

Title (en)

Apparatus and method for printing and/or electronically scanning dual face surfaces of a sheet/mailpiece

Title (de)

Vorrichtung und Verfahren zum Drucken und/oder elektronischen Scannen von doppelseitigen Oberflächen eines Blattes/einer Postsendung

Title (fr)

Appareil et procédé d'impression et/ou de balayage électronique de surfaces à double face d'une feuille/pli postal

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Abstract (en)

A sheet handling apparatus (10) for conveying sheet material/mailpieces along a feed path (FP) which facilitates access to the dual face surfaces thereof for the purpose of printing, and/or scanning information contained, thereon. The sheet handling apparatus (10) includes first and second conveyor modules (12, 14) each having a conveyor surface (12C, 14C), a portion of which is disposed in opposing, face-to-face relation with a portion of the other conveyor surface. Furthermore, the conveyor surfaces (12C, 14C) cooperate with a means (16) for developing a pressure differential across the conveyor surfaces to hold the sheet material on the conveyor surfaces and transfer the sheet material across the modules during transport. A processor (20) controls the pressure differential means (16) such that the sheet material is held against the conveyor surfaces (12C, 14C) by a negative pressure differential developed across the conveyor surface and transferred from one conveyor surface (12C) to the other (14C) by controlling the pressure differential of both modules when the sheet material is interposed between the face-to-face interface (FF). The remaining end portions of each conveyor surface are oppositely disposed and openly accessible to perform other sheet material processes. For example, the sheet material may be scanned along or printed on each face surface.

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