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Leatherlike®

Supple Beauty Printing & Handling Hints

LEATHERLIKE® Papers are easy to print on when following these simple hints.

We recommend you pre-test all procedures prior to press time to ensure you achieve the desired results.

Inks: LEATHERLIKE has a totally non-absorbent surface. UV printing is highly recommended. If UV printing is not possible, for optimum results we recommend inks that dry by oxidation and contain less than 5% VOC (solvents). Please consult your ink manufacturer prior to printing. Use soft blankets and high pressure as needed to drive ink into the embossed surface.

Handling: Keep LEATHERLIKE wrapped in mill packaging until the moment of printing. It will be necessary to fan the sheets carefully to unblock the paper before printing. It is essential to let the paper acclimate in the press room for a minimum of 24 hours — longer during cold weather. Also keep LEATHERLIKE covered during drying, between passes and prior to any finishing work. Pressroom conditions should be as close as possible to 68 degrees and 45-60% relative humidity.

Reverse: LEATHERLIKE is equally coated on each side. We recommend you print both sides of the first 10 sheets to ensure you achieve the desired results on each side.

Delivery: For optimum results, set jogger pressure to a minimum and lifts at 8 to 12 inches for UV printing or 2 to 3 inches for oxidizing inks.

Fountain Solution: Fountain solution pH of 4.8 to 5.2 is ideal. Monitor conductivity and carefully control the alcohol/water balance. Solid or multiple color bars can be used to assist in removing water and aid in ink set time. Minimize fountain solution to avoid emulsion into the ink.

Cutting: Use care when cutting LEATHERLIKE. Use a sharp knife with minimum clamp pressure.

Scoring and Folding: To properly score LEATHERLIKE, start with a 2 point rounded channel score. The matrix channel should be a minimum width of 2.5 times the caliper of the sheet to be scored, plus 0.028" — normally 0.050" for text and 0.060" for cover.

Binding: LEATHERLIKE is suitable for all standard binding processes. Polyurethane glues are preferred. It is important to plan for proper grain direction in all binding applications. Grain direction should run parallel to the spine for optimum results.

Lamination: For lamination projects trials are recommended before operation.

Foil Stamping: For optimum results, use foils suitable for plastic materials.



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