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PRODUCT INFORMATION BULLETIN

Libra™ Matte Mixing Base

RECOMMENDED PARAMETERS



Fabric Types

100% Polyester, Cotton and Poly/ Cotton blended fabrics



Mesh

Counts: 80-225t/in (34-90t/cm)

Tension: 18-35n/cm3



Squeegee

Medium: 70 or 60-90-60 Profile: sharp, square

Stroke: x2 stroke, medium speed

Angle: 10-15%



Stencil

Standard Emulsion Off Contact: 1/16" (2mm) Emulsion Over Mesh: 25-40 micron



Flash & Cure

Flash: 300°F(149°C) for 4 seconds (on preheated pallets)

Cure: 60 seconds at 270°F(132°C)



Pigment Loading

Libra™ Silicone Pigments Maximum 20%



Libra™ Additives

Libra™ Catalyst: 3-5% Libra™ Retardant: 0.5-3%

Libra™ Pigment/Toner: up to 20%



Storage

Store in sealed containers 12 months from manufacture >40F (5C) <77F (25C)



Clean Up

Standard plastisol cleaners



Health & Safety

SDS: www.polyone.com/resources/ safety-data-sheets or contact your local CSR

Libra™ Matte Mixing Base is a medium viscosity opaque base with excellent printability to bring a matte effect to your silicone prints. The ink is used with Libra™ pigments and toners for a matte effect with extreme stretchability while maintaining a super-soft flexible hand.

HIGHLIGHTS

Matte finish



Non-tacky hand



Extreme stretchability



Excellent coverage and opacity

Super-soft hand feel

PRINTING TIPS



Use 3-5 parts Libra™ Silicone Catalyst and 0.5-3 parts Libra™ Silicone Retardant. Libra™ Silicone pigments or toners can be added up to 20 parts. Mix well and print. To prevent wastage only catalyze what is needed to print for 4 hours.



Colors should be made in accordance with Libra™ IMS Pantone® mixing system with a maximum of 20% pigment loading.



Use 86-225t/34-90t mesh screens for best performance.



Print with 1/16" or 2mm off contact.



Print two strokes to ensure the mesh is clear and you have a good ink deposit.



Flash between prints.



Clean the stencil area when stopped to prevent screen blockages.



Prints should be cured at 270°F /132°C for 60 seconds. Check the cure temp at the ink surface.



Test all prints for print durability before starting the production run.

COMPLIANCE



Non-PVC, non-phthalate



Visit www.polyone.com/zodiacinks/libra for more information

PRECAUTIONS



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