

What is the difference between Aqua and Velvet?

Aqua is a cream, water-based formulation; Velvet is a glycerin base formulation. Because of this Velvet will be thicker. However, since both are manufactured at our facilities, there is no problem with mixing the 2 different formulations together. However, keep in mind to mix thoroughly in order to keep the mixtures of the glycerin base and water base together. We do not recommend or advise to mix pigments from different brands.

Aqua – This is a water base formulation. It is highly concentrated with a nice creamy base. This formulation works very well all skin types and with all different types of machines; including the digital, rotary and the coil. It also works well with the hand method. Aqua is not a quick drying formulation but it will dry quicker than Velvet because is water based. If you are a slow worker you may prefer Velvet. Aqua works with ALL skin types but the Velvet was formulated to work best on dry skin types.

Velvet – This is a glycerin base formulation. It is highly concentrated; also cream base; creamier than the Aqua because of the carrier and manufacturing processes. This formulation works very well with all different types of machines. However, it does work best with the hand method due to it being a thicker consistency. Some techs find it too thick for machine use especially if a single needle is being used. As mentioned Aqua is not a quick dry formula but Velvet will stay wet longer. Velvet works well on all skin types; however, it does NOT work as well on oily skin types because of the glycerin base. Velvet's formulation works best on dry skin because of the glycerin base. Due to the added glycerin in Velvet and the fact Li uses an expensive high grade glycerin...Velvet is more expensive than Aqua.

Both formulations are highly concentrated. It is just a preference of what you feel comfortable working with. If you work slowly, you may prefer the Velvet due to its lasting properties of 'not drying as quickly'. With the Aqua, it is a quicker implantation as well as quicker dry time because of its water base properties.

In summary...Aqua is a more all-around formulation that works great on all skin types and formulated to work with all implantation devices and methods. Whereas, Velvet was formulated to be more suited for the hand method and for dry skin types.