

RISO Snapshot of Success

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Pace Suburban Bus Service, located in Arlington Heights, IL, covers 3,500 square miles and is the one of the largest bus services in North America. Pace, operating under the Regional Transportation Authority, is a premier suburban transit provider, quickly moving people to work and school safely and efficiently.

The backbone of Chicago's suburbs, Pace serves tens of

thousands of daily riders with fixed bus routes, Park-n-Ride, Dial-a-Ride, Paratransit buses, Vanpools, and bus service to Metra Station and CTA Stations. Passengers aged 65 or older can ride Pace fixed-route service for free. With the soaring cost of fuel sure to put a bite into the wallets of commuters, Pace recommends any of its many cost-effective travel options.

Jim Franke, Manager of Graphics and Printing for Pace, is responsible for keeping the over 39 million annual Pace riders informed about its programs. Space is a big concern for Franke. He gets a lot of work done in a small area filled with two offset presses which are kept busy doing long-run, two-sided multi-up work.

Franke sought out RISO and the MZ790 specifically to replace two small duplicator presses. While he chose the MZ790 for its small footprint, he also

appreciates the fact that there is no set-up involved, combined with its low-cost of output and its ease of use. The MZ790 now prints all of the envelopes and carbonless forms for Pace, as well as moderate run length single and two-color work. His graphics department has begun to design specifically for the MZ790.

You can't think of a bus company and not think of schedules! The MZ790 prints all of Pace's bus schedules, two-sided and then the schedules are folded off-line. The MZ790's heatless technology means reliable printing for this two-sided work, an important factor to consider when you think of the millions of schedules printed each year!

“Seat-drops” serve as an efficient way to inform riders of any changes to service schedules. As its name implies, this printed piece is placed on the seats of the buses so that the rider can't





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miss it. Quick-turnaround is essential; every time a “seat drop is printed, 60,000 are required. The MZ790 reliably prints them at 150 pages per minute!

Small footprint, no make-ready, ease of use, heatless technology for reliability and lower overall costs were what Franke was looking for, and the MZ790 is

able to deliver. As Franke says, “Replacing 2 small presses with the RISO MZ790 has saved me space, time and money.”
