



## Gecko® PET/PA Additive

Solvent based additives for flexible packaging  
70GH325253

### Description

An Ethyl acetate-based adhesion promoter for inks and varnishes, specific for polyester and nylon substrates.

### Printing process

Gravure and flexographic printing.

### Applications

Surface and reverse printing.

In combination with Gecko inks and varnishes for food and beverage flexible packaging.

#### Dosing

This additive should be added in quantity of 2 – 3% in inks of GBS, BBS GBS, NP GBS series in order to improve the adhesion on polyester and nylon, and to improve the bonding values in lamination.

It is also possible the application at 2 – 3% in the inks of GBT and GBT BBS series to improve the adhesion on PVDC-coated PET.

#### Lamination precaution

It is recommended to laminate the material printed with inks containing this additive at least 24 hours after printing and storage (around 20°C).

### Properties

Dry content	50 % ± 2	Colour	Transparent
Solvents	Ethyl acetate		

### 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.

#### Leftovers

The leftover inks with the addition of PET/PA additive could be used twice more (maximum), preferably after adding also fresh ink.

## 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.

Storage Precautions: it is recommended to pay great attention in keeping the product well sealed and protected from air and moisture, in order to avoid its deterioration (the product hardens and becomes unusable, if the container remains open). If a bin should not be completely used, it is recommended to transfer the remaining material into a clean and dry new container of smaller dimension, and to protect it against air and moisture.

Contact addresses for advice and further information can be found under [www.hubergroup.com](http://www.hubergroup.com)

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