# MSE Company Overview & Absolute Color Technologies





#### **About MSE**

#### Celebrating 17 years of quality

- Documented 99.2% product satisfaction rate
- Voted highest quality every year
  - 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

#### 900+ employees

#### A technology company

18 patents & 20 patent-pending technologies

#### The largest Manufacturer in USA

300,000 toner CPM Capacity

#### **Channel Integrity**

- 100% WHOLESALE
- No "powerhouse/retail" channel

We are a **GREEN** company





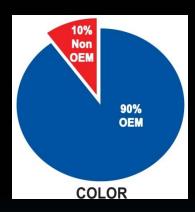


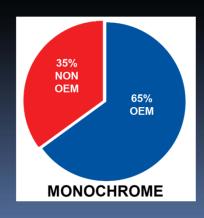
#### **MSE's Market Position**



#### **AFTERMARKET COMPETITION**

- US Market Consolidation
  - 2002 more than 6,000 rechargers
  - 2011 approx 1,000 US rechargers
- Heavy competition
- Small marketshare
  - 35% monochrome
  - 10% color
- Overcrowded competition
- No branding/differentiation
- Low price = poor quality
- Low price = less profit
- Sales driven by price
  - Market pricing reflects substandard quality





#### **OEM COMPETITION**

- Less than 50 OEM Manufacturers
- Less competition
- Large marketshare
  - 65% monochrome
  - 90% color
- Brand recognition/awareness
- · Sales driven by quality and value
- Increase your profits and margins
- Target the largest market segment
- Focus on quality and value to compete
- Offer your customers a better value

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## Research and Development

#### World-Class R&D Laboratories

- OEM benchmarking in environmental extremes
  - 90 Degrees / 80% Relative Humidity (High/High)
  - 75 Degrees / 35% Relative Humidity (Ambient)
  - 50 Degrees / 10% Relative Humidity (Low/Low)

#### **Proprietary components and equipment**

**ISO 19752, ISO 19798 Yield Testing** 

#### **Direct relationships with manufacturers**

Co-develop proprietary components

**Continuous investment into R&D** 

18 patents, >20 Patent Pending Technologies

#### **In-House Engineering Facility**

- State-of-the-art Machine Shop
- Innovative tools, fixtures, and machines
- Designed and manufactured by MSE engineers
- MISSION: Increase quality and efficiencies through automation.





# **Quality Assurance**

#### 100% Incoming components & raw materials testing

- Toner particle analysis
- MicroVu digital inspections
- Electrical analysis of critical components
- Environmental stress testing



**PRODUCTION** 

# HP 2400 / 11X CRITICAL ATTENTION CHECK POINTS 2 SCREWS PIN 2 SCREWS PLASTIC FIN WIPER AND DOCTOR BLADE SCREWS MAG ROLLER BUSHNOSS REFERENCE ONLY ED-16-08

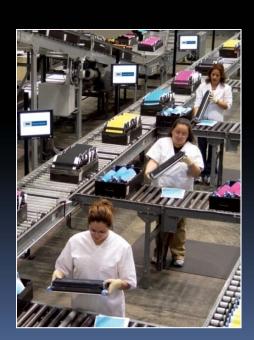
#### **Quality Assurance**

- Multiple in-process QA check points
- Final triple QA inspections
- More than 6 million test pages every month

#### **Continuous Life Testing**

- Simulated shipping
- Environmental stress testing
- Stop & Go printing
- Accelerated aging tests
- Exhaustive post pack audit testing









# **MSE Quality Standards**



Every aspect of our products from quality and reliability to aesthetics and environmental impact is thoroughly analyzed on an ongoing basis. We look for areas of continuous improvement and create ground-breaking patented technologies to keep pace with OEM design. The result is a better built, higher quality, more consistent product.



ISO 9000 is a family of standards for quality management systems. Some of the requirements in the ISO 9001 standard include: documenting procedures, monitoring processes, keeping adequate records, taking corrective action, regularly reviewing the overall system and facilitating continuous improvement.



The ISO 19752 standard is a standardized page yield test for monochrome (b/w) laser printer cartridges. The test is done with a minimum of nine cartridges tested on three separate printers with a standard print/test page under specific environmental conditions and printer settings.



The ISO 19798 standard is a standardized page yield test for color laser printer cartridges. The test is done with a minimum of 12 cartridges(three sets of CMYK) tested on three separate printers with a standard set of five different print/test pages under specific environmental conditions and default printer settings.



The Accredited Standards Committee X9 (ASC X9) has the mission to develop, establish, maintain, and promote standards for the Financial Services Industry in order to facilitate delivery of financial services and products.

