

# GEORGI NIKOLOV

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Highly self-motivated person with over 17 years of experience in the printing industry with an excellent understanding of offset printing process (web and sheet-fed presses), graphic design, prepress, file management and production processes.

Proficient in graphic design/prepress software.

Working independently as well as a team member.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### ***Prepress Operator***

**MAR Graphics** - Valmeyer, IL | [www.margraphics.com](http://www.margraphics.com)

**11/2015 - current**

Read and understood job jacket and checked work orders and all notes and instructions to accurately prepare orders for printing.

Identified and addressed potential technical problems with customers' files and provided feedback and direction to co-workers.

Confirmed design printability, including traps, overprints, minimum line weights etc.

Preflighted incoming jobs; checked for appropriate color format, fonts, and graphics for quality and correct formats; adjusted and manipulated files including photo adjustment/enhancement, color conversion (RGB to CMYK) and export for the correct printing press.

Created layouts for 4-color and spot color printing.

Operated CTP to prepare plates for the presses (Magnus 400 with multi cassette unit and Lotem 800 II).

Created CIP files for presses.

Fixed proofing and press issues without supervision.

Printed special labels for cartons and rolls and verified customer P.O. and address, shipping address, quantity, barcodes etc. (Zebra printers).

Operated automatic plate bender (Strobbe).

Used Mix Master software to print mixing formulas for Pantone Colors.

### ***Graphic designer & Prepress specialist***

**FORT Ltd. - Bulgaria** | [www.fort-bg.com](http://www.fort-bg.com)

**10/2003 - 7/2014**

Designed packages, brochures, labels, flyers, POP displays, business cards, letter heads, signs, t-shirts, etc. Responsible for Mock-ups including die lines to package samples and applying printed graphic copy in register to the hand cut sample.

Managed projects from concept through edits and final production.

Reviewed electronic files received from customers to check for errors and accuracy before plate making.

Redrew graphics and artwork from images provided by customers.

Retouched and color corrected images.  
Uploaded proof files to customers via ftp or e-mail.  
Preflighted files and prep files for presses.  
Created layouts for 4-color and spot color printing.  
Platemaking (Kodak Prinergy).  
Checked all press proofs for quality, color and consistency.  
Operated cutting plotter (Graphtec Cutting Pro).  
Maintained and archived files on the server.  
Communicated with team members for correct and accurate file production.  
Communicated with customers via email, phone and in person and responded to questions from all sources.

### ***Graphic designer & Prepress specialist***

**STOVI Ltd.** - Bulgaria | [www.stovi.bg](http://www.stovi.bg)  
**6/2000 - 10/2003**

Involved in all service phases - from creative design to prepress and production.  
Graphic design for packages, brochures, business cards, labels, posters, POP displays etc.  
Preflighted customers' files and identified problems.  
Checked for fonts, image resolution, file size, mode, etc.  
Color adjustments and image modifications.  
Provided technical support to customers via email, phone and in person.  
Sent files for plate making.  
Setup of prepress computers (installing software & networking).

### **EDUCATION:**

#### ***Master's Degree in Electronics***

**Technical University** - Sofia | [www.tu-sofia.bg](http://www.tu-sofia.bg)  
**10/1993 - 6/1998**

### **COMPUTER SKILLS:**

Adobe Creative Suite (Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign, Acrobat) - MAC & PC, EnFocus PitStop Pro, CorelDraw, Kodak (Prinergy Workshop, Pandora), MS Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint), CyberLink PowerDirector, Cutting Master, MixMaster, CMS (WordPress), HTML, CSS.