



Pad printing ink for natural or synthetic fabrics, and other substrates like EVA, boost, and DWR-coated materials

Very flexible, high opacity, 2-component system, very good wash and mechanical resistance

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Field of Application

Substrates

Tampa® Sport TPSP is particularly suited to print onto

- Cotton
- Nylon
- Polyester
- Polyester blends
- EVA coated
- EVA
- Boost
- DWR-coated materials

Before printing, please keep in mind that the substrate surface must have a surface tension of 42 - 48 mN/m, usually achieved by pretreatment by flaming, corona, or plasma.

When printing on recycled materials, it is mandatory to particularly confirm the adhesion with preliminary tests.

Since all the print substrates mentioned may be different in printability even within an individual type, preliminary trials are essential to determine the suitability for the intended use.

Field of use

Tampa® Sport TPSP is destined for pad printing applications on natural or synthetic textiles requiring high resistance against washing and ironing.

Characteristics

Ink Adjustment

Tampa® Sport TPSP should be stirred homogeneously before printing and if necessary during production.

As a 2-component ink system, it is essential to

add hardener in the correct quantity prior to printing and to stir homogeneously.

textile substrates: min. 15 %
non-textile substrates: 10 %

When using hardener, the processing and curing temperature must not be lower than 15 °C as irreversible damage can occur. Please also avoid high humidity for several hours after printing as the hardener is sensitive to humidity.

Pot life

The ink/hardener mixture is chemically reactive and must be processed within 6-8 h (referred to 20-25 °C and 45-60 % RH). Higher temperatures reduce the pot life. If the mentioned times are exceeded, the ink's adhesion and resistance may be reduced even if the ink still seems processable.

Drying

Parallel to physical drying (i. e. the evaporation of the solvents used), the actual hardening of the ink film is caused by the chemical crosslinking reaction between ink and hardener. The following values concerning progressive crosslinking (hardening) of the ink film can be assumed:

Drying times

stackable	20 °C	20 sec.
washable	20 °C	2 days
final hardness	20 °C	7 days

Chemical cross-linking can be accelerated by higher temperatures, for example by using a continuous dryer.

The times mentioned vary according to substrate, depth of cliché, drying conditions, and the auxiliaries used. For quick printing sequences, we recommend forced air drying (max. 200 °C for 2-3 sec) of the surface after each colour (depending on the substrate!).

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For multiple colour printing we point out that the previously printed ink film should not be entirely cured before the consecutive ink film is printed on top of it.

If drying takes place at room temperature, the consecutive print should be carried out within 48 h.

Fade resistance

Only pigments of high fade resistance are used in the Tampa® Sport TPSP range. Shades mixed by adding overprint varnish or white have a reduced fade and weather resistance depending on their mixing ratio. The fade resistance also decreases if the ink film thickness is reduced. The pigments used are resistant to solvents and plasticizers.

Stress resistance

Textiles:

Washing resistance is reached if prints are allowed to dry for 2 days at 20 °C. This can be accelerated with forced drying like oven or hot air. The resistance of Tampa® Sport TPSP against ironing is very good. Therefore, the resistance against ironing of the printed product depends more on the temperature stability of the substrate. Pre-treatment of the textiles is not necessary. For textiles treated with a finishing, preliminary trials are mandatory.

Non-textile substrates:

After proper and thorough drying, the ink film exhibits outstanding adhesion as well as rub, scratch, and block resistance, and is resistant to various chemical products, oils, greases, and solvents. Especially developed for the print on EVA materials, the 2-component ink system Tampa® Sport TPSP is characterized by its outstanding elasticity. Maximum resistance is reached if prints are allowed to dry for 2 days at 20 °C. This can be accelerated with forced drying like oven or hot air.

Range

Basic Shades

970	White
980	Black

High Opaque Shades

170	Opaque White
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Further Products

910	Overprint Varnish
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The output of inks that are filled by weight may vary considerably owing to the specific gravity of the respective colour shade. This must be considered especially for white and mixtures with white.

The appearance of the colour shades may vary significantly depending upon the substrate used (especially TPSP 970).

The shades are intermixable. Mixing with other ink types or auxiliaries must be avoided in order to maintain the special characteristics of this ink.