# MSE Absolute Color Technologies – HP 4600

- 1. Patented Ultrasonic Welding: patented ultrasonic welding technologies ensure exact OEM realignment, eliminate human error, leaking and also the need for reassembly clips.
- 2. Patent-Pending SCSOO: MSE's patent-pending secondary cleaning system addresses historical streaking and PCR additive build up issues and improves overall print quality and cartridge cleanliness.
- 3. Proprietary Pin Removal System: MSE uses a proprietary technology to remove pins without drilling. This eliminates cartridge wobble caused by improper removal.
- 4. Proprietary OPC Drum: Most MSE drums are specially formulated for MSE and are only available on MSE products. They are specially matched to our toner formulations and ensure color matching and image density and longevity.
- 5. Proprietary Toner Formulations: MSE's color matching toner formulations ensure proper image matching and accurate color density without hazing or backrounding.
- 6. Patent-Pending Gasket Sealing System: To eliminate leaking, MSE designs and manufactures automated and robotic equipment that applies a continuous waterproof aasket seal.
- **7. Patented Seal:** The MSE's patented seals overcome historical challenges such as "cigar rolling" and ensure that seals pull completely out easily without getting stuck. They are available on multiple models.

- 8. Proprietary Adder Roller Treatment: MSE's proprietary adder roller treatment evenly supplies toner to the developer roller/sleeve to produce consistent image density and accurately matched colors.
- 9. Patented Separation System: MSE's patented splitting equipment does not remove plastic or cut through OEM alignment pins like standard rotary blade splitting systems. This allows precision realignment, resulting in superior cartridge integrity and eliminates leaking.
- 10. Proprietary Doctor Blade Treatment: MSE's proprietary doctor blade treatment ensures print densities are more consistent, that toner is **TECHNOLOGIES**™ delivered/dispersed evenly, and it also eliminates streaking on solid images.
  - 11. Patent-Pending Toner Evacuation **Technologies:** To eliminate potential leaking and/or "sweating" during cartridge transport, MSE has developed multiple patent-pending systems to remove any excess toner after post testing.
  - 12. Patented Doctor Blade Positioning: Ensures uniform distribution of toner and optimal charging characteristics.





# **Historical Challenges**

#### Toner Issues

- Backgrounding
- PCR adherence
- Toner additive buildup on OPC & PCR

#### Cleaning Issues

- Related to toner and wiper blade *tolerances*
- Multiple versions of OEM critical parts
  - Developer rollers and PCR's make combinations exponential
- Low humidity quality issues spike
- All resulting in <u>industry wide</u> quality issues
  - Background levels
  - Streaking
  - Banding
  - Uneven print etc...



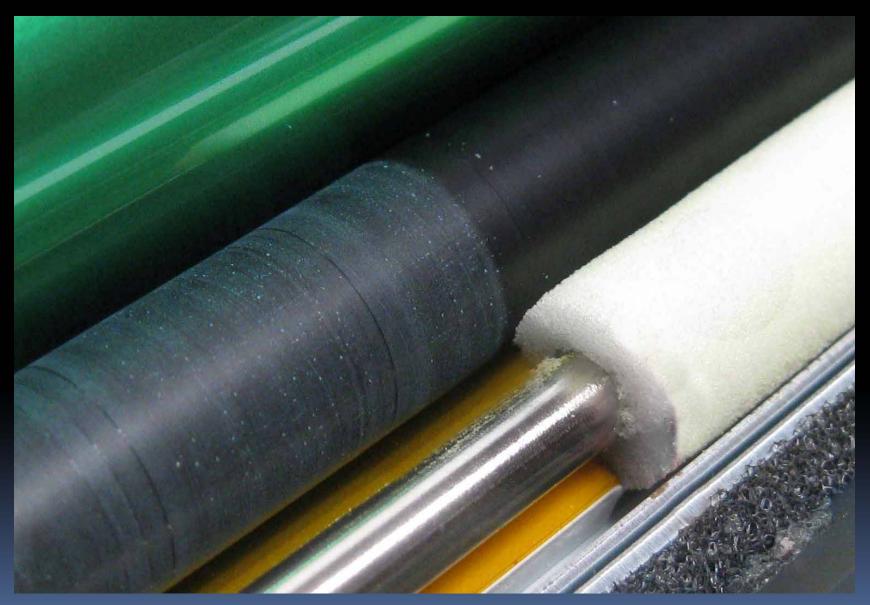
# **Testing**

- Tested over 500,000 test pages in house
- Environmental testing
  - Low/Low
  - High/High
  - Ambient/Ambient
- Print Testing
  - Continuous page
  - Stop-Go
- Extensive beta testing with several customers
- RESULTS
  - 100% success in print quality and customer satisfaction
- Available in HP4600, 5500, 4700, 3525, 4525

