



Gecko®

Single Component Gravure White

Solvent based printing inks for flexible packaging

Enhanced overprintability in gravure printing

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Description

A single component white offering enhanced overprintability in gravure printing when use of 2 component white is not desired.

Applications

Flexible packaging for food products when enhanced overprintability is required. Can be used in combination with all ink series for surface printing: Gecko Frontal Plus, Eco and Uni.

Print Process

Surface print Rotogravure

Properties

Ink adhesion	5	Water resistance	5
Rub resistance	5	Deep freeze resistance	5
Anti-scratch	4	Vegetable oil resistance	5
Heat resistance	180 °C	C.O.F. (dynamic)	0.25 - 0.35
Gloss	5	Light fastness (BWS)	n/a

Rating scale (1 to 5 based on Gecko product range) 1 = worst value, 5 = best value

Note: All technical properties are a guideline only and dependent on final application

Substrates: paper, coated paper, LDPE, HDPE, Coex OPP, cPP, ChemPET.

Print viscosity

Diluents	Flexographic	Gravure
	20-25 s DIN 4	15-20 s DIN 4
Slow		n-Propyl Acetate
Standard		Ethyl Acetate
Fast		
Retarder		Methoxy Propyl Acetate

Auxiliaries

Additives In general use of additives is not needed

Instructions for the use of printing inks for the production of primary food packaging

For information on the use of printing inks for the manufacture of food packaging please refer to the respective „**Statement of Composition**“. This information is provided to allow the calculation of possible levels of migration of evaluated substances in a worst case situation.

Migration tests at **hubergroup** laboratories with printed samples made from commercially available OPP film (film thickness 35 µ, printed weight 6 g/m², with ethanol as the food simulant) and PE film (50 µ, printed weight 6 g/m², with ethanol as the food simulant) showed no migration of substances above legal limits. Based on the results of these migration tests, we expect that the printed inks enable the final printed products to comply with the legal requirements for packaging for all kinds of foodstuff.

The manufacturer of the finished article and the filler have the legal responsibility to prove by appropriate migration testing that it is fit for its intended purpose.

In order to maintain low residual solvents concentration in the printed film, the printer must ensure sufficient drying of the inks, especially when retarders have been added. Residual solvent content must be regularly monitored.

The inks must not be used in the manufacture of packaging where the printed ink layer is intended to come into contact with foodstuff (direct food contact).

There are restrictions for the use of printing inks for applications where temperatures above 120 °C for extended periods of time are applied. For details, please see document "Food Packaging Inks for High Temperature Applications".

Health & Safety

The material safety data sheets contain all relevant information for the generation of appropriate internal plant instructions. The user is responsible for all local legislation requirements.

Ink Handling

Please refer to General Guidelines for handling inks for flexible packaging.