

Star*Key Software Releases New Version 8.0 of Print Estimating Software, Presstimator

Brea, California - September, 2020 - Star*Key Software, creator of the estimating software program for web offset printers, the Presstimator, has released an update to its standalone estimating application. Here are some highlights of the new features:

- **Scheduling:** Send job information from a Presstimator Quote directly to the Scheduler for prepress, plates, proofing, press, inserting, bindery, finishing and mailing processes. The Presstimator automatically calculates the amount of time required for each process in a job and estimated times directly are sent to the Scheduler. Several views of the scheduled events are available: Month, Week, Work Week, Day, Timeline, Agenda, Gantt, Grouped by Resource and each has full Reporting capabilities.
- **Inventory:** The Presstimator can track inventory in Shop Settings. Increase your inventory on hand with the adjustment field when receiving shipments from vendors. The Presstimator will automatically deduct used materials from the inventory on hand when a job is completed.
- **Time Tracking:** Track time for all processes within a job. Print the new Time Report to get an all-inclusive report on the amount of time required to produce the job in each department. The Time Report is completely customizable using the Report Layout Tool.
- **Standalone Shop Settings:** Optional interface into Presstimator Shop Settings Paper and Color Ink screens. The interface gives a user with permissions access to Paper and Color Ink Shop Settings to update prices from your vendors and the paper inventory. These values can be adjusted by employees without a need to be trained on the Presstimator.
- **Quote Templates:** Create Quote Templates for faster Quote creation. This feature is useful for customers who do Rate Card estimating so they can easily create a Quote from a Template that has an existing Rate Card.
- **Faster and Smarter Multiple Page Counts:** For users who don't use a Rate Card, additional page counts for Quotes can be generated using the new "Auto-Create" button. This feature will quickly create multiple page count entries that are generated with all plates and make-ready times accurately calculated for the additional pages.

About the Presstimator

The Presstimator is an estimating and job tracking software program designed for newspapers and commercial web offset printing shops. Quickly create accurate and detailed estimates with the Presstimator. Print customized customer quotes, job tickets, invoices, skid tags, shipping manifests and a variety of other reports. Once a job is completed and the production data is captured using the Production Actuals application, the Estimate vs. Actuals report can help you initiate cost studies and the Markup feature and Profit Analysis report make it possible to precisely track your bottom line. Apply multiple filters to select a set of jobs and generate Total Usage reports totaling the time and materials required. Costs and standards are entered in a single location in Shop Settings within the Presstimator database. Load your Presstimator database on a server so multiple users can use the Presstimator, share quotes, print reports, schedule jobs, track inventory and share a common set of standards; this simplifies maintenance and ensures that all of your estimates are using the most recent costs and standardizes your reporting and analysis.

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