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MARTIN-BAKER FINDS PRECISION SCANNING PARTNER

Martin-Baker Aircraft Company is the world's longest established and most experienced manufacturer of ejection seats and related escape and survival equipment. Over 7,100 lives have been saved by Martin-Baker seats since the first ejection seats were introduced in the late 1940's.

Detailed technical illustrations of all Martin-Baker ejection seats are maintained at the company's main design and manufacturing facility in Denham, near Uxbridge. Paul Bird, Chief Technical Illustrator at Martin-Baker commented, "The original legacy illustrations were drawn to a very high level of detail - even down to the specification of the stitching on the seat fabric - and for durability they were mounted on A2 size mounting board.

"Over the years we had built up a large archive of technical illustrations and handling them was beginning to become an issue. When we decided to digitise the drawings so that we could access them via our electronic database we needed to find a scanning bureau that could offer us the desired quality.

"The challenge was that we had upwards of 4,000 large format drawings on mounting board and there are very few bureaux that can scan such drawings to the required level of precision. We approached Preview and, to give them credit, they were prepared to run off a number of



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samples and fine tune the process until we were happy with the result."

The drawings were scanned in batches of 500 over a 4-5 month period. They were scanned, cropped and copied to CD for delivery. The resulting TIFF images were output at 600dpi, cross-referenced to a spreadsheet with drawing number and description. Paul Bird concluded, "Preview's attention to detail was impressive. It is good to find a scanning bureau that could match our requirements for accuracy, quality and customer service."

COMPANY BACKGROUND

Preview Services Limited (www.previewservices.com) is a specialist provider of outsourced document management services to businesses and public organisations of all sizes. Clients include major sales and leasing companies, airlines, engineering firms and government agencies.

Based in Hanworth, Middlesex the Company operates one of the UK's leading document scanning bureaux and is developing innovative and cost saving solutions for document management.

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