

Product Data Sheet

Screen Printing Varnish

SunChemical®
Coates Screen Inks

UV 70/880-MT

UV-Curing Structure Varnish, 1-Component

APPLICATION

UV-curing structure varnish for screen printing on pre-treated (primer-coated) polyester foils (decorative foils for membrane switches), PVC, polycarbonate (PC) as well as paper and cardboard.

PROPERTIES

- Solvent-free UV-curing structure screen varnish UV 70/880-MT has a medium to high reactivity.
- This varnish is delivered in a ready-to-print adjustment. Varnish UV 70/880-MT cures quickly and results in a matt, slightly structured finish.
- The surface structure is produced by the thixotropic viscosity, which prevents flow of the varnish. Therefore the screen structure of the fabric will show.
- The cured ink film shows low to medium flexibility as well as a high mechanical abrasion resistance.
- Note: Generally pre-tests to determine suitability of UV 70/880-MT are essential, especially if used as structure varnish on the front sides of primer-coated polyester or polycarbonate foils for membrane switches. It is also essential to carry out these tests in reference to local production conditions and the required quality properties and further processing.

PRODUCT - OVERVIEW

- Clear varnish: UV 70/880-MT Thixotropic, fine structure, matt transparent

LIGHT FASTNESS

UV 70/880-MT is neither suitable nor intended for outdoor applications.

ADJUSTMENT FOR SCREEN PRINTING

- Screen printing varnish UV 70/880-MT is supplied in a ready-to-print adjustment.
- Generally, UV 70/880-MT is not formulated for any additions of auxiliary agents. However, for some very rare and special applications and depending on local conditions, addition of the two following agents/additives is possible.
- Prior to printing, the varnish should be stirred well to obtain a homogeneous dispersion of all ingredients.

AUXILIARY AGENTS

Application	Product	Addition in % by weight	Additional Information
Thinning	Additive UV/V*	Max. 5%	Standard thinner
Reactivity Increase	LAB-N 560700	1 - 3%	Photoinitiator

* Thinner Additive UV/V is a reactive UV monomer, not a commercial solvent!

DRYING / UV-CURING

- UV 70/880-MT only dries/cures under UV-radiation.
- Suitable UV-driers with Hg medium-pressure lamps (250 – 400 nm) and an efficiency between 80 and 200 W/cm have to be used.
- Preferably, use reflectors with a focussed radiation.
- Ensure an even radiation (intensity/distance to the lamps) of the whole printed image.
- The UV-energy required depends on construction/performance of the UV drier, the thickness of the printed varnish layer and type of substrate. Hence, printers should determine the exact required energy with their own UV-drier.
- **UV-curing energy guide values:**
(printed with 120-34 fabric, white substrate)
UV-energy: 250-300 mJ/cm²
(measured with Kühnast UV-integrator, 250 – 410 nm, max. 365 nm)
Belt speed: UV-radiator: 1 x 120 W/cm: 8 - 10 m/min.
2 x 120 W/cm: 16 - 20 m/min.
- Adhesion should only be checked several minutes after curing. Due to the post-curing process of the varnish and depending on the substrate, sufficient adhesion may sometimes only be achieved after up to 24 hours.

SCREEN FABRIC / STENCILS

UV 70/880-MT has been formulated for printing with fabrics ranging from 120 - 150 threads/cm.

Printing with coarser or finer fabrics is not recommended. Coarser or finer fabrics will cause a significant change of structure properties.

All copy emulsions and capillary films suitable for solvent based and UV-curing screen inks can be used, such as our program of SunCoat or Murakami products.

CLEANING

Uncured UV varnishes can be removed from stencils and tools using our solvent based universal cleaning agents of the URS range.

Cleaning of cured UV varnishes is very time-consuming and hardly ever possible.

Note: As the acrylates contained in these UV varnishes may cause skin irritation, clean contaminated skin with water and soap immediately. Remove and clean contaminated clothing straightaway.

PACK SIZE

Screen printing varnish UV 70/880-MT is delivered in 1 litre containers. Other pack sizes are available upon request.

SHELF LIFE

In closed original containers, UV 70/880-MT screen varnish generally has a shelf life of 1 year from date of production.

For exact date of expiry, please refer to the label.

SAFETY DATA SHEETS

Read safety data sheet prior to processing.

Safety data sheets comply with Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006 (REACH), Appendix II.

CLASSIFICATION AND LABELLING

Hazard classification and labelling comply with Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 (CLP/GHS).

CONFORMITY

Coates Screen Inks GmbH does not use any of the substances or mixtures for the production of printing inks, which are banned according to the EUPIA (European Association of the Printing Inks Industry) exclusion policy.

Further compliance confirmations are available upon request.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR PRODUCTS

Product data sheets: Auxiliary Agents for UV-Curing Screen Printing Inks
Brochures: UV-Curing Screen Printing Inks
Internet: Various technical articles are available for download on www.coates.de,
section "SN-Online"

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