

NoriPUR®

One or Two-Component Screen and Pad Printing Ink

Area of Application and General Characteristics

NoriPUR® is a fast drying universal printing ink. It is suitable for printing on PVC, pre-treated polyester and pre-treated polyolefins (PE and PP), acrylics, polycarbonate, wooden materials, metal, paper, cardboard, leather. Pre-tests are necessary for polystyrene, ABS and SAN.

Metals must be absolutely grease-free in order to achieve good adhesion of the ink.

Depending on the intended use, NoriPUR® can be processed as a one-component or two-component ink. When printed as a one-component ink on thermoplastic substrates, the prints can be thermoformed.

When used as a two-component ink, NoriPUR® shows good resistance to chemicals, cleaning agents and fuels.

Weather Resistance

When printed on suitable substrates, NoriPUR® shows excellent weather resistance (with the exception of Opaque White 944). For long-term outdoor durability, a mesh not finer than 77 threads/cm (195 threads/inch) should be used.

Finish

Satin glossy to glossy

Color Shades			
Basic Colors for the Proell Matching System	093 Colorless 102 Citron 104 Yellow* ¹ 207 Orange* ¹ 312 Red	368 Red Transparent429 Red Violet467 Pink Transparent472 Violet566 Blue Transparent	669 Green Transparent 941 Blending White 948 Black
Standard Colors	101 Yellow Light115 Yellow Dark135 Ochre209 Orange314 Red Dark315 Red Medium	417 Violet518 Blue Light520 Ultra Blue521 Blue Medium523 Blue Dark610 Green Medium	627 Green Loud 628 Green Light 944 White Opaque* ² 945 White
Special Colors	171 Yellow Transparent 770 Silver (abrasion resistant)	861 Rich Gold 862 Rich Pale Gold	
Highly Opaque Formulations for Pad Printing	132 Yellow Highly Opaque 232 Orange Highly Opaque For pad printing highly opac "NoriPUR® Highly Opaque O	•	

Process Inks for pad printing on request.

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^{*1 =} Not to be used for printing on soft PVC or plastics containing high amounts of plasticizers. Not suitable for vacuum forming.

 $^{*^2}$ = Not to be used for outdoor applications.

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The NoriPUR® basic colors as well as special color 770 and the highly opaque formulations for pad printing have been tested according to the toy standard (DIN EN 71, part 3). The results measured (TÜV Rheinland LGA Products GmbH) were significantly lower than the given limits (migration of certain elements, category 3).

USP Class VI standard (United States Pharmacopeia Testing - Biological Reactivity Testing in vivo Plastic Class VI) defines the test procedure regarding acute systemic toxicity and skin irritation as well as histocompatibility. One batch each of NoriPUR® 945 and NoriPUR® 948 (printed as mixture in a ratio of 1:1 with 10 % Hardener 002) have been tested by Toxikon, Inc. according to this standard and met all requirements.

Mixing Ratio and Pot Life

Two hardeners are available for the NoriPUR® ink system.

Inks mixed with Hardener 001 have a relatively short pot life (time period suitable for using the prepared mixture), depending on the temperature and the reactivity of the hardener.

Consequently, the quantity of ink which is mixed should be limited in accordance with the amount which is actually required. The mixture should be used within 1 - 2 hours at a temperature of about 20 °C (68 °F), higher temperatures accelerate curing and shorten the pot life.

The pot life can be extended up to 6 – 8 hours by using Hardener 002.

Prior to thinning the two components, ink and hardener, have to be mixed in the following ratio (cf. label):

NoriPUR® Colorless 093 parts by weight lacquer

part by weight hardener

NoriPUR® Silver, Gold and Copper Colors 8 parts by weight ink

part by weight hardener

NoriPUR® Colors (Basic/Standard/

parts by weight ink 1 part by weight hardener Highly Opaque Colors)

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NoriPUR® White 941, 945 10 parts by weight ink

part by weight hardener

NoriPUR® White Opaque 944 12.5 parts by weight ink

part by weight hardener

In any case, the compounds should be stirred thoroughly in order to achieve a homogeneous mixture.

