PRINT AND PEEL

Product Data Sheet

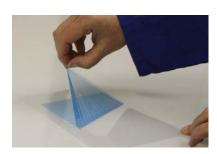
Screen Printable Protective Mask



Print and Peel offers a cost effective and convenient method for protecting substrates, printed windows, PVC labels and gloss graphic inks from scratches and scuffs during and post production. **Print and Peel** has been designed to be selectively printed onto a range of surface finishes to act as an easily removable protective mask.







PROCESSING GUIDELINES

Process Guidelines			
Print & Peel is suitable	All MacDermid Autotype substrates Printed windows		
for the protection of	Polycarbonate		
	PVC labels		
	Gloss graphic inks		
Preparation	Stir well before use.		
	It is important the mesh is thoroughly degreased with Universal Mesh		
	Prep or equivalent product. Failure to do this may result in Print and Peel not forming an even film over the mesh during drying.		
Recommended Thread	\$ 7 0		
Count	A finer mesh may produce prints containing less air but will reduce the		
	dry film thickness and may make the film more difficult to peel on some substrates.		
Recommended Stencil	A suitable water-resistant photo emulsion e.g Autotype Plus 7000 or		
	Plus 8000 (To prevent edge residue during peeling, ensure printed		
	edge is clean and sharp. A high stencil profile and low Rz is recommended.)		
Coverage	Approximately 22m ² /kg under recommended printing conditions		
Optimum print thickness	Aim for a printed thickness of 10 - 15µm. Thin prints may be harder		
	to remove.		
Print speed	Slow, between 20 to 25 cm/s		



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PROCESSING GUIDELINES CONTINUED

Process Guidelines			
Recommended Squeegee type	Sharp blade, synthetic. Heavy flood improves printability.		
Squeegee hardness	60 – 70 Shore A		
Squeegee angle	High angle 70° to 80° (10° - 20° from vertical).		
Thinner	The product is designed to be press ready. If thinning is required, 5% water addition is recommended		
Drying	Jet dryer 80-90°C; 1-2 minutes. Some thermally sensitive substrates such as PVC may require lower drying temperatures for a longer time period. For best edge quality, jet dry as soon after printing as possible. It is normal for the finished product to contain air bubbles; these do not affect the product's performance		
Wash Up	Warm or hot water. Rinse in washout booth.		
Environmental Information	Print & Peel is a water-based dispersion of polymers. It is not harmful and may be regarded as biodegradable. It contains no materials listed on the EC Black or Grey lists		
Shelf Life	Print & Peel has a 9-month shelf life. Storage conditions 15 - 25°C (59 - 77°F). If the product freezes it will be unusable		

HINTS AND TIPS

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Printing on Autotex Softouch	As with our other Industrial films, Print & Peel can be used to protect window areas on Autotex Softouch from damage during processing. The fine textured surface of Softouch does have a higher level of mechanical grab to Print and Peel and we advise the following process recommendations: • Print thicker or multiple layers to increase the inherent strength of the Print and Peel film, • Avoid contact of the Print and Peel with the Softouch surface by reducing the area of the Print and Peel and allow for an unprinted border around the window. Or,		
Printing on metals and matt inks	 Print to an exact size over the window for the same reason. Print & Peel may be difficult to remove from some metal surfaces and from some matt inks. Adhesion performance of inks and lacquers applied to surfaces which have previously been printed with Print & Peel may be altered. Full testing is recommended. 		



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Over drying	Exposure to temperatures greater than 90°C for periods longer than the recommended drying time, and direct exposure to high	
UV exposure	intensity UV light from curing units will increase the adhesion of Print & Peel to some substrates. Full testing is recommended.	

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