

# AQUA Puff

Code 167078

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Water-based puff ink for textile printing.

## APPLICATION FIELDS

Direct textile printing. For ready-to-wear or pre-cut articles.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

<b>Substrates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cotton 100%</li> <li>• Cotton mixed with synthetic fibres.</li> <li>• Elastic substrates</li> <li>• The substrates may be white or dyed w</li> </ul>
<b>Th/cm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Max. 55 Th/cm (140 Th/Inch)</li> </ul>
<b>Emulsion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See reference table</li> </ul>
<b>Squeegee</b>	Square edge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Squeegee hardness 60 - 65 Shores</li> </ul>
<b>Curing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150/160°C for 3/2 minutes</li> </ul>
<b>Auxiliaries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See "Auxiliaries for Water-Based Products" and "Aqua Auxiliaries" data sheet.</li> </ul>
<b>Cleaning</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Screenclean ST</b></li> </ul>
<b>Storage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Away from direct sunlight</li> <li>• At a temperature between 15-35°C</li> </ul>
<b>Package</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 kg</li> </ul>
<b>Safety Data Sheet</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Available upon request</li> </ul>

## GENERAL FEATURES

- Puff effect with soft and velvety touch
- High printability
- Good elasticity
- High stability in the screen

## PREPARATION

Ready-to-use ink.

The addition of **Ecotex P Pigmenti** allows to obtain colours with matt effect.

*Aqua Puff* may be mixed in every ratio with the other inks of the series *Aqua*: the mixture with *Aqua Trasparente* allows to increase its elasticity and makes it indicated for the application onto stretch fabrics. The puff effect decreases depending on the dilution with the other inks of the series *Aqua*.

## APPLICATION

The puff effect is influenced by the kind of drawing, the th/cm number of the screen, the squeegee, the pressure and the printing speed.

Also, the curing times and temperatures may change the puff effect.

## CURING

Curing must take place at 150/160°C for 3/2 minutes. Time and temperature must be optimized by the customer, depending on the kind of printing and substrate. In any case, they mustn't be lower than the above-recommended ones.

## SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Always test the printing characteristics, before starting production.
- Always check curing conditions. The addition of additives could require a longer time.
- These inks do not resist dry cleaning, bleaching and ironing.
- Squeegees, screens and cases, that are used with other ink series, must be cleaned well, in order to avoid any possible contamination and to grant eco-labelling specifications.
- In order to avoid a quick drying, due to environmental conditions:
- Print and lay an adequate ink quantity.
- In case of long breaks, do not cover the drawing in the screen, and spray small quantities of water, before starting again.
- Nebulize small quantities of water, in order to compensate the loss in humidity.
- After long printing runs, with a frequent use of IR hoods, the removal of the ink from some photo emulsions may result a little bit more difficult. In case, use *Screenclean ST* for an optimal cleaning of the screen.

## EQUIPMENT

Indicated for using onto automatic, semi-automatic and manual machines.

## IMPORTANT NOTE

The information given in this technical sheet is not intended to be exhaustive and any person, using the product for any purpose other than that specifically recommended in this sheet without first obtaining written confirmation from us to the suitability of the product for the intended purpose, does so at his own risk.

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## WARNING

This technical data sheet does not replace either the Safety Data Sheet or the specific Conformity Declaration. These documents may be required to our SHEQ (Product safety office), at the following e-mail address: [safety@eptainks.com](mailto:safety@eptainks.com)

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