



TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

SHORT DESCRIPTION:

Bravo Flex Series is a universal ink for screen printing virtually any fabric. If you are screen printing mixed runs of cotton, poly/cotton, and 100% polyester, this ink is a must-have. No more ink changes, prevent dye migration, and get great coverage with Bravo Flex Series.

QUICK SPECIFICATIONS:



MESH COUNT 86 to 158 This is simply a <u>recommendation</u> based on printing difficult fabrics such as 100% polyester. Preventing dye migration requires a generous ink deposit. However, Bravo Flex Series inks will print through finer mesh with ease.



FLASH CURE 4/5: Quick

The rating of **QUICK** implies a flash cure performance faster than most plastisol inks. Due to the great number of variables involved, we cannot specify a specific flash time or temperature. However, this ink should flash dry much quicker than general purpose ink.



INK CURING 320°F to 330°F

Washing and drying your prints to check durability is the ultimate test of ink curing. However, the use of Thermolabels is the most sensible method of testing for your day-to-day operations. This will help you prevent cracking, peeling, and washout.



SQUEEGEES 70 Durometer Squeegees are one of many variables controlling your ink deposit. Softer squeegees are capable of printing thicker while hard squeegees allow for better print resolution. 60 durometer is soft. 70 durometer is medium. 80 durometer is hard.



Many cleaning products will remove plastisol ink. We <u>recommend</u> Saatichem PW-4 for cleaning on-press. The IR-26 is ideal when cleaning in a washout booth. Cleaning the ink out of the screen immediately after printing is always recommended.



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BRAVO FLEX SERIES BENEFITS:

- Impressive coverage on all fabrics.
- Perfect for a printer wanting only one ink in their shop for all printing.
- Excellent bleed resistance on 100% polyester.
- Flexible, stretchy prints for difficult spandex and lycra blends.
- Creamy ink viscosity for manual and automatic screen printing equipment.

IDEAL CURING GUIDELINES:

Cure the Bravo Flex Series at the temperatures listed below (measure with a Thermolabel). Curing is a time and temperature process. A lower temperature with a slower belt speed is always the best method.

100% Cotton	Poly/Cotton	Polyester	Nylon/Stretch	100% Nylon	Polypropylene	Rayon
320°F	320°F	320°F	320°F*	320°F	х	Х

^{*}Bravo Flex Series very stretchy. However, when printing some spandex or lycra blends, adding S-Additive may be necessary. 10% S-Additive to 90% ink is the recommended mixing ratio. Never exceed 15% S-Additive into any ink.

TIPS AND TRICKS:

- Bravo Flex Series white and colors have amazing opacity and bleed resistance. If you ever want to improve upon this, consider a high solids emulsion or simply more coats of emulsion to create a thicker stencil.
- On sublimated polyester such as digital camo, always print the ELT Digital Black Underbase first to prevent dye migration.
- Bravo Flex Series colors can be printed directly on dark fabrics without a white underbase. Simply print-flash-print the color to get amazing opacity.

Always perform a pretest print and test cure conditions on the fabric to be printed to establish the best results. Stir inks vigorously before each use. Viscosity may need adjusting for best results. If there is ever a question about a print job, call us at 800-942-4447. We are always happy to help!

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