

Tampaplus TPP



Pad printing ink for rigid PVC, polystyrene, polycarbonate, metal, pre-treated polyethylene and polypropylene, varnished surfaces

Glossy, good opacity, fast drying 1- or 2-component ink system

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Field of Application

Substrates

Tampaplus TPP has a wide range of applications. It is suited to print onto paper, wood, rigid PVC, polystyrene (PS), ABS, SAN, and polycarbonate (PC).

By adding hardener H 1 or H 2, Tampaplus TPP adheres excellently to metal, varnished surfaces, pre-treated polyethylene (PE) and polypropylene (PP), polyurethane (PU), polyamide (PA), polyester (PET), and thermosetting plastics.

When printing onto polyethylene and polypropylene, please make sure to pre-treat the surface of your substrate by flaming or Corona discharge as usual. As per our experience, it is possible to achieve a very good adhesion with the Tampaplus TPP with a surface tension of at least 42-48 mN/m.

On polypropylene, you can also apply a thin film of our colourless Primer P 2 for surface pre-treatment.

For multiple colour printing, please consider that you should not flame the substrate between print sequences as this may reduce intercoat adhesion.

Since all the print substrates mentioned may be different in printability even within an individual type, preliminary trials are essential to determine the suitability for the intended use.

Field of use

The printability of Tampaplus TPP is excellent. This fast drying pad printing ink is especially suited to decorate all kinds of gifts.

Characteristics

Pot life

The pot life (processing period) at room temperature (approx. 20°C) will be about 12-14 h with H 1 and about 8-10 h with H 2. Higher temperatures reduce pot life. If the mentioned times are exceeded, the ink's adhesion and resistance may be reduced even if the ink characteristics show no noticeable change.

Drying

Physically fast drying. Touch-dry at 20°C after 2-3 min, at 30°C after 30-40 sec. The addition of Hardener H 1 or H 2 will extend the drying time. The times mentioned before vary according to substrate, depth of cliché, drying conditions, and the auxiliaries used.

Parallel to physical drying (i. e. to the evaporation of the solvents used), the actual hardening of the ink film is caused by the chemical cross-linking reaction between ink and hardener. Chemical cross-linking can be accelerated by higher temperatures.

The processing and curing temperature should not be lower than 15°C as irreversible damage can occur. Also avoid high humidity for several hours after printing as the hardener is sensitive to humidity.

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Fade resistance

Only pigments of high fade resistance are used in the Tampaplus TPP range. Shades mixed by adding overprint varnish, and especially white, have a reduced fade resistance depending on their mixing ratio. The fade resistance of the ink decreases if the printed ink film thickness is reduced.

The pigments used are resistant to solvents and plasticizers.

Stress Resistance

After proper and thorough drying, the ink film exhibits outstanding adhesion as well as rub, scratch, and block resistance and is resistant to a large number of chemical products, oils, and greases.

In some cases surface stability as well as adhesion and resistance to solvents may be improved by adding 10% of Hardener H 1 or H 2.

Range

Basic shades

Refer to colour chart "TP"

TPP 020	Lemon	TPP 055	Ultramarine Blue
TPP 021	Medium Yellow	TPP 057	Brilliant Blue
TPP 022	Yellow Orange	TPP 058	Deep Blue
TPP 032	Carmine Red	TPP 064	Yellow Green
TPP 035	Bright Red	TPP 068	Brilliant Green
TPP 036	Vermilion	TPP 070	White
TPP 045	Dark Brown	TPP 073	Black

All shades are intermixable. To maintain the special characteristics of this outstanding ink range, TPP should not be mixed with other types.

The basic shades are included in our Marabu-ColorFormulator building the calculation basis for individual colour matching formulas. They are further the basis for colour matches according to common HKS®, RAL®, and Marabu System 21 colour reference systems. All formulas are stored in the Marabu-ColorManager 2 (MCM 2) software.

Bronzes

(to be mixed with Overprint Varnish TPP 910)

S 181	Aluminium
S 182	Rich Pale Gold
S 183	Rich Gold
S 184	Pale Gold
S 186	Copper
S 190	Aluminium, rub-resistant

Due to their chemical structure, Pale Gold S 184 and Copper S 186 have a reduced processing time. Please generally prepare mixtures for one working day only as they cannot be stored and must be processed within 8 h.

Clears

TPP 910 Overprint Varnish, can also be used as bronze binder

The pigments used in the above mentioned standard shades, based on their chemical structure, correspond to the EEC regulations EN 71/part 3, safety of toys - migration of specific elements. All colours are suited for printing onto toys.

Auxiliaries

Thinner:	TPV TPV 2, fast thinner TPV 3, slow thinner
Hardener:	H 1 H 2, fast hardener
Mixing ratio:	10 p. ink : 1 p. hardener
Retarder:	SV 1 VP, Retarder Paste
Matting product:	MP, Matting Powder
Primer:	P 2, for polypropylene
Cleaner:	UR 3
Printing Modifier:	ES, addition: 0 - max. 1%

To adjust printing viscosity, it is generally sufficient to add 10-20% of Thinner TPV to the ink. Thinner TPV 2 can be used for fast printing, TPV 3 for slow printing requirements.

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For the printing of very fine motives, Retarder SV 1 or Retarder Paste VP may be added. An excessive addition may result in ink transfer problems.

Attention

For an ink mixture containing retarder, only thinner should be used for additional thinning during the print run.

By adding Matting Powder MP, the glossy effect of the ink is reduced to a silky or semi-matt finish. The addition of 2-4% Matting Powder MP (in case of 070 White, max. 2%) will not influence significantly the resistances of the ink but reduce its opacity.

Printing Modifier ES contains silicone. It can be used to rectify flow problems on critical substrates by adding up to 1% by weight to the ink. If an excessive amount is added, flow problems are increased and adhesion may be reduced, especially when overprinting.

Cleaning

To clean the ink from containers, clichés, and tools, please use our Cleaner UR 3.

Recommendation

The ink should be stirred well before printing. To protect the ink in opened containers against excessive drying, it can be carefully covered with a layer of thinner which can then be stirred into the ink prior to printing.

Labelling

For our ink type Tampaplus TPP and its additives and auxiliaries, there are current Material Safety Data Sheets according to EC-regulation 91/155, informing in detail about all relevant safety data including labelling according to the present EEC regulations as to health and safety labelling requirements. Such health and safety data may also be derived from the respective label.

The ink has a flash point between 21°C and 100°C.

Note

Please refer to the information in our technical data sheets of pad printing inks. Our technical advice whether spoken, written, or through test trials corresponds to our current knowledge to inform about our products and their use. This is not meant as an assurance for certain properties of the products nor their suitability for each application.

You are, therefore, obliged to conduct your own tests with our supplied products to confirm their suitability for the desired process or purpose. The selection and testing of the ink for specific application is exclusively your responsibility.

Should, however, any liability claims arise, they shall be limited to the value of the goods delivered by us and utilised by you with respect to any and all damages not caused intentionally or by gross negligence.