



## Gecko® 2 Component Primer for Metalized Films

Solvent based printing inks for flexible packaging  
70GX131865



### Description

A solvent based 2 component primer on PVC-basis offering improved printability and adhesion on metalized films.

### Applications

Flexible packaging for food and beverage products printed on the metalized side of films. To be used when standard 1 component primer is not sufficient to give appropriate adhesion.

### Print process

Surface print Flexographic and Rotogravure.

### Properties

Ink adhesion	5	Water resistance	5
Heat resistance	150 °C	Deep freeze resistance	5

All other properties depend on the ink and lacquer products used.

**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 depend on final application.  
For details about exact test methods which are the basis for info about fastness properties given above please refer to the general test method overview.

Substrates: Metalized films

### Print viscosity

Diluents	Flexographic		Gravure	
	15 - 20 s DIN 4		15 - 20 s DIN 4	
Slow	n-Propyl Acetate	100 %	n-Propyl Acetate	100 %
Standard	Ethyl Acetate	100 %	Ethyl Acetate	100%
Fast				
Retarder	Methoxy Propyl Acetate	5 % max.	Methoxy Propyl Acetate	3 % max.

## Auxiliaries

**Additives** In general use of additives is not needed.

## Notes

**Diluents** All solvents and equipment must be water and alcohol free in order to prevent non-curing of the 2 component reaction.

**Printing** This primer can only be used for flexographic printing when rubber or ethyl acetate resistant photopolymer printing plates are used.

**Hardener** This product can only be used in combination with the hardener 70GH132958, mixed in the ratio 100 parts of primer: 10 parts of the hardener. Hardening reaction will be initiated by high temperature (60 - 70 °C). The printed primer is fully cured after 5 - 7 days (Temperature about 20 °C).

**Mixing** This product must be premixed with the hardener prior to dilution. Following preparation, this 2 component primer may be used for up to 12 hours.

## 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/m<sup>2</sup>, with 95 % ethanol as the food simulant) and PE film (film thickness: 50 µ, printed weight: 6 g/m<sup>2</sup>, with 95 % 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.

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Contact addresses for advice and further information can be found under [www.hubergroup.de](http://www.hubergroup.de)

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