Auxiliaries

TPV	Thinner, standard	10-30%
TPV 2	Thinner, fast	10-30%
TPV 7	Thinner, fast	10-30%
TPV 8	Thinner, slow	10-30%
TPV 9	Thinner, fast	10-30%
H 2	Hardener	10-20%
H 4	Hardener, highly resistant	10-20%
TPV 10	Thinner	10-15%
GLV	Thinner, slow	5-15%
TPV 3	Thinner, slow	5-15%
SA 1	Surface Additive	3-5%
STM	Thickening Agent	1-2%
UR 5	Cleaner (flp. 72°C)	

Thinner is added to the ink to adjust the printing viscosity. The choice of thinner and the amount added are highly depending upon the local climate and the printing speed.

All hardeners are sensitive to humidity and always to be stored in a sealed container. They

can be added for increased resistance and adhesion and must be stirred well and homogeneously into the undiluted ink shortly before use. The mixture ink/hardener is not storable and must be processed within pot life.

Hardener H 2 dries quickly, forms a rigid ink film, and is not suitable for outdoor applications.

Hardener H 4 is used for significantly increased requirements concerning resistance to water and humidity and is suitable for outdoor use.

Quantity added textile/non-textile substrates see chapter Ink Adjustment!

The printed ink film could be tacky immediately after printing. Therefore it is important to dry it afterwards for 24 h at room temperature or at temperatures appropriate to the textile with a flash dryer / conveyer oven. After 7 days at room temperature the ink film is resistant to 60 °C washing. Due to many different types of coatings, preliminary trials are essential!

The addition of Surface Additive SA 1 can increase the resistance against abrasion and other mechanical stress. At the same time, it may improve the ink transfer from pad to substrate (recommended addition 3-5 %, max. 10 %).

The Thickening Agent STM enhances the ink's viscosity without significantly influencing the degree of gloss. Please stir well, the use of an automatic mixing machine is recommended.

Cleaner UR 5 is recommended for manual or automatic cleaning of the working equipment.

Printing Parameters

Clichés:

Textiles:

All commercially available clichés made of photopolymer (35-55 µm), ceramic, thin steel, and hardened steel (thickness 10 mm) can be used. The recommended cliché depth for ceramic, thin steel, or hardened steel clichés is approx. 30-35 µm (full area), or 55 µm (half tone).

Non-textile substrates:

All commercially available clichés made of photopolymer (20-35 µm), ceramic, thin steel, and hardened steel (thickness 10 mm) can be used. The recommended cliché depth for ceramic, thin steel, or hardened steel clichés is approx. 20-24 µm (full area), or 35 µm (half tone).

Laser engraved clichés have particularly proved themselves because the cliché depth can be controlled precisely. Therefore, it is easy to produce several clichés with highest accuracy for exact reproductions.

Printing pads

As per our experience, all common printing pads consisting of materials cross-linked by condensation or addition can be used. Depending on the substrate, we recommend a hardness of 3 - 12 Shore.

Printing machines

Tampa® Sport TPSP is suitable for closed ink cup systems, as well as for open ink wells. Depending on type and usage of the machine, it is to accordingly adjust type and amount of the thinner used.

Shelf Life

Shelf life depends very much on the formula/reactivity of the ink system as well as the storage temperature. It is 3.5 years for an unopened ink container if stored in a dark room at a temperature of 15-25 °C. Under different conditions, particularly higher storage temperatures, the shelf life is reduced. In such cases, the warranty given by Marabu expires.

Note

Our technical advice whether spoken, written, or through test trials corresponds to our current knowledge to inform about our products and their use. This is not meant as an assurance for certain properties of the products nor their suitability for each application. You are, therefore, obliged to conduct your own tests with our supplied products to con-

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firm their suitability for the desired process or purpose. The foregoing information is based on our experience and should not be used for specification purposes. All characteristics described in this Technical Data Sheet refer exclusively to the standard products listed under "Range", provided that they are processed in accordance with their intended use and only when used with the recommended auxiliaries. The selection and testing of the ink for specific applications is exclusively your responsibility. Should, however, any liability claims arise, they shall be limited to the value of the goods delivered by us and utilised by you with respect to any and all damages not caused intentionally or by gross negligence.

Labelling

For Tampa® Sport TPSP and its auxiliaries, there are current Material Safety Data Sheets available according to EC regulation 1907/2006, informing in detail about all relevant safety data including labelling according to EC regulation 1272/2008 (CLP regulation). Such health and safety data may also be derived from the respective label.

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