



Gecko® Additive Plasticizer

Solvent based additives for Cigarette packaging printing
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Description

A liquid additive for ink and varnishes, designed to reduce the curling effect on the printed layer. In combination with Gecko Tobacco inks, this additive has the function to improve the printability.

Printing process

Gravure and flexographic printing.

Applications

In combination with Gecko inks and varnishes for cigarette packaging printing.

Dosing

The additive can be added to inks and varnishes, in amount variable depending on the curling effect to correct and the substrate of application, or the desired level of printability.

In order to avoid potential blocking problems, it is recommended not to exceed the recommend maximal amount of 3% on plastic film substrates, and 4% on paper substrates.

Properties

Dry content	≥ 98%	Colour	Transparent
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Notes

Mixing

It is possible a premix of this additive in a dilution solvent before adding it to the final product. Stir well the additive before the use and the final product after the addition, in order to ensure an optimal dispersion.

Instructions for the use of printing inks for the production of primary food packaging

For information on the use of printing inks, varnishes and additives for the manufacture of food packaging please refer to the respective „**Statement of Composition**". This information is provided to allow the calculation of possible levels of migration of evaluated substances in a worst case situation.

The manufacturer of the finished article and the filler have the legal responsibility to prove by appropriate migration testing that it is fit for its intended purpose.

In order to maintain low residual solvents concentration in the printed film, the printer must ensure sufficient drying of the inks, especially when retarders have been added. Residual solvent content must be regularly monitored.

The inks must not be used in the manufacture of packaging where the printed ink layer is intended to come into contact with foodstuff (direct food contact).

Health & Safety

The material safety data sheets contain all relevant information for the generation of appropriate internal plant instructions. The user is responsible for all local legislation requirements.

Ink Handling

Please refer to General Guidelines for handling inks for flexible packaging.

Storage Conditions

Store the material in the original packaging at a temperature not below 5°C and not in direct contact with sunlight.

Contact addresses for advice and further information can be found under www.hubergroup.com

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