

Manual feed allows Eddie to print on larger food items

DTM Print also offers custom trays for Eddie Edible Ink Printer to increase flexibility.

As reported back in the spring issue of *Organic & Natural Business*, Eddie is the world's first and only NSF and GMP-certified edible ink desktop printer for printing directly onto cookies and other food items. Just recently, DTM Print, international OEM and solution provider for specialty printing systems, introduced the manual feed option along with custom food trays to make Eddie a very versatile to use food printer.

If used with the included carousel feeder, Eddie can print on suitable food items such as cookies, candy, white chocolate, biscuits, marshmallows, chocolate lentils, and much more with a maximum diameter of 89mm and 20-25mm height. The manual mode extends these parameters to a maximum of 120 x 120mm and allows thicker items with a maximum height of 27mm. This is especially important for printing on macarons. This very famous French confection consists of a variety of soft fillings sandwiched between two meringue-based cookie halves.

All parts put together are too high for a complete macaron to be printed with the automatic feed. By using the manual feed and a macaron tray, bakers and pastry chefs can now print onto finished macarons, saving them a lot of time.

Ease of use

The macaron tray is one of several new food trays designed especially for Eddie by DTM Print, including one for chocolate lentils and one with an engraved grid that makes positioning the food items a lot easier as users can align their products to the grid. Several other trays can be ordered through DTM Print's online shop at dtm-shop.eu

By using the custom trays, production of multiple items in one run (for example, up to five macarons or 64 chocolate



lentils) is easy, precise and depending on the item, faster, too. DTM Print also offers the service to produce trays, according to customer specifications.

Customers who already own an Eddie and now want to use the manual feed option only need to update the PrintHub. The corresponding adjustments have already been made in the new firmware (v1.25) and PrintHub (v1.8.1.11). For the manual feed, the carousel no longer needs to be connected to the printer.

Eddie sells for €2,695 (MSRP). The Eddie food trays range from €29.95 to €49.95 (MSRP) and are available directly from DTM Print or through authorised DTM Print partners in Europe, Middle East and Africa.

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