

PSLC294 UV Litho Overprint Clear is a screen printable UV clear coat that has been formulated to yield a very durable and flexible film that exhibits an exceptional gloss finish. PSLC294 is designed to screen print over previously offset printed paper and cardstock.

Substrates

Coated paper / Coated cardstock

Substrate recommendations are based on commonly available materials intended for the ink's specific market when the inks are processed according to this technical data. While technical information and advice on the use of this product is provided in good faith, the User bears sole responsibility for selecting the appropriate product for their end-use requirements. Reference the 'Quality Statement' at the end of this document.

Mesh

305-420 tpi (120-165 tpcm) with a mesh opening of 22-38 um monofilament polyester mesh for most applications.

Stencil

Use direct emulsions and capillary films which are solvent resistant and UV compatible.

Squeegee

70-90 durometer polyurethane squeegee.

Screen Printing

Standard items are formulated to be press ready. Thoroughly mix the ink prior to printing. Improper mixing can lead to inconsistent color and ink performance.

Maintain ink temperature at 65°-90°F (18°-32°C) for optimum print and cure performance. Lower temperatures increase the ink viscosity, impairing flow and increasing film thickness. Elevated temperatures lower the ink viscosity, reducing print definition and film thickness.

Pretest to determine optimum printing parameters for a particular set of ink, substrate, screen, press, and curing variables/conditions.

The ink can be affected by stray UV light. Be aware of skylights, windows and overhead lights curing the ink in the screen; light filters are recommended. Leaving a container uncovered may result in the ink's surface forming a "skin", caused by reaction with ambient lighting. Keep containers covered.

Nazdar does not recommend inter-mixing this ink series with other inks or series.

Cure Parameters

These guidelines are intended only as a starting point for determining cure parameters, which must be determined under actual production conditions. "Undercuring" the ink may result in poor adhesion, lower block resistance, reduced durability, and higher residual odor. "Overcuring" the ink may reduce the flexibility of the printed part and adhesion of subsequent ink layers.

Mercury Vapor UV Curing: Standard ink cures when exposed to a single medium pressure mercury vapor lamp emitting output millijoules (mJ) and milliwatts (mW) of:

150+ mJ/cm² @ 600+ mW/cm² UVA

To increase mJ levels, slow down the belt speed or scan speed. To increase mW levels, increase the wattage setting of the UV reactor. To optimize mJ and mW output, maintain the bulb and reflector, and ensure proper focus to the substrate.

These guidelines are representative of measurements taken using an EIT® UVICURE® Plus radiometer measuring the UVA bandwidth (320-390 nm). To obtain accurate mJ readings with the UVICURE® Plus, reduce the belt speed to less than 40 ft/min.

Adhesion Testing

When recommended UV energy output levels are achieved, checking the degree of cure on a **cooled down** print is imperative:
- Touch of ink surface – the ink surface should be smooth.

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- Thumb twist – the ink surface should not mar or smudge.
- Scratch surface – the ink surface should resist scratching.

Cleanup

For screen cleaning, similar products to those listed below may be used.

Screen Wash (Prior to Reclaim): Use IMS201 Premium Graphic Screen Wash or IMS203 Economy Graphic Screen Wash
Press Wash (On Press): Use IMS301 Premium Graphic Press Wash

Ink Modifications

Additives

The market specific performance properties of this ink series / ink item should be acceptable for most applications without the need for additives. When required, any additives should be thoroughly mixed before each use. Prior to production, test any additive adjustment to the ink. Inks containing additives should not be mixed with other inks.

Example for additives: Ink at 100g with 8% of an additive is calculated as: 100g ink + 8g additive = 108g total

Reducer / Thinner

Use the following item(s) to reduce the viscosity of these inks. Over reduction can reduce print definition, film thickness and adversely affect cure.

RE302 UV Reducer add up to 15%.

Flexibilizer

Use the following item(s) to increase the flexibility of these inks. The addition of flexibilizer could show a decrease in block resistance.

RE308 UV Reducer: add up to: 10%

General Information

Handling

Refer to the SDS for recommendations on handling.

Wear gloves and barrier cream to prevent direct skin contact. Safety glasses are suggested in areas where ink may be splashed. If product does come in contact with skin, wipe ink off with a clean, dry cloth (do not use solvent or reducer). Wash the affected area with soap and water.

This ink series is a one-part, 100% solids UV-curable screen printing ink and does not contain N-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone (trade name V-Pyrol®).

For assistance on a wide range of important regulatory issues, consult the following Regulatory Compliance Department link at <http://www.nazdar.com> or contact Nazdar Ink Technologies - World Headquarters (see contact listing at the end of this document).

Weathering / Outdoor Durability

Items printed with this ink not recommended for outdoor use.

Storage / Shelf Life

Store closed containers at temperatures between 65°-78°F (18°-25°C). Storing products outside of these recommendations may shorten their shelf life.

Standard items supplied in 1-gallon (4/5 kilo) containers or smaller. Useable for a period of at least **24 months** from the date of manufacture.

Shelf life above applies to the standard ink items listed on this TDS. To obtain the shelf life for special inks and additives, contact Nazdar Customer Service or Nazdar Technical Service. See contact listing at the end of this document.

Standard Color Range

Based on information from our raw material suppliers, these ink products are formulated to contain less than 0.06% lead. If exact heavy metal content is required, independent lab analysis is recommended.

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Packaging / Availability

Contact your Nazdar distributor for product availability and offering.

Item Type	Item Number	Item (or Color) Description
Clears / Varnishes	PSLC294	UV Litho Overprint Clear
Additives	RE302	UV Reducer
Additives	RE308	UV Reducer (flexibilizer)
Cleaners	IMS201	Premium Graphic Screen Wash
Cleaners	IMS203	Economy Graphic Screen Wash
Cleaners	IMS301	Premium Graphic Press Wash

Nazdar Quality Statement

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