

# **Uvijet KN**

UV Curing Ink System for Acuity Select Inkjet Printers

# PRODUCT INFORMATION



#### **Features**

- High performance conventional UV ink system
- · Good adhesion to rigid plastic substrates
- · High satin finish
- Excellent colour gamut
- Excellent inter-coat lay for back lit and solid prints
- Recommended for indoor and external applications

## **Ink Properties**

The Uvijet KN ink range is a high quality UV curable inkjet system designed for piezo drop-on-demand printheads. The ink has been specially developed for the Acuity Select printers and offers excellent dot reproduction, light-fast colours and will adhere to a range of rigid and flexible uncoated materials.

# **Colour Range**

KN052 Yellow

KN867 Magenta

KN335 Light Magenta

KN215 Cyan

KN255 Light Cyan

KN004 Black

Supplied in 2 litre sealed pouches

KN021 White

KN391 Clear

Supplied in 1 litre sealed pouches

QV017 UV Flush

Available in 1 litre containers.

### **Application Range**

Uvijet KN inks are specifically formulated to maximise the performance of the Fujifilm Acuity Select printers.

Performance of ink on substrate may vary across substrate manufacturers.

THE END USER MUST DETERMINE THE SUITABILITY OF THIS PRODUCT FOR THE INTENDED USE PRIOR TO PRODUCTION.

Media Type	Adhesion Characteristics
Polycarbonate	<b>///</b>
Styrene	<b>***</b>
Acrylic	<b>√ √ √</b>
APET	<b>***</b>
Priplak	✓
Correx	✓
Dibond	<b>√</b> √
PVC Foam Board	<b>///</b>
Display Board	<b>///</b>
Semi Rigid PVC	<b>/ / / /</b>
Self-adhesive PVC	<b>///</b>
PVC Banner	<b>///</b>

Excellent ✓✓✓✓ Good ✓✓✓ Fair ✓✓ Poor ✓

## Curing

Excellent cure and adhesion are achieved immediately upon print and UV curing. However, maximum adhesion, chemical, scuff and scratch resistance may not be obtained until 24 hours after initial curing. The actual level of cure will depend upon ink thickness, substrate and the UV curing lamps being used. Superior through cure may be obtained by reducing the print speed by selection of an alternative print mode to increase the overall UV dose.

## **Pre-production Tests**

Uvijet KN ink is formulated to give good adhesion to most major brands of plastic and polyethylene materials. Polyolefins should have a surface energy level of 42 dynes/cm or higher. However it is strongly recommended that all substrates are tested before a commercial run. For information on adhesion promoters refer to the Uvijet Fusion Primer range.

# **Plastics**

Some plastic substrates may contain lubricants which, like plasticisers, may impair adhesion and block resistance for a considerable time after printing.

There may also be residues from glues and adhesives used on backing sheets. This can be overcome by wiping the surface with isopropyl alcohol (IPA) before printing.

To reduce the risk of problems generated by the buildup of static electricity it is advisable to pass an earthed anti-static brush over the material prior to printing. Allow static generated from protective sheets to dissipate before printing. Ensure that the printer is cited as per recommended humidity/temperature recommendations 40-70% RH. 18-30 °C.

## **Chemical and Abrasion Resistance**

Uvijet KN inks have good chemical and abrasion resistance.

#### **Outdoor Use**

Accelerated weathering tests have been carried out in a Xenon Arc Weatherometer set to the SAEJ 1960 Standard. Under these conditions the accelerated weathering of Uvijet KN inks equates to approximately 24 months outdoor exposure in a temperate climate such as Northern Europe.

#### Storage

Uvijet KN ink should not be stored in direct sunlight or near heat sources and should be kept away from peroxides. For optimum shelf-life, products should be stored at moderate temperatures between 5°C and 30°C. Storage outside of these temperatures may lead to deterioration in the performance of the products.

When stored in a cool environment the inks are expected to have a shelf-life of 12 months from date of manufacture.

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- Has certification to the Quality Management Standard, ISO 9001.

- Has certification to the Occupational Health and Safety Standard, OHSAS 18001.
- Is committed to minimising the risk to users of our products, and also to minimising the impact of our activities on the environment, from formulation through to production and supply.
- Research and development team, work to an in house Health Safety and Environmental policy, termed 'Design for Health, Safety and Environment', with the aim of proactively developing products with the least impact on health, safety and the environment.
- Regularly review and monitor our impacts and activities, setting objectives and targets as part of a continual improvement process.
- Is committed to reducing waste through better use of raw materials, energy, water, re-use and recycling.

# Safety and Handling

Uvijet KN Inks:

 Have a flash point greater than 60°C and are therefore not classified as 'dangerous substance' under the Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations (DSEAR).

Comprehensive information on the safety and handling of Uvijet inks is given in the appropriate Safety Data Sheets.

## **Environmental Information**

Uvijet KN Inks:

- Do not contain ozone-depleting chemicals as described in the Montreal Convention.
- Are formulated free from aromatic hydrocarbons.
- Are free from any volatile solvent and can therefore be considered to have less impact on the environment when compared to solvent-based products.

Uvijet KN inks are approved for Nordic Swan Ecolabelled printers. The Nordic Ecolabel is a well-established and internationally recognised environmental labelling scheme that contributes to sustainable consumption and helps consumers identify environmentally-friendly products.

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