



# ATLANTA CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

## Instructions For Use Thermochromic Screen printing/ offset ink

- The thermochromic (color changing) screen printing ink is supplied as ready to use water-based material.
- It should NOT be diluted with water.
- When working with the thermochromic screen printing ink, wear a lab coat (or old clothes) and use gloves.
- Do not mix the thermochromic screen printing inks of different brands or colors.
- Our thermochromic screen printing ink is ideally suited for flatbed screen-printing process onto different surfaces such as paper, cardboards, ceramics, rubbers, wood, metals, plastics, glass and many more. The material would be used as an **offset** ink as well.
- The surface subject of screen printing, must be clean and dry. This will assure proper adhesion of the material.
- If screen printing is used as an application method, the recommended mesh size is 110, but it is not limited to this size. If the image has fine details, then a higher number screen could be used.
- Do not allow the material to sit dormant on the screen as this will cause “drying in” the screen and affects print definition and quality.
- This product should be cured up to 160°C / 320°F no longer than 2 minutes for an immediate use or air dried for 12 hours. **Note: Higher temperatures or longer heating time may destroy the fine microstructure of the Thermochromic screen printing ink.**
- The thermochromic material should be cleaned off from the screen using water ONLY! Glycol based cleaners or any organic/inorganic solvents, bases or acids should not be used as they would damage the function of the screen. A mild water jet may be required to remove all ink material's remnants.

The thermochromic screen printing ink should be stored away from UV light and higher temperature. Store it in a cool, dark, and dry place.

- Do not store the thermochromic screen printing ink at temperatures above 77°F / 25°C.
- Do not freeze the thermochromic screen printing ink.
- Shelf Life - approximately 6 months
- As the product is water based it is important to keep the containers tightly shut to avoid water evaporation.

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