

Product Information Bulletin

Recommended Parameters



19000WOBB Wilflex Oasis™ Bleed Blocker Black

Wilflex™ Oasis Bleed Blocker Black is a water-based ink formulated to help control dye migration. Oasis Bleed Blocker Black offers excellent bleed resistance and superior printability for high production environments.

Fabric Types

100% polyester, polyester blends, cotton/poly blends. *Not recommended for nylon or satin fabrics. Pre-test prior to production.



Mesh

Counts: 110-160 t/in (43-62 t/cm) Tension: 25-35 n/cm²



Squeegee

Durometer: 60-70 shore, 60/90/60

Edge: Square, Sharp

Stroke: Medium-Fast, Moderate Pressure Angle: Steep (15-20°)

*Do not use excess squeegee pressure.



Water-Resistant Stencil

Direct: 2 over 2

Capillary/Thick Film: 50-70 microns Off Contact: 1/16" (.2cm) or lower Emulsion-over-Mesh: 15-20%



Flash & Cure Temperatures

Flash: 200°F (95°C) ink temp Cure: 1 minute @ 320°F (160°C)



Pigment Loading

*All percentages listed at % by weight.



Oasis Additives

Oasis Thickener: 0.1% rate, 1% max. *All percentages listed at % by weight.



Storage

37-104°F (3-40°C) Use within one year of manufacture date. Keep containers sealed at all times.



Clean Up

Warm Soap Water (Tap) Gentle Pressure



Health & Safety

MSDS: www.polvone.com or Contact your local CSR.

Highlights

- ▶ High performance, bleed resistant technology.
- ▶Flashes fast.
- Smooth, matte surface with minimal tack.
- ▶Works on a variety of fabrics.
- ▶Good flow properties optimized for high speed production.



Printing Tips

- Should be used with Oasis inks.
- ▶Use 125 t/in (49 t/cm) screen mesh for large coverage areas and non-detailed graphics. Print detailed images with 160 t/in (62 t/cm) screen mesh.
- ▶Bleed Blocker Black is engineered for optimal flow properties. If increased viscosity is desired, add Oasis Thickener at a rate of 0.1%, up to 1% max by weight.
- ▶Bleed Blocker Black will re-wet and flow when printed a few times after a break. Keep the flood bar down and clear from the image. Flooding over the image will cause more drying, as more surface area is exposed to the
- ▶ Keep the stencil in the unflooded position when printing stops. To avoid "drying-in" of stencil, cover the screen with a moist towel during any break lasting more than a few minutes. Avoid leaving ink in the screen for prolonged periods.
- For additional print tips and recommendations, please refer to the Oasis Tips & Tools guide.



Compliance

- Non-PVC, non-phthalate.
- For compliance certifications, please visit www.wilflex.com/compliance.



Precautions

- Screens must be prepared with water-resistant emulsion to prevent stencil breakdown on press. Some emulsions will require a hardener to further prevent the printing process from degrading the stencil.
- To avoid ink interaction in the image area, verify that the screen mesh is clean of previous ghost images. The image area must be clean and de-hazed.
- ►Ink cure temperature is recommended at 320°F (160°C) for 1 full minute.
- Infrared dryers may affect curing times. Carefully test and monitor different heat capacities to ensure full cure of inks.
- Most substrates are suitable for printing; however, fibers which possess a low surface adhesion (e.g. polypropylene, silk, polyamide or wool) will require special care during drying and cure processes. Test all fabrics for color fixation and wash fastness before starting any production runs.
- Perform fusion tests before production. Failure to cure ink properly may result in poor wash fastness, inferior adhesion and unacceptable durability. Ink flash temperatures should be measured on the ink surface using an infrared thermometer sensor. Ink cure temperatures should be measured using a Thermoprobe placed directly in the wet ink film (printed) and verified on the production run substrate(s) and production equipment. It is the responsibility of the printer to determine that the correct ink has been selected for a specific substrate and the application processes meet your customer's standards or specifications.
- ▶Containers must maintain air-tight seal when not in use.
- ▶NON-CONTAMINATION OF OASIS INKS: Do not add or mix non-Oasis inks, additives or extenders with Oasis inks. All buckets, palette knives, stirring apparatus, squeegees, flood bars and screens must be cleaned properly and free of phthalates and PVC containing inks. Non-phthalate emulsions and pallet adhesives must be used. Failure to follow these precautions may cause phthalate contamination in violation of consumer protection laws and regulations
- Any application not referred in this product information bulletin should be pre-tested or consultation sought with Wilflex Technical Services Department prior to printing.
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