



TexCharge TC Discharge Ink System

TexCharge TC is a discharge ink system which produces exceptionally bright, soft handle prints on suitably dyed fabrics.

Curing Information

TexCharge TC inks must be heat cured to produce the discharge result. The curing schedule should be chosen to suit both the dischargeability and heat resistance of the fabric. Care must be taken when using infra-red dryers to ensure that prints are fully cured. Best results are achieved when prints are fully cured immediately after printing.

Under curing may result in a white, powder-like deposit on the surface of the print over a period of days. The deposit will be removed by machine washing. Under curing may also result in reduced wash fastness.

It is essential that drying equipment is fitted with adequate fume extraction.

Fastness

When used in accordance with our recommendations, light fastness is typically at least 6 on the Blue Wool Scale and the inks have excellent wash fastness to I.S.O. Tests No. 1 (40°C), 2 (50°C) and 3 (60°C).

The colours also have very good resistance to dry cleaning and direct ironing. Please note that an adequate deposit of ink must be applied, or wash fastness may be reduced.

Garment Labelling

Due to the wide variations in printing and drying conditions, it is possible for residual chemicals both from TexCharge TC inks and from discharged dyestuffs to remain on the garment.

Although an independent study has shown little or no risk of skin irritation through contact, it is recommended that where children's garments are decorated they be labelled 'Wash Before Wearing' to prevent contact through sucking and chewing.

Fibrillation

A phenomenon known as fibrillation may occur when printing onto short fibre cotton fabrics and similar materials. This is caused by loose fibres penetrating the ink surface during washing, giving the appearance of reduced wash fastness. The effect may be minimised by applying a thicker ink layer.

Trichromatic Printing

The range includes three trichromatic colours. With these colours, plus TC001 Black and TC021 White, true trichromatic prints on dark fabrics are possible. The following guidelines are recommended:

1. Positives should be prepared at 50 lines per inch (20 per cm) halftone count. Optimum colour density is achieved through 90T mesh although, depending on the fabric to be printed, finer halftones/mesh counts can also produce good results.
2. It is essential to print a white plate (shadow plate) for highlight areas. Flash curing is not required.
3. A colour sequence of White, Yellow, Cyan, Magenta, Black is recommended (it is not necessary to activate the Black).

Main Characteristics

Drying

Must be heat cured. 160°C for 2-3 minutes.

Thinning

If necessary, thin with up to 5% water.

Wash-up

Wash up with water, if ink has not been allowed to dry into the screen. Dried ink must be washed out with ZT639 Screen Wash Universal.

Mesh

Monofilament 34-62 for line colours.
Monofilament 90 for trichromatic printing.

Stencil Type

Stencil must be water resistant. For optimum stencil life treat with Sericure Stencil Waterproofing Agent.

Recommended: Dirasol 916, Dirasol 25 or Dirasol 125 with SZP65 Diazo Sensitiser

Coverage & Mesh No.

Up to 10-14 m²/kg. No. 43

Applications

T-shirts, sports and fashion wear.

Fabrics

100% Cotton. Only fabrics specifically prepared for discharge printing.

Colour Range

16 including an optic white, The Seritone Matching System trichromatics and extender base.

Properties

Brilliant colours - even on dark garments.
Exceptionally soft handle.
Excellent wet-on-wet printability.
Good wash and dry clean resistance.
Ironable.

IMPORTANT:

Stir well before every use. If a fibre blend is used that requires more than one family of dyestuff, the possibility of incomplete discharge is increased. It is essential that all batches of fabric are pre-tested under production conditions to ensure that acceptable results and fastness are achieved.

TexCharge TC Activator

For convenience and accuracy, TexCharge TC Activator is supplied in pre-measured containers for both of the standard pack sizes of ink. Prior to use, TexCharge TC Activator must be mixed into TexCharge TC inks in the following proportions (working life - 8 hours):

TexCharge TC Ink	4.25 kg
TexCharge TC Activator	250 g

The Activator should be thoroughly blended into the required colour in a well ventilated area.

The Seritone Matching System

The Seritone Matching System enables printers to readily and economically match a wide variety of special shades. It consists of 9 lead-free Seritone base colours selected for their cleanliness of tone, colour strength and suitability for intermixing. It is imperative that matched colours are assessed with activated ink on the actual fabric to be printed.

Special Matches

Matches can be supplied against prints, wet ink samples or to PANTONE®* references, British Standard, 'HKS', 'Munsell', or 'Seritone' numbers. A sample of the substrate to be printed with the number and type of mesh to be used as well as other relevant data should be attached to orders.

Minimum quantity 5 ltrs.

Colour Range

TexCharge TC inks are available in 16 intermixable colours including the Seritone Matching System and 3 trichromatics. TC025 Optic White does not share the same wet-on-wet print properties as the other colours. It should be printed last down. TC381 Extender Base is also available for mixing into any colours where a lower colour strength is required.

TexCharge TC:

TC001	Black
TC021	White
TC025	Optic White
TC057 (S)	Primrose
TC046 (S)	Golden Yellow
TC103 (S)	Orange
TC122 (S)	Scarlet
TC153 (S)	Carmine
TC154 (S)	Fuchsia
TC132 (S)	Violet
TC218 (S)	Azure
TC316 (S)	Sea Green
TC381	Extender Base

Available in 4.25 kg containers.

(S) = Seritone Base Colours

Trichromatics inks

TC052	Trichromatic Yellow
TC135	Trichromatic Magenta
TC215	Trichromatic Cyan

Available in 0.85 kg containers.

TexCharge TC Activator

TC747 TC Activator

Available in individual 250g containers, or in a box of 12 x 250g containers (3 kg)

Ancillary Products

During printing, fabrics have to be held to the table by means of a pressure sensitive adhesive to ensure good definition is obtained. FlashFix and T-Fix Extra Spray Adhesives are suitable for this purpose. (See relevant Product Information Sheets).

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- 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.
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- 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

TexCharge TC:

- Is formulated to be free from any chemicals toxic to health, carcinogenic, mutagenic or reprotoxic according to Directive 67/548/EC.
- Is formulated free from lead and other heavy metals and is tested to comply with the EN71-3: 1995 Toy Safety Standard.

Comprehensive information on the safety and handling of TexCharge TC screen inks is given in the appropriate Fujifilm Sericol Safety Data Sheets, available on request.

Environmental Information

TexCharge TC:

- Does not contain ozone depleting chemicals as described in the Montreal Convention.

TexCharge TC Activator:

- Does not contain ozone depleting chemicals as described in the Montreal Convention.
- Is free of any volatile solvent and can therefore be considered to have less impact on the environment, when compared with solvent-based products.

Oko-Tex standard 100

Contact your Fujifilm Sericol supplier for the latest information concerning the compliance of Fujifilm Sericol Inks.

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