

# HOW TO USE GUIDE

A REALLY SIMPLE GUIDE ON HOW TO USE THE DTG INDUSTRY'S MOST INNOVATIVE NEW T-SHIRT

## APPAREL



### **HEAT PRESS THE SHIRT**

Why? We need to remove ALL the moisture in the shirt otherwise it will not print/perform properly. The BEST way to do this is to use a pneumatic heat press and use about 80 pounds of pressure. We recommend using a baking parchment paper (teflon can shine up the print area). Heat press for 10-20 seconds - at least until there is no more steam coming off the shirt. This will help matt down any fibers and get the shirt ready for printing!





## PRINT USING YOUR FAVORITE DTG PRINTER

It doesn't matter. Just PRINT. You may find you need to adjust your white ink settings in the RIP or print driver to achieve the best results.

**ENJOY NOT** having to pretreat. You may find you become lazy not having to mess around with the pretreating process and find that you have more time to print and grow your business. It is kind of a novel concept - growing your business - but our goal is to make DTG printing easier for the newbie or the pro. Not having to pretreat shirts helps make life a lot easier!



#### **CURE YOUR DTG PRINT**

Follow your OEM ink manufacturer's ink curing recommendations. Nothing changes here - so do like you have always done. However, for some inks that have a LONG cure time (60 seconds or more) you may find on some of the RTP lighter colors like Athletic Grey that you might need to split your cure time into segments - possibly two 30 second presses. Sometimes longer ink cure times can cause the shirt to discolor. Test prior to any production runs! Just don't use a blow torch to cure the inks. That would be bad.



#### **WASH BEFORE WEARING**

Just like washing underwear before you wear it, tell your customers to wash the shirts before wearing them!

Other recommendations for your customers for best care and wear:



- Do not store in direct sunlight prior to washing
- · Wash the shirts inside-out
- Wash in cold water
- Tumble DRY Do NOT blow torch dry in the dryer
- DO NOT Iron or dry clean shirts.

