

## ECOPRINT CLEAR CONC.

### Main Description:

Concentrated Long Chain Synthetic Pigment Thickener

### Chemical Structure:

Dispersion of an acrylic copolymer in mineral oil.

### Technical Specification:

Appearance at 20-25°C

Creamy liquid

pH Value at 20-25°C

Approx. 6.0-8.0

### Properties:

- **Ecoprint Clear Conc.** is a synthetic thickening agent for pigment printing. The product swells rapidly in water and has a powerful thickening action. It has very little influence on the handle of the printed fabric.
- Owing to its low inherent viscosity and high swelling rate in water, it is also ideal for the supplementary thickening of print pastes.
- **Ecoprint Clear Conc.** allows simple preparation of print pastes that have very good running properties and produce brilliant prints with excellent contour definition.
- Good soft hand feeling, non-sticky, sharp patterns, high color yield;
- Easy to use, low dosage, excellent stability, Non-crust, no clogging of the mesh when printing.
- Can be mixed with ECOMIN pigments.

### Application:

- **Guidelines for recipe:**

**Ecoprint Clear Conc.** is used about 20-25 g per kg of a recipe, depending upon the required appearance of the recipe.

- **pH:**

The pH of the print pastes should be at least 8. Lower values must be corrected by adding liquor ammonia.

- **Viscosity**

The viscosity of solvent-free pastes can be increased by stirring **Ecoprint Clear Conc.** directly into the paste.

- **Fixation**

When formulations containing at least 20 g/kg **Ecoprint Clear Conc.** are fixed with hot air (5 minutes at 150 °C), it is not necessary to add an acid donor. Under these conditions, **Ecoprint Clear Conc.** itself acts as an acid donor, ensuring crosslinking of the binder. However, if superheated steam (at least 160 °C) is used, the addition of small amounts of an acid donor may be an advantage (e.g. 4-5 g of an aqueous diammonium phosphate solution 1:3 per kg print paste). Hot-air fixation produces the optimum standard of fastness. The following temperatures and Cure times are recommended:

**4-5 min at 150 °C or**

**3-2 min at 160- 170 °C.**

Fixation with superheated steam should be carried out for 5- 7 minutes at a minimum of 160 °C. This method also produces a good standard of fastness but somewhat below that of prints fixed with hot air.

## Storage:

The product is stable for 12 months, whenever it is kept in the original containers, well-closed and protected from weather inclemencies at a maximum temperature of 35 °C.



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