

SAATITEX CTS 2 Plus

APPLICATIONS

Specially designed for use with DLE technology (Direct Light Exposure for Computer to Screen Technology)

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Unique Triple-cure pure photopolymer emulsion for the textile market
- Excellent resistance to water based inks, including plastisols and discharge inks, particularly if hardened with proper catalyst
- Very high solid content (38%)
- Very fast in exposure
- Reclaimable before hardening
- It could be reinforced by protective lacquers like our Finish SU1 a+b

Exposure of SAATITEX CTS 2 Plus is 5 times faster than typical dual-cure emulsions commonly used in textile market and could be lacquered with Finish SU 1 a+b to improve resistance

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Handle under yellow safelight or low wattage tungsten lights. Avoid exposure to daylight, quartz/halogen lamps, cool white fluorescent lamps or discharge lamps.

Sensitizing and mixing

Emulsion is presensitized during production and does not require mixing.

Mesh preparation and degreasing

Degrease new mesh with Direct Prep 2 in order to optimise stencil adhesion; dry and store the screen in a dust free, dry environment prior to coating. In order to achieve best results and avoid the use of chemicals, you can preferably use Saatilene Hi-R Mesh.

Coating

Using a high quality scoop coater or coating through, apply one or two coats to the substrate side of the screen, followed by one or two coats on the squeegee side. For a thicker stencil, apply additional coats to the squeegee side prior to drying.

For a higher quality stencil with a minimal increase in stencil thickness, apply one or two additional coats to the substrate side of the screen after the initial coats have dried.

Drying and storage

Thoroughly dry the coated screen at a maximum temperature of 104°F (40°C) in a dust free, dark or yellow light area, with the substrate side facing down to optimize stencil quality. Coated screens should be stored in a dust free, dry, safelight environment.

Exposing

SAATITEX CTS 2 Plus has high sensitivity to UV light and is suitable for use With DLE machines. Exposure speed depends on mesh count and its colour and the number of coats of emulsion. Perform an exposure test with a 21-step Sensitivity Guide to determine correct exposure speed. The 21-step Sensitivity Guide should be taped directly to the surface of the emulsion in an area that will be fully exposed. SAATITEX CTS 2 plus stencils should hold a solid step 5 after thorough developing to guarantee proper resistance during printing, maintaining excellent resolution.

Developing

Wet both sides of the screen with a strong, finely divided spray of water and continue washing out until all image areas are fully open. Rinse both sides of the screen and dry thoroughly before use. A properly exposed and developed screen will not leave residues on the squeegee side.

Hardening

Apply Fixer 9 thinly and evenly to both sides of the dry stencil with a sponge, brush or cloth. Remove Fixer 9 excess to avoid drops. Let dry. Then cure overnight at room temperature or for 1 to 2 hours at 122°-140°F (50°-60°C).

Painting

See Technical Data Sheet of FINISH SU1 a+b

Reclaiming

Remove all ink residues immediately after printing with an appropriate solvent. Remove stencil with Remove ER series and a pressure washer. For stains and ghost images, use Remove HR series followed by a pressure washer.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Before using, refer to appropriate material safety data sheets.

PROBLEM SOLVING

Poor coating quality

- Properly clean, degrease and rinse the screen to remove all residues and traces of chemicals
- Properly and evenly tension the fabric
- Clean and ensure the scoop coater does not present any defect edge.

Poor detail or difficulty washing out image

- Ensure emulsion and coated screens are handled in safelight conditions only

- Optimize exposure time
- Do not store emulsion or coated screen at high temperatures.

Emulsion falls off, extreme pinholes or severe stencil breakdown during printing

- Ensure that damp screens are not being exposed
- Only expose screens with an even and consistent coating thickness
- Ensure that stencil has not been severely underexposed

Difficulty reclaiming screens

- Non reclaimable once catalysed
- Optimized exposure time and properly rinse the squeegee side of the screen during developing to remove all residual traces, especially when using higher mesh count dyed fabric

Saatilene Hi-R can be the best solution to most problems.

STORAGE

When sealed in the original container and stored in cool conditions, SAATITEX CTS 2 will maintain original properties for 12 months from the date of production.

PACKAGING

Available in 1, 5 and 200 kilogram containers. In North America, available in one, five and fifty US gallon containers.

WARRANTY AND LIMITED REMEDY

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