

AZOCOL[®] X-CEL

Solvent resistant Diazo-UV-polymer photoemulsion with very low friction

AZOCOL X-CEL is used for the production of high-quality, solvent resistant stencils. The special slide effect, high resolution and excellent mesh bridging make it suitable for printing the finest half-tones, lettering and designs.

SENSITIZING

With DIAZO NO. 4

DEGREASING

Before coating it is recommended to clean and degrease the screen mesh to achieve reproducible coating results. Ensure proper tension of the screen mesh. Use manual degreasers of the PREGAN range, KIWOMESH X-CEL as universal mesh pre-treatment, or KIWOCLEAN degreasing concentrates for automatic units (see separate technical information). After thorough rinsing with water and drying the screens are ready for coating.

COATING

Coating can be done manually or by machine. The use of a coating machine is especially recommended because it achieves a reproducible coating result. If coating is done manually ensure that the mesh openings are filled from the printing side (depending on the mesh type 2-3 coatings). Only then begin with the emulsion build-up from the squeegee side - depending on the print job.

DRYING

The screen must be dried thoroughly before exposing to achieve the highest ink resistance. This should preferably be done in a dust-free drying-chamber with fresh-air inlet at temperatures of between 35-40°C.

EXPOSURE

The stencil is created by UV-light hardening of the non-printing stencil parts. Expose with blue actinic light at a wave length of 350-400 nm. A metal halide lamp provides the best results.

Due to the many variables that determine the actual exposure time, accurate exposure times cannot be given. Optimum copying results can only be achieved by trials (step exposure). For best resistances, please choose the maximum exposure time where the finest details to be printed still have a good resolution.

Guide values:

Light source: 5.000 W metal halide lamp at a distance of 1 m. Manual coating (H) e.g.2 times from the printing, then 2 times from the squeegee side [2D/2R (H)], or automatic coating (MA) with KIWOMAT MODULAR, type of trough: R 125.

Mesh	Coating sequence*	Stencil build-up thickness	Average exposure time
120 - 34 Y	1D/1D-1R/1R (MA)	14 ± 1 µm	110 - 200 s
120 - 34 Y	2D/2R (H)	10 ± 1 µm	90 - 180 s
150 - 31 Y	1D-1R/3R (MA)	12 ± 1 µm	100 - 190 s
100 - 40 W	1D/1D-1R/1R (MA)	18 ± 1 µm	60 - 70 s

D: Coating from the printing side, R: Coating from the squeegee side
-: one coating run, /: following coating

RETOUCHING/ BLOCKING-OUT

For retouching / blocking-out use products of the KIWOFILLER range.
For further information contact your KIWO distributor or KIWO direct.

DECOATING

In general, stencils made using AZOCOL X-CEL can easily be decoated with PREGASOL products. Use a PREGAN post-cleaner to remove any ink residue or so-called ghost images which may remain on the screen after decoating. Trials are essential as the type of residue may vary. Please make tests and ask for samples.

NOTICE

Please note that the printing resistance of a screen printing stencil is influenced by a lot of parameters e.g. mesh, coating technique, drying, exposure time etc. Furthermore, a lot of printing media and printing machines are being used in practice which have not all been tested by us. Therefore, please accept our offer and test the suitability of our products by asking for emulsion samples, as we can only guarantee a constant quality according to our own working conditions.

COLOUR

Unsensitized: blue
Sensitized: green

VISCOSITY

Approx. 6.900 mPas (Rheomat RM 180, MS 33, D = 100 s⁻¹, 23°C)

HEALTH HAZARDS/ ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Please follow further information given in the material safety data sheet.

STORAGE

Unsensitized: 12 months (at 20 - 25°C). Protect against freezing.
Sensitized: approx. 6 weeks (at 20 - 25°C)

Screens coated in advance: approx. 4 weeks (at 20 -25°C and in complete darkness). Dry again prior to copying.