

CHROMABlue

Pure Photopolymer Emulsion

ChromaBlue™

- Very fast exposing
- Fast drying
- Superior mesh bridging
- Excellent reclaimability
- High solids — lower cost per screen

ChromaBlue, for use with plastisol inks, is ideally suited for textile printers using direct emulsions who are seeking faster screen turnaround without sacrificing image quality.



MATERIALS REQUIRED

Exposure unit
Washout sink
Clean work area
Scoop coater

CHEMICALS REQUIRED

Chroma/Clean™ mesh degreaser
Chroma/Strip™ screen reclaimer

RECOMMENDED

Drying cabinet
Pressure washer

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Chroma/Haze™ haze remover
Chroma/Fill™ screen blackout

SAFETY AND HANDLING

ChromaBlue emulsion should be handled like any other direct emulsion. This material is not hazardous when used within reasonable standards of industrial hygiene and safe working practices. Refer to MSDS.

STANDARD SIZES

Quart, gallon, 3.5 gallon, 50 gal. drum
(Available in dyed formulation only)

SPECIFICATIONS

Appearance: Blue
Viscosity: 4600 CPS
Solids: 50% (no inert fillers)
Exposure: Very Fast (see reverse)

STORAGE

Shelf life is 24 months when stored at room temperature. ChromaBlue should not be stored at temperatures above 80°F (27°C).

Protect from freezing. ChromaBlue is not freeze/thaw stable.





INSTRUCTIONS

DEGREASE

Using Chroma/Clean™ mesh degreaser, work up a lather on both sides of mesh. Flood screen and frame thoroughly with water, then dry.



COAT

Slowly apply first coat to print side. Then coat squeegee side with one coat. If a thicker stencil is desired, additional coats may be applied to the squeegee side while the emulsion is wet. Note that one coat on each side with ChromaBlue is similar to four coats wet on wet with typical diazo based emulsions. Dry thoroughly between coats.



Note:

- ChromaBlue is presensitized. Stir before use.
- Keep pail covered when not in use.
- Return unused emulsion from scoop coater to pail and cover as soon as possible. Emulsion dries quickly and will rapidly "skin over."

DRY

Thoroughly dry screen in horizontal position, print side down, using a totally dark, clean drying cabinet. Temperature should not exceed 110°F (43°C).

EXPOSE

Place emulsion side of photopositive in contact with print side of screen. Exposure times for ChromaBlue are very short and accurate exposure is important for optimal results. 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 Chroma/Strip™ screen reclaimer to both sides of screen. Scrub area to be reclaimed with a stiff nylon brush to ensure entire surface is wet and let it work a few moments until stencil begins to dissolve. Remove stencil residue with pressure washer, then rinse with garden type hose, thoroughly flooding screen and frame.



EXPOSURE GUIDELINES

Note: Exposure times are suggested only as a guide. Use the step exposure method to determine optimal exposure times. Individual exposure times may vary depending upon equipment used, bulb age, and other shop conditions. Exposure times below were set for 5KW unit at 40" from frame.

110 YELLOW POLYESTER MONOFILAMENT MESH

Coating Technique	Coater Edge	Suggested Min. Exp. Time
1X1	Round	30 sec. (165 mj/cm ²)
1X2	Round	40 sec. (224 mj/cm ²)
1X3	Round	50 sec. (283 mj/cm ²)

230 YELLOW POLYESTER MONOFILAMENT MESH

Coating Technique	Coater Edge	Suggested Min. Exp. Time
1X1	Round	20 sec. (107 mj/cm ²)
1X2	Round	25 sec. (135 mj/cm ²)
1X3	Round	30 sec. (165 mj/cm ²)

390 YELLOW POLYESTER MONOFILAMENT MESH

Coating Technique	Coater Edge	Suggested Mid. Exp. Time
1X1	Round	15 sec. (78 mj/cm ²)
1X2	Round	20 sec. (107 mj/cm ²)
1X3	Round	25 sec. (135 mj/cm ²)

* Exposure times were determined using the Chromaline UV Minder Radiometer Dosimeter and Chromaline Exposure Calculator.

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