

IcoTex Nylo PE

One/Two packing Screen Printing Inks

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IcoTex Nylo PE screen inks are specially for direct printing onto nylon bags, polyester fabric labels and synthetic fabrics - including many which have been treated for water resistance.

PE Catalyst

IcoTex Nylo PE inks Can be used as a simple one-pack system but for more demanding requirements, **CAT386 IcoTech Catalyst** is available to improve adhesion and fastness properties.

Catalysed inks have a pot life of approximately 8 hours. Estimate the amount of ink required for a day's work and thoroughly mix the ink base and catalyst in the following ratio:

IcoTex Nylo PE Ink 90 parts by weight

IcoTech Catalyst 10 parts by weight (90% + 10%)

Catalysed ink left over at the end of the printing run must be discarded.

Adhesion

IcoTex Nylo PE inks have good adhesion and flexibility on many fabrics which have been treated for water resistance. Some fabrics may be finished or impregnated with certain waterproofing agents that may impair adhesion, even a considerable period after printing.

For maximum adhesion, it is recommended to catalyse the ink before use. Where lower opacity is tolerable, further improvements to adhesion may be achieved by printing at a lower viscosity to aid penetration into the fabric.

In some cases, incompatibility between ink and fabric may lead to reduced tear resistance in the printed area - especially if uncatalysed ink is used on very lightweight fabrics

Fastness

Uncatalysed inks have excellent wash fastness to I.S.O. Test No. 1 (40°C).

Catalysed inks have excellent wash fastness to I.S.O. Tests Nos. 3 (60°C) and 4 (95°C).

The fastness properties will vary depending on the fabric and whether catalysed or uncatalysed ink is used.

Workwear Emblems

Catalysed IcoTex Nylo PE inks can be used to produce durable workwear transfers or badges capable of withstanding high temperature industrial wash processes.

Ancillary Products

During printing, fabrics have to be held to the table by means of a pressure sensitive adhesive to ensure good definition is obtained.

T-Fix Extra Spray Adhesives by Sericol Product are suitable for this purpose.

(See relevant Product Information Sheets)

Main Characteristics

Properties

- High Opacity.
- Good Flexibility.
- Excellent Adhesion.
- Excellent wash Fastness.
- Lead-free Pigmentation.

Drying

Air dry: 30-60 minutes followed by racking overnight. Convection oven, infra-red or heated wicket conveyor dryer: 100° C for two minutes.

Thinning

For maximum opacity, print unthinned.

If necessary, thin with up to 10% **ZV557 Thinner**

For extreme hot shop conditions, add up to 10% **ZV558 Retarder**.

Wash-up

Wash up with **ZTC639 IcoPrep Thinner**

Mesh

For optimum opacity: Nos. 34-62 monofilament mesh.

For fine detail: Nos. 77-100 monofilament mesh.

Stencil Type

Most solvent resistant.

Recommended:

IcoPrep Emulsion **EM-915HD**

Coverage & Mesh No.

Up to 26m²/ltr. No. 62 monofilament mesh

Colour Range

14 Intermixable Colours

IMPORTANT: Stir well before every use. Users should satisfy themselves of inks and fabric compatibility to ensure adhesion and fastness requirements are met by testing under production conditions, prior to commencing a full production run.

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IcoTex Nylo PE:

PE001	Black
PE021	White
PE042	Light Yellow
PE043	Yellow
PE045	Mid Yellow (RS)
PE101	Orange
PE124	Red (Yellow Shade)
PE134	Red (Blue Shade)
PE154	Magenta
PE127	Violet
PE212	Blue
PE227	Light Blue
PE320	Green
PE381	Extender Base

Available in 5 Ltr containers

Additives:

CAT386 Icotex Nylo Catalyst
Available in 0.2 Ltr & 1 Ltr containers

Solvent:

ZV557 Slow Thinner
ZV558 Retarder
Available in 5 Ltr containers

Safety and Handling

IcoTex Nylo PE:

- Are formulated to be free from any (toxic) carcinogenic, mutagenic or reprotoxic chemicals.
- Are formulated free from lead and other heavy metals.
- Should be stored away from heat.

IcoTech Catalyst CAT386:

- Contains isocyanate and should not be used by persons suffering from bronchitis or asthmatic symptoms.
Comprehensive information on the safety and handling of **IcoTex Nylo PE** screen inks and solvents is given in the appropriate Iconinks Safety Data Sheet, available upon request.

Environmental Information

IcoTex Nylo PE & IcoTech Catalyst:

- Does not contain ozone depleting chemicals as described in the Montreal Convention.

The information and recommendations contained in this Product Information sheet, as well as technical advice otherwise given by representatives of our Company, whether verbally or in writing, are based on our present knowledge and believed to be accurate. However, no guarantee regarding their accuracy is given as we cannot cover or anticipate every possible application of our products and because manufacturing methods, printing stocks and other materials vary. For the same reason our products are sold without warranty and on condition that users shall make their own tests to satisfy themselves that they will meet fully their particular requirements. Our policy of continuous product improvement might make some of the information contained in this Product Information sheet out of date and users are requested to ensure that they follow current recommendations.

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