

ECOTRANS® AQ

Product Information

Water-based Screen Inks 2-pack system

Used in the production of highly washable, highly stretchable, single and multi-colour and digital hybrid heat transfer labels.

Substrates: Transfer Papers, Transfer Films.

Machines: Suitable for use on manual, semi & fully automatic machines. List of suitable screen machines on request.



Substrates to be printed must be tested for suitability with the **ECOTRANS® AQ** ink system prior to production runs being carried out. Always test application fully before beginning production run as there is often considerable variance in substrates from different manufacturers and even between different batches.

Single Layer Heat Transfer Label Inks for sportswear and casual wear transfers

82-08-SL- **ECOTRANS® AQ LC (Low Cure) Water-based Inks**
Highly durable | Fast drying | For use in climate-controlled printing environments.

Properties Transfers produced with the **ECOTRANS® AQ** ink system give excellent Performance, Durability, Wash & Dry Clean resistance properties on a wide range of fabrics, when processed in accordance with the TDS recommendations.

Transfers are soft & flexible on suitable substrates
Wash Resistances up to 95°C dependent on adhesive
Water Based Pigmented Ink System
Low V.O.C.

OEKO-TEX® Standard 100 Class 1 compliant
OEKO-TEX® Eco-passport compliant
Zero Discharge of Hazard Chemicals (ZDHC) compliant

When correctly Heat Cured the 2-pack ink system produces Durable & Wash Resistant transfers. Performance, Durability and Wash resistances are dependent on the substrate, release film or paper and the adhesive used.

Supplied Opaque Mixing Range: White and 7 Base Colours.
FREE access to the [PERFECTOS® Online Colour Mixing Guide](#). Colour Matching Service available.
Use the **ECOTRANS® AQ** ink coding system to find out your required colour reference code.
Ink and Crosslinker are supplied separately.
ECOTRANS® AQ Anti-Dye Migration (82--9-59100)**
For Dye Sublimated Polyesters.
ECOTRANS® AQ Anti-Dye Migration Soft-Shell (82--9-SSB)**
For Dip Dyed and Soft-Shell Fabrics. See separate data sheet for more information.

MOQ Minimum ordering quantity, 5kg per colour.

Usage All inks should be thoroughly gently mixed prior to use, as settling of the ink may occur during transportation & storage.
Use as a 2-pack ink system with **ECOTRANS® AQ Crosslinker (82-AD-BS)**.
Optimum Resistances will be achieved a minimum of 72 hours after printing.

Crosslinker Use as a 2-pack ink system with **ECOTRANS® AQ Crosslinker (82-AD-BS)**. *Use in well ventilated areas.*
The "Pot-life" of the 2-pack ink is between 6-8 hours. "Pot-life" is dependent on temperature & humidity levels. For further information refer to **ECOTRANS® AQ** 2-pack Mixing Instructions.

All 2-pack inks will IRREVERSIBLY HARDEN after mixing. When printing is completed, or if printing is interrupted for more than 15 minutes, the screen mesh, screen machinery & equipment used must be thoroughly cleaned to prevent permanent damage.

Ink Type	Recommended addition levels
Coloured Inks	5.0% 82-AD-BS
White Inks (-HS/-US Only)	5.0% 82-AD-BS
Printable Adhesives	Do not use crosslinker in adhesives.

Squeegee For Screen flat-bed printing, it is recommended to use a medium (Shore hardness 70-75°) square-edged squeegee.

Screens	Ink Type	Passes	Mesh Recommendation	Mesh Range Recommendation
	Coloured Inks and White Inks	1 Layers	61T (155 threads/inch)	43 - 77T (110 - 195 threads/inch)
	Printable Adhesives	1-2 Layers	36T (92 threads/inch)	29 - 43T (74 - 110 threads/inch)

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Heat Curing Dry the printed sheet in a drying tunnel, ensuring that each layer is completely dry before continuing.

82-08-SL- Recommended drying conditions: 120 - 140°C for 60 seconds (depending on dryer, air flow, screen mesh). For adhesive powder applications ensure a suitable sintering temperature is used.

Additives For maximum opacity, print without the addition of any **ECOTRANS® AQ** additives.

Ink requires thinning without affecting drying rate	add Viscosity Modifier	(82-AD-VM)	↑5%
Ink dries too fast in the screen &/or small designs	add Retarder	(82-AD-RE)	↑5%
Ink dries too fast / high ambient temperature	add Ink Stabiliser	(82-AD-ST)	↑3%
Excessive bubbling caused when mixing	add Anti-foam	(82-AD-AF)	↑1%
Pin-holing occurs when printing	add Wetting Agent	(82-AD-WA)	↑1%

ENSURE ONLY ECOTRANS® AQ ADDITIVES ARE USED

Cleaners	PERFECTOS® AQ Performance Cleaner	(99-10-82-V2)	For cleaning screen and machine parts.
	PERFECTOS® AQ Screen Refresher	(99-10-83)	Used to keep the screen stable and open when printing small image areas, or for liberal use after the print run is complete, prior to washout.
	PERFECTOS® Citrus Hand Cleaner	(99-10-HCC)	Solvent-free heavy-duty hand cleaner.

DO NOT PUT CLEANERS INTO INK

Shelf Life For specific expiry and use by period refer to product label. As a guideline standard mixing range items are suitable for use 3 years from manufacture, and within 12 months of opening. Security Inks only have a shelf life of 6 months.

For maximum shelf life, keep containers closed and store in a cool environment between **5°C (41°F)** and **35°C (95°F)**, out of direct sunlight and away from any heat sources.

Ensure the lid is replaced onto any unused ink in the container to prevent skinning.

Safety Refer to the specific **PERFECTOS®** Safety Data Sheets for information on the safety & handling of this range of inks, available on request.

ECOTRANS® AQ Test Specifications & *Declarations are available on request.

Notes All Products supplied in bulk quantities & require weighing out prior to mixing / printing as the ratios may vary dependent on colour & substrate to be printed.

Screen Emulsion must be suitable for use with **Water Based** inks.

Quality Control tests carried out to **PERFECTOS®** specifications unless otherwise agreed prior to supply of product. Please use the contact details below for further assistance or information



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