Thinning

Screen printing: Thinner M 202

Thinner S 402, Thinner S 404 or a corresponding mixture

Addition: approx. 10 - 20 %

Pad printing: Thinner F 001 (very fast)

> Thinner F 002 (fast) Thinner M 202 (medium) Thinner M 203 (slow) Thinner S 402 (very slow) Addition: approx. 30 %

Fabric

All usual screen printing fabrics and mesh counts are suitable.

Stencil

Solvent resistant emulsions must be used. Excellent results during long production runs are achieved by using Pröll Diazo-UV-Polymer Emulsion Norikop 10 HQ.

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Drying and Curing

NoriPUR® dries fast on racks or in tunnel dryers. Crosslinking also occurs when the prints are stacked.

Higher drying temperatures increase adhesion in many cases (e.g. when printing on metal). The following temperatures and drying times are recommended:

120 °C (approx. 250 °F) for 10 minutes 150 °C (approx. 300 °F) for 5 minutes

Exceptions:

- All white color shades as well as 093 Colorless:
 - Discoloration/Yellowing may occur even at temperatures in the range of 100 °C (210 °F). For this reason, drying pre-tests are a must!
- 104 Yellow and 207 Orange:

Pigments used in the Basic Colors 104 and 207 are not stable under certain conditions. When printing on materials with a high content of plasticizers, these color shades should not be used. The same pertains to applications with temperatures exceeding 60 °C (140 °F). Especially when used in mixtures in only low concentrations, these colors will cause color shifts when exposed to such temperatures.

When printed as a two-component ink on metal and dried at the above mentioned higher temperature, NoriPUR® provides good resistance against bending and shows high impact strength.

Other Directions for Processing

On polyolefins (PE, PP), addition of hardener can improve adhesion and scratch resistance. Polyolefins must be pre-treated for printing.

As two-component system NoriPUR® inks have good resistance to chemicals such as fuels, alcohol, inorganic acids etc. (according to DIN ISO 2836) provided that the printing substrate is resistant to the testing medium (see Technical Information "Resistance Test Results").

Resistance tests should be carried out after the prints have been stored for at least 7 days at ambient temperature or for 2 days at 50 - 60 °C (120 - 140 °F).

Overprinting

For overprinting NoriPUR®, Overprint Varnish NoriPUR® 093 Colorless is recommended. For overprinting NoriPUR® one-component systems, NoriPUR® 093 with or without hardener can be used. For overprinting NoriPUR® two-component systems, only using NoriPUR® 093 plus hardener make sense. In the latter case, overprinting has to be carried out without delay to achieve sufficient interlayer adhesion.

Mixing ratio: 7 parts by weight Lacquer NoriPUR® 093

1 part by weight Hardener 001 or 002

Cleaning Screens and Utensils

Screens and utensils which came into contact with two-component inks must be cleaned immediately because cured two-component inks become solvent resistant.

Screens and utensils can be cleaned with UNI-CLEANER FP61 or UNI-REIN A III.

Shelf Life

The shelf life stated on the label assures the ink's quality and refers to unopened original cans stored in a dry place at temperatures between 5 °C (40 °F) and 25 °C (75 °F).

Shelf life of Hardener 001 and Hardener 002 is 6 months.

Opened containers of hardener must be tightly closed immediately after use as the hardener reacts with moisture in the air.

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Important

Allow the ink as well as all the auxiliaries to be added to adjust to ambient temperature in the closed container before use.

Printing results, to a large extent, depend on the substrate as well as the printing and application conditions. We recommend checking your printing materials under your conditions of use prior to any production runs. Materials that are supposed to be identical may vary from manufacturer to manufacturer and even from batch to batch. Some substrates may have been treated with or can contain sliding agents, antistatics or other additives which will impair the adhesion of the inks.

In general please refer to our technical leaflet "General Information on Screen Printing Inks" which may be downloaded from our website www.proell.de, click Downloads \Rightarrow Solvent-Based Screen Printing Inks.

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