

**SPIKE CT 420D** is ideally suited for textile printers using direct emulsions who are seeking faster screen turnaround without sacrificing imaging quality.

# **SPIKE CT 420D**

- No mixing
- Very fast exposing, fast drying
- Superior mesh bridging
- Excellent reclaimability
- High solids lower cost per screen
- For use with plastisol inks



### **MATERIALS**

REQUIREDRECOMMENDEDExposure unitDrying cabinetWashout sinkPressure washer

Clean work area Scoop coater

## **CHEMICALS**

REQUIRED RECOMMENDED

Chroma/Clean™ Chroma/Fill™ mesh degreaser screen blockout

Chroma/Strip™ screen reclaimer

## **SAFETY AND HANDLING**

SPIKE CT 420D emulsion should be handled like any other direct emulsion. This material is not hazardous when used within reasonable standards of industrial hygiene and safe working practices. Refer to SDS.

### **STANDARD SIZES**

Gallon and 3.5 gallon Available in dyed formulation only.

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

Appearance: Red

Solids: approx. 48% Viscosity: 6000 CPS

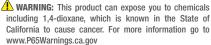
#### STORAGE

**SPIKE CT 420D** should be stored at room temperature and should not be stored at temperatures above 80°F (27°C) or below 32°F (0°C). For best results, SPIKE CT 420D emulsion should be stored in its original container.

Protect from freezing. SPIKE CT 420D is not freeze/thaw stable.



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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **DEGREASE**

Using Chroma/Clean™ mesh degreaser, work up a lather on both sides of mesh. Flood screen and frame thoroughly with garden type hose, then dry.



Slowly apply first coat to print side. Then coat squeegee side with one coat. If a thicker stencil is desired, additional coats may be applied to the squeegee side while the emulsion is wet. Note that one coat on each side with Spike CT 420D is similar to four coats wet on wet with typical diazo based emulsions.

- SPIKE CT 420D is presensitized and requires no mixing.
- Keep pail covered when not in use.
- Return unused emulsion from scoop coater to pail as soon as possible. Emulsion dries quickly and will rapidly "skin over."

### DRY

Dry screen thoroughly in horizontal position with print side down, using a completely clean and dark drying cabinet. Temperature should not exceed 110°F (43°C).

#### **EXPOSE**

Place emulsion side of photopositive in contact with print side of screen. Exposure times are very short and accurate exposure is important for optimal results. See exposure guidelines at right.







#### **DEVELOP**

Gently spray both sides of screen with lukewarm water. Wait 30 seconds, then gently wash print side of the screen until image is fully open. Rinse both sides thoroughly. Dry screen completely and you are ready to print.



#### **RECLAIM**

Apply Chroma/Strip™ screen reclaimer to both sides of screen. To reclaim properly, scrub area thoroughly with a stiff nylon brush and let chemical work a few moments until stencil begins to dissolve. Remove stencil residue with pressure washer, then rinse with garden hose to completely flood the screen and frame.



#### **EXPOSURE GUIDELINES**

# 110 YELLOW POLYESTER MONOFILAMENT MESH

Coating	Coater	Suggested
Technique	Edge	Min. Exp. Time
1X1	Round	20 sec.
1X2	Round	30 sec.

## 230 YELLOW POLYESTER MONOFILAMENT MESH

Coating	Coater	Suggested
Technique	Edge	Min. Exp. Time
1X1	Round	10 sec.
1X2	Round	15 sec.

Note: Exposure times are suggested only as a guide. Use the 10-Step Exposure Guide method to determine optimal exposure times. Individual exposure times may vary depending upon equipment used, bulb age, and other shop conditions. Exposure times above were set using a 5K metal halide unit.

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