

PLUS TX

Diazo Sensitised Premium Textile Direct Emulsion

DESCRIPTION

PLUS TX is a high quality, 45% solids, pigmented aqueous emulsion of water soluble dispersible polymers and monomers, supplied with Diazo powder sensitiser.

Applications

PLUS TX direct photostencil emulsion is suitable for most textile screen printing applications as it is resistant to a wide range of textile inks including water based, plastisol and discharge inks.

PLUS TX is particularly recommended for applications where the very highest print durability and print quality is required; this includes the use of aggressive Textile discharge inks and other extreme printing environments, while remaining reclaimable after printing.

READ ENTIRE TECHNICAL DATA SHEET BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT

FEATURES & BENEFITS

- The high solids emulsion gives fantastic coating quality and fast drying even on poorly prepared screens.
- A medium fast exposure coupled with wide processing latitude makes PLUS TX really easy to use.
- On press the emulsion is highly flexible to prevent cracking when over printing stitched seams and can be used with all popular textile inks including, water based, plastisol and discharge inks.
- After printing the emulsion can be decoated using Autostrip.
- Diazo dual cure sensitiser - for extreme toughness.
- 44% solids - fast drying and good bridging on coarse meshes.
- Dark blue - good contrast.
- Water, plastisol and discharge ink resistant - a universal textile emulsion.
- Highly flexible - will not crack.
- Decoatable - screens can be re-used.



WORKING INSTRUCTIONS

Sensitising of Emulsion

Handle the emulsion under yellow fluorescent tubes or low wattage Tungsten light. The product is supplied as a two pack kit comprising the emulsion and powder sensitiser in a sachet.

Mix the two components as follows:

1. Cut the Diazo sachet open using a pair of scissors. Do not open with your teeth.
2. Add the Diazo sensitiser DIRECTLY to the emulsion. Do not dissolve the sensitiser in water or add additional water to the emulsion.
3. Stir thoroughly for approximately 2 to 3 minutes to ensure emulsion is sensitised throughout.
4. Allow the emulsion to de-gas overnight before use.

Mesh Preparation

Unused polyester/nylon

Autoprep Gel and Universal Mesh Prep

Used polyester/nylon

Universal Mesh Prep, Auto Degreaser Concentrate

Stainless Steel

Auto Degreaser Concentrate

Coating & Drying

Using a good quality coating trough, proceed as follows:

1. Apply 1 or 2 coats to the print side of the screen.
2. Apply 1 or 2 coats to squeegee side.
3. The screen should be dried horizontally, squeegee side up and stored under dark or yellow light conditions. Dry the screen at a maximum temperature of 30 °C (86 °F).
4. Additional face-coats may be applied to the print side of the screen with intermediate drying.

Exposure

Correct exposure is essential for optimum stencil performance. Underexposure will give a weak stencil and reduce resistance.

Remove dust from the surface of the stencil and tape positive in position. Place entire screen in a suitable vacuum frame and expose. We recommend use of the Autotype Exposure Calculator for test exposures to ascertain correct timing. Exposure times below should be used as a guide:-



Exposure Time*

LAMP	DISTANCE	MINUTES											
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
2kW metal halide	120 cm												
3kW metal halide	120 cm												
5kW metal halide	120 cm												

* Based on 1+1 coating on 43/cm (110/inch) yellow polyester mesh.

Washout & Drying

Wash out the screen from both sides with a strong spray of water. Continue the washout until all parts of the image appear clean and sharp. Blot off surplus moisture and dry at a maximum temperature of 30 °C (86 °F).

Spot out pinholes with sensitised emulsion.

Stencil Removal

Remove ink from the screen with an Autosolve screen cleaner. Then apply Autostrip to both sides of the screen and leave to stand for 5 minutes. The stencil can then be removed with a strong water jet. If a stain or ghost image still remains, use Autokleen Plus.

For more information on how to use MacDermid Autotype products, go to the How to Guide section at macdermid.com/autotype.

SHELF LIFE & STORAGE

The unsensitised emulsion and sensitiser should be stored between 5 to 20 °C (41 to 68 °F) for optimum shelf life.

The shelf life is 24 months for unsensitised emulsion and 4 to 6 weeks once sensitised.

PACKAGING

PLUS TX is supplied in trade packs of 6 x 1 Litres, 4 x 4 Litres, 1 x 20 Litres, all with Diazo.



SAFETY & WARNING

MacDermid Autotype recommends that the company/operator read and review the Safety Data Sheets for the appropriate health and safety warnings before use.

Safety Data Sheets are available from MacDermid Autotype.

WASTE TREATMENT

Prior to using any recommendations or suggestions by MacDermid Autotype for waste treatment, the user is required to know the appropriate local/state/federal regulations for on-site or off-site treatment which may require permits. If there is any conflict regarding our recommendations, local/state/federal regulations take precedent.

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