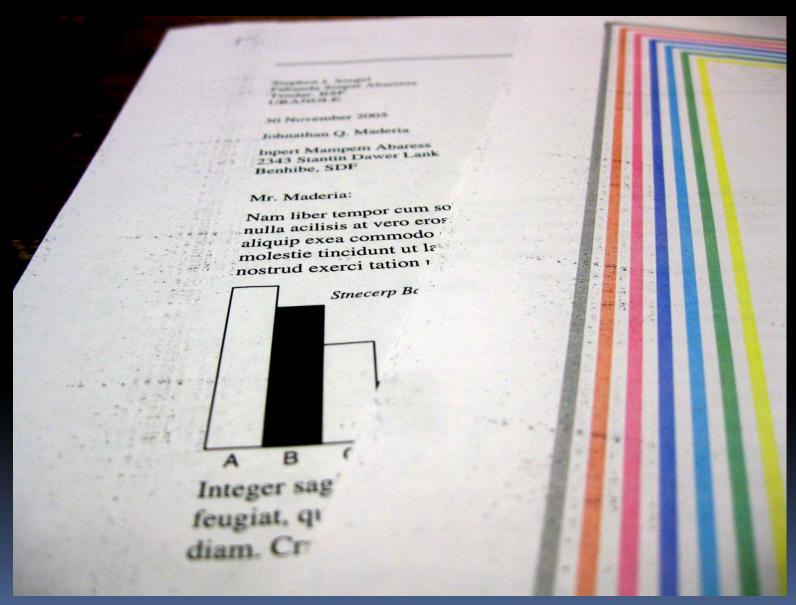
# Photo of cartridge after 1 full life cycle



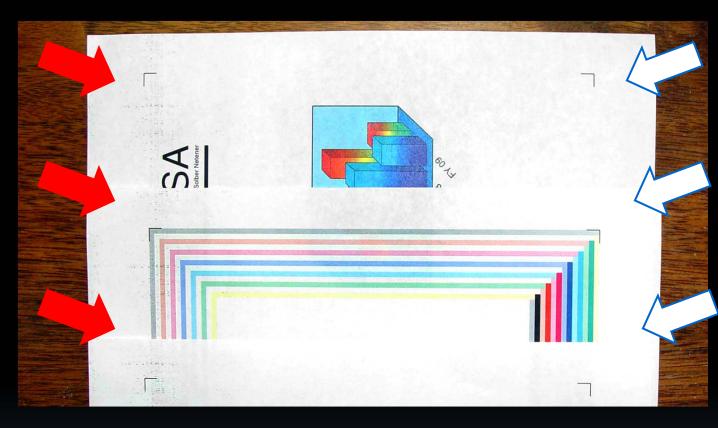
# Close Up



# Test Page Example



# MSE Technology eliminates print defects



Clean, clear prints
on the
side containing
Patent-Pending
Secondary Cleaning
System

WITHOUT SCS

WITH SCS





#### Benefits

- Lower costs to customer and end user
- Increase margin for customers
- Reduces inventory
- Reduces freight costs
- Fewer cartridge changes
- More environmentally friendly!

**Designed for MPS solutions** 

For most popular models

Up to 100% MORE yield!



# **Extended Warranty**

### **OEM WARRANTY**

ALMOST EVERY MAJOR
BRAND OEM (ORIGINAL
EQUIPMENT
MANUFACTURER) OFFERS
ONLY A ONE YEAR, LIMITED
WARRANTY.



# **MSE WARRANTY**

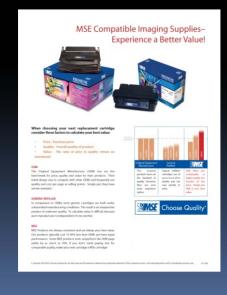
MSE BRAND TONER
CARTRIDGES HAVE A
THREE YEAR
100% WARRANTY



# Sales and Marketing Support

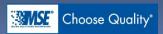
- Joint sales calls
- Factory tours
- End User Video
- Marketing Templates
- Customer specific programs
- Customized materials
- Co-op funds











# The MSE Advantage Summary

#### **Award winning quality**

A TRUE OEM alternative

#### Technology and innovations

- Intelligently Re-engineered<sup>TM</sup>
- NOT a typical remanufactured product

#### Geographic advantages

- 100% Made in the USA!
- Facility tours & joint sales calls

#### **Sales and Marketing Tools**

Complete marketing systems

#### **Dedicated personnel and support**

Backed by a team of MSE specialists



**Extended warranty (better than OEM)** 





