

The Los Angeles Times

Los Angeles, CA

SlipNOT® Slip Resistant Steel Grip Plate® Transforms Slippery Floor Area for Printing Press

Company: The Los Angeles Times

Location: Los Angeles, CA

Industry: General

Website: www.latimes.com

The Los Angeles Times has been publishing since 1881 and in 2008 it was the second largest metro newspaper in the United States. The printing press prints millions of newspapers daily to reach its readers. In a newspaper printing facility, slippery diamond plate surrounding printing presses became slippery from ink and lubricants from the machines. The Los Angeles Times newspaper required an abrasive, anti-slip flooring solution to replace their slick diamond plate around machinery.

The Situation:

Within the publishing at The Los Angeles Times, the Printing Press was vital to their production. The Printing Press was invented in 1440, by Johannes Gutenberg who's method of printing allowed for the first production of mass produced books. The Printer Press transfers lettering or images through an inked surface onto many copies of paper or similar material. In 1992, The Los Angeles Times switched from petroleum-based black ink to water-soluble soy-based ink. Soy-based ink is made from soybeans, making it more environmentally friendly and easier to recycle.



SlipNOT® Project Summary

- Grade 3 slip resistant 1/4" steel Grip Plate®
- Steel plate has provided The Los Angeles Times with an extremely abrasive flooring solution that is able to help provide employees with a safe walking area when accessing the printing press area.

This change also reduced the airborne release of chemicals, and better protected the press operators. Although the oil-based inks and lubricating oils are necessary within the printing process, they can also make the floor area slippery for the press operators, especially when mixed with debris. What The Los Angeles Times needed was an extremely high coefficient of friction flooring that eliminated their concerns and increased worker safety and worker productivity.



The Solution:

The Los Angeles Times contacted **SlipNOT®** Metal Safety Flooring for a solution to replace their dangerously slick diamond checker plate. **SlipNOT®** recommended a Grade 3 slip resistant 1/4" steel Grip Plate® for the application. Other various printing press companies have requested a 4" bent up kick plate to prevent debris from falling over the edge. This is a common platform design for many industries.

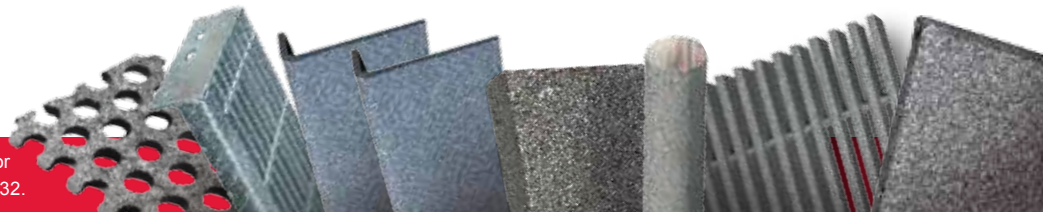
The Impact:

SlipNOT® steel Grip Plate® prevented The Los Angeles Times print operator's from injuries, while obtaining increased productivity and safety for their employees.

SlipNOT®'s non-slip products have also been utilized for different newspapers such as The Wall Street Journal, The Boston Globe, The Sacramento Bee, The Chicago Tribune, The Seattle Times, The Boston Herald and many others.

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SlipNOT® Metal Safety Flooring products may be covered by one or more of the following patents; 5,711,119, 6,839,951 and 6,863,932.



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