

# Second Time Around

Used Equipment in the spotlight



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# THE KASFOLD BOOKLETMAKER

Designed in 1986 by KAS Paper Systems and in continuous production since then, the all British Kasfold bookletmaker range has been a true British success story.

## The Kasfold is a one person bindery system

In 1989 Ashgate Automation Ltd was appointed as the sole UK distributor for the Kasfold range and to date over 1500 Kasfolds have been installed the UK. Kasfolds are in use nationwide in printers, high street copy shops, inplants, schools and colleges. The machine is a one person bindery system capable of producing short-run professionally stapled, folded and fore-edge trimmed booklets in a fraction of the time it takes to produce them by hand.

Once sold as an entry level smaller jobbing printers bookletmaker, over the years KAS and Ashgate have taken the product through many design changes to the current specification, Kasfold Sprint 3000 bookletmaker with optional on-line trimmer, which today satisfies the critical demands of both digital and litho printers.

### Digital influence

Digital print produces high quality output, usually in page sequence

avoiding the need for collation. The hand-fed Kasfold turns this collated print into quality finished booklets at around 1000 booklets per hour. It is equally at home on very short runs, sometimes of as little as 10-20 books at a time. Also, changeover between different sheet sizes on the Kasfold can be made in seconds with minimal set-up waste, which is ideal for digital runs.

Recent developments allow work from ink and toner based printers to be handled without marking. The Sprint 3000 model is supplied with heavy-duty 44 gauge staple heads, which can be set to 80mm and 140mm centres, so that A6, A5 and A4 finished size booklets can be produced. The staples on the Sprint 3000 are professionally flat-clenched and the book is folded using a high speed fold knife system to eliminate marking. The optional on-line trimmer attachment finishes the job, with each booklet being clamped flat before trimming. A new Kasfold Sprint 3000 is priced at £3395 + Vat and the Trimmer at £3995 + Vat.

### Refurbished Kasfolds

With over 1500 UK installations, many older Kasfolds are taken back by Ashgate for full refurbishment before being resold back into the print market, where they are expected to perform for another 10 or more years. The simplicity and build quality of the machine allows many owners to maintain them themselves, with only the occasional need for advice and spare parts, keeping servicing costs to a minimum. A refurbished Kasfold would typically cost around £2200 + Vat with a full parts and labour warranty.

To view a selection of used Kasfolds visit the used machine page at [www.ashgate.co.uk](http://www.ashgate.co.uk) or call Ashgate on 0800 169 7521 for further information.



*The Kasfold Sprint 3000 and trimmer installed at Kelleway Media in Worthing*