor blade, ink supply, ink / water balance)

#### ■ Special Packaging Films & Converting (n° 1/2026)

- Film technology: Extrusion, pre-treatment, lamination, stretching
- Coating (priming, varnishing, metallizing)
- Haptic finishing: Embossing and high varnish applications
- Winding and splicing correctly: Splicing tapes, winding shafts, winders
- Hot and cold foil stamping

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### 3-2026 (May)

**Publication date:**  
30.04.2026

**Editorial deadline:**  
7.04.2026

**Advertising closing:**  
14.04.2026

- **Interpack highlights: Preview and new products**
  - Package printing machines (offset, gravure, flexo) and converting systems
  - Anilox and coating rollers: Transfer defined amounts of ink and varnish
  - Optimisation potential in prepress and forme production (automation, digitisation, AI and algorithms)
  - Resource-saving production of flexo and offset plates as well as gravure formes and embossing rollers
  - Consistent print quality: Inspection systems, electrostatics and surface cleaning in printing and converting

#### ■ Special Digital Printing today (n° 1/2026)

- Inkjet printing on films and fiber-based printing materials
- Print preparation: Data handling, print heads, colour management
- Colour accuracy / quality assurance in digital printing
- Digital converting (including laser die-cutting, priming and varnish application)

Special Section Digital Printing today

### Important Industry Events

23rd Inno Meeting: „Flexpack 2030“, Osnabrueck / DE:  
24.-25.02.2026

LOPEC, Munich / DE:  
25.-26.02.2026



Interpack, Dusseldorf / DE:  
7.-13.05.2026



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### 4-2026 (July)

**Publication date:**  
15.07.2026

**Editorial deadline:**  
22.06.2026

**Advertising closing:**  
29.06.2026

- Digital and conventional in combination: Hybrid printing machine concepts for different packaging solutions
- Retrofit / maintenance / support of printing machines, die-cutters, embossing / coating machines, slitter rewinders
- Digital colour communication and colour management in package printing
- Standardisation and quality assurance in the package printing process (digitisation and automation)
- Sleeves and adapter sleeves for high-speed flexographic printing
- Plate mounting in flexographic printing (plate adhesive tapes, self-adhesive mounting sleeves, automatic mounting devices, integration into the printing workflow)

Special Section Wellpappe, Faltschachteln & Papier

#### ■ Special Wellpappe, Faltschachteln & Papier (Corrugated Board, Folding Boxes & Paper) n° 2/2026

- Sustainable printing and finishing of corrugated board and folding boxes - the challenges
- Inline and offline die-cutting of corrugated board, cardboard and folding boxes (machines and tools)
- Logistics in corrugated cardboard and folding box production: Palletising and robot systems
- Printing and converting of flexible paper packaging
- Which paper quality for which flexible packaging?

### 5-2026 (September)

**Publication date:**  
22.09.2026

**Editorial deadline:**  
27.08.2026

**Advertising closing:**  
3.09.2026

- Fully automated offset plate production in package printing
- Tailor-made flexo and gravure formes for flexible packaging, corrugated board, folding boxes and container printing
- Screening of flexographic printing plates for difficult substrates
- No more proofing? Digital inspection of chrome-plated gravure printing formes: Is that possible?
- The right doctor blade for printing applications and coatings

#### ■ Special Packaging Films & Converting (n° 2/2026)

- Blow extrusion, extrusion coating and coating machines
- Slitter rewinders: Assembly of sensitive, finished packaging substrates
- Coating processes: Advantages and disadvantages, areas of application, coating systems
- Sustainable lamination (adhesives, application systems, drying)

Special Section Packaging Films & Converting

### 6-2026 (November)

**Publication date:**  
12.11.2026

**Editorial deadline:**  
20.10.2026

**Advertising closing:**  
27.10.2026

- Prepress flexo, offset and gravure printing (colour management, software, proofing, fixed colour palette, workflow)
- Inks and varnishes for sustainable package printing - new formulations
- Finishing in package printing (effect colours, varnishing, embossed foil printing)
- Drying / curing of inks and varnishes
- Anilox and coating rollers: Defined transfer of large quantities of (barrier) varnish
- Printing peripherals: Ink kitchen, washing machines, distillation systems, storage and logistics systems

#### ■ Special Digital Printing today (n° 2/2026)

- Digital printing: Absorbent and non-absorbent packaging substrates and rigid packaging (container printing)
- Quality assurance in digital printing: Measuring and specifying
- Practice-tested business concepts with digital printing
- Integration of digital printing into existing production environments

Special Section Digital Printing today

### Important Industry Events

Loupe Americas,  
Chicago, IL / USA:  
15.-17.09.2026



GRA International Gravure Days,  
Munich / DE:  
7.-9.10.2026



DFTA Technical Conference, ???:  
4.-5.11.2026



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