

## **UDC-LTS**

Dual-cure photoemulsion specifically designed for use with direct to screen & LED systems

- Maximum resolution and good edge definition for industrial printing applications
- Suitable for use with both synthetic and stainless steel wire mesh
- Excellent resistance to solvent-based,
   UV-cured, two-part, and plastisol inks
- Fast exposure (for a dual-cure) with wide exposure latitude and easy developing
- Very good solvent resistance and easy reclaiming
- Designed specifically for use with LTS laser direct exposure system to maximize stencil quality

# **Designed For Use with LTS, DTS and LED**

Premium emulsion designed for the widest range of imaging applications.



#### **CHEMICALS**

#### REQUIRED

### Chroma/Wet™ iSC degreaser / adhesion promoter

Chroma/Strip™ iSC ready-to-use stencil remover

#### **MATERIALS**

Scoop coater

### REQUIRED Broad spectrum exposure ur

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Drying cabinet
Pressure washer
Exposure calculator

RECOMMENDED

#### **SAFETY AND HANDLING**

**UDC-LTS emulsion** should be handled like any other dual cure emulsion. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. This material is not hazardous when used within reasonable standards of industrial hygiene and safe working practices. Refer to SDS for further information.

#### STANDARD SIZES

1 gallon, 5 gallon

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Appearance: Blue

Viscosity: 12,000 CPS (unsensitized)
Solids: 29.5% (unsensitized)
Exposure: Fast (see reverse)

#### **STORAGE**

**UDC-LTS emulsion** should be stored at room temperature and should not be stored at temperatures above 80°F (27°C) or below 32°F (0°C). UDC-LTS emulsion should be stored in its original container.

**Sensitized UDC-LTS** emulsion has a shelf life of 4 to 6 weeks at room temperature (72°F) or longer when refrigerated. To maximize sensitized shelf life use only distilled water to dissolve diazo sensitizer.

Coated, unexposed screens can be stored as long as one month in a clean, cool, dry and completely dark area.

**Expiration date.** Always check the expiration date on sensitizer bottle to assure freshness.

Protect from freezing. UDC-LTS is not freeze/thaw stable.

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#### INSTRUCTIONS

#### **DEGREASE**

Work up a lather on both sides of mesh to degrease. Be sure to use only high-quality mesh degreaser, such as Chroma/Wet iSC designed specifically for this purpose. Rinse thoroughly.



#### MIX

Mix emulsion and sensitizer according to instructions on bottle. Let emulsion stand at least two hours, preferably overnight, before using.

#### COAT

Fill scoop coater with room temperature emulsion. Slowly apply first coat to print side. Next, coat squeegee side with 1-3 coats depending upon thickness required. For most art, a 1X2 coating will be optimal. If a thicker stencil is required, apply additional wet-on-wet coatings from the squeegee side.



#### DRY

Dry screen thoroughly in horizontal position with print side down, using a completely clean and dark drying cabinet. Temperature should not exceed 104°F (40°C). Relative humidity should not exceed 50%; lower RH provides faster drying and allows for more efficient curing.



#### **EXPOSE**

Using an exposure calculator to determine proper exposure times for UDC-LTS, expose the print side of screen using an LTS computer to screen system. Ensure that the emulsion surface is free of dust to minimize pinholes. See exposure guidelines at right.

#### **DEVELOP**

Gently spray both sides of screen with lukewarm water, wait 30 seconds then gently wash print side of the screen until image is fully open. Rinse both sides thoroughly. Dry screen completely and you are ready to print.



#### **RECLAIM**

Apply high-quality screen reclaimer, such as Chroma/Strip iSC to both sides. Scrub area to be reclaimed with a stiff nylon brush to ensure entire surface is wet and let sit until stencil begins to dissolve. Remove stencil residue with pressure washer, then rinse with hose, thoroughly flooding screen and frame.



\*Do not let reclaimer dry

#### **EXPOSURE GUIDELINES**

Note: Exposure times are suggested only as a guide. Individual exposure times may vary depending upon equipment used, bulb age, and other shop conditions. Suggested exposure times are as follows:

Exposure times below were set for a 40x43" (100x108cm) screen exposed at 1270 DPI with 1+2 coating.

#### SUGGESTED MINIMUM EXPOSURE GUIDELINES

Mesh Count (in)	LTS Speed	LTS Power	Time
420.31 YE (165/cm)	220	80%	5'
380.31 YE (150/cm)	280	80%	3-4'
230.40 (90/cm)	200	80%	5'
196.48 YE (77/cm)	170	80%	6-7'
158.64 YE (62/cm)	160	80%	6-7'
325 .0009 SS wire mesh	200	80%	5'
270 .0014 SS wire mesh	90	100%	9'

AVOID FAILURE: Dual cure emulsions have a very wide exposure latitude. Underexposed stencils often appear acceptable, but premature breakdown can occur on the press. When determining exposure speed, always overexpose your test stencil. Then, using the Chromaline Exposure Calculator, reduce exposure time until acceptable image quality is achieved. This will help assure good durability.





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