



# Thermo-Jet®

## Screen Printing Ink and Pad Printing Ink

### Area of Application and General Characteristics

**Thermo-Jet® is suitable for printing on rigid and soft PVC (for example PVC-coated awnings for trucks), artificial leather, acrylics, polycarbonate, ABS and pre-treated polyester for the production of membrane switches.**

**Printed on thermoplastic substrates, Thermo-Jet® is hf-weldable and thermo-formable, with the exceptions of 944 White Opaque, 952 Black Highly Opaque and 948/097 Black Highly Opaque. High frequency sealing can be improved by adding approx. 20 % Welding Additive L25564**

### Weather Resistance

When printed on suitable substrates, Thermo-Jet® shows excellent weather resistance. To ensure outdoor durability, a mesh not finer than 77 threads/cm (195 threads/inch) should be used. A high concentration of white ink can cause chalking when used for outdoor purposes.

Thermo-Jet® 940: Specially pigmented white with improved resistance to chalking for the white shade itself as well as for mixing with other colors.

Due to its high pigment load, Thermo-Jet® 944 White Opaque shall not be used for outdoor applications.

### Finish

Glossy

Thermo-Jet® 950: Thermo-Jet® 950 (Brilliant Black) shows higher gloss and opacity than Thermo-Jet® 948. The color shade is more intense.

### Color Shades

<b>Basic Colors for the Proell Matching System</b>	093	Colorless	467	Pink Transparent
	102	Citron	472	Violet
	104	Yellow* <sup>1</sup>	566	Blue Transparent
	207	Orange* <sup>1</sup>	669	Green Transparent
	312	Red* <sup>2</sup>	945	White* <sup>3</sup>
	368	Red Transparent	948	Black
	429	Red Violet		
<b>Standard Colors</b>	101	Yellow Light	522	Marine Blue
	115	Yellow Dark	523	Blue Dark
	135	Ochre	610	Green Medium
	209	Orange	615	Green Dark
	314	Red Dark	627	Green Loud
	315	Red Medium	628	Green Light
	320	Bright Red* <sup>2</sup>	836	Brown
	417	Violet	940	White* <sup>3+4</sup>
	518	Blue Light	944	White Opaque* <sup>3</sup>
	520	Ultra Blue	950	Brilliant Black
	521	Blue Medium		

\*<sup>1</sup> = Not to be used for printing on soft PVC or plastics containing high amounts of plasticizers. Not suitable for vacuum forming.

\*<sup>2</sup> = Mono-pigmented standard color shade 320 should be used for outdoor applications.

\*<sup>3</sup> = Not suitable for printing tarpaulins as the highly-pigmented inks is not elastic enough. We recommend Thermo-Jet® 945/605.

\*<sup>4</sup> = Specially pigmented white with improved resistance to chalking (see chapter "Weather Resistance").

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<b>Special Colors</b>	171	Yellow Transparent	862	Rich Pale Gold
	220	Orange	863	Pale Gold* <sup>6</sup>
	371	Red Transparent	945/102	Backing Bright White
	747	Obliterating Silver	945/605	Tarpaulin White
	734	Silver	952	Black High Opaque* <sup>5</sup>
	770	Silver (abrasion resistant)		
	861	Rich Gold		
<b>Metallic Colors</b>	Further Metallic Colors are available on request. Please ask for our latest Color Information.			
<b>Process Inks for Screen Printing (satin gloss)</b>	156	Process Yellow	949	Process Black
	357	Process Magenta	099	Process Paste
	558	Cyan		
<b>Highly Opaque Formulations for Pad Printing</b>	132	Yellow Highly Opaque	532	Blue Highly Opaque
	332	Red Highly Opaque	632	Green Highly Opaque
			948/097	Black High Opaque
<b>Universal-Fluorescent Inks</b>	180	Fluo Yellow* <sup>6</sup>	386	Fluo Red* <sup>6</sup>
	284	Fluo Orange Yellow* <sup>6</sup>	482	Fluo Pink* <sup>6</sup>
	285	Fluo Red Orange* <sup>6</sup>	683	Fluo Green* <sup>6</sup>

Further information on Universal-Fluorescent Inks please see separate Technical Information sheet "Thermo-Jet® Universal-Fluorescent Inks".

### Matting

Matt Paste 098: addition of 10 – 20 %

or

Matting Agent 2009: addition of 1 – 3 %

depending on the desired matting level. Matted ink films are not as weather resistant as original color shades.

### Thinning

Screen printing: Thinner M 204  
Thinner S 407, Retarder Paste VZ4-P, Thinner S 404 or Thinner S 402  
or a corresponding mixture  
Addition: approx. 20 – 30 %

Pad printing: Thinner F 001 (very fast)  
Thinner F 002 (fast)  
Thinner M 202 (medium)  
Thinner M 203 (slow)  
Thinner S 402 (very slow)  
Addition: approx. 30 – 40 %

### Fabric

All usual screen printing fabrics and mesh counts are suitable.

### Stencil

Solvent resistant emulsions must be used. Excellent results during long production runs are achieved by using Pröll Diazo-UV-Polymer Emulsion Norikop 10 HQ.

### Drying

Thermo-Jet® is a physically drying ink system which dries by evaporation of the solvents in a jet dryer. Rack drying is possible.

\*<sup>5</sup> = Not suitable for pad printing. Contains magnetizable pigments.

\*<sup>6</sup> = Not in stock, manufactured on request.

### **Other Directions for Processing**

For printing fine lines in the screen printing process, we recommend to add Retarder Paste VZ4-P. Preliminary tests are required with regard to the amount to be added.

When decorating PVC-coated awnings for trucks, the color shade Thermo-Jet® 945 White has to be mixed with AZ-Additive 9524 (mix ratio 10 : 1) prior to use.

For illuminated advertising applications (second surface printing on PMMA sheets), solely Standard Color 320 Bright Red shall be used, if a red shade is to be printed.

### **Overprinting**

Overprint Varnish Thermo-Jet® 093 Colorless

### **Cleaning Screens and Utensils**

Screens and utensils can be cleaned with UNI-CLEANER FP61 or UNI-REIN A III.

### **Shelf Life**

The shelf life stated on the label assures the ink's quality and refers to unopened original cans stored in a dry place at temperatures between 5 °C (40 °F) and 25 °C (75 °F).

### **Important**

Allow the ink as well as all the auxiliaries to be added to adjust to ambient temperature in the closed container before use.

Printing results, to a large extent, depend on the substrate as well as the printing and application conditions. We recommend checking your printing materials under your conditions of use prior to any production runs. Materials that are supposed to be identical may vary from manufacturer to manufacturer and even from batch to batch. Some substrates may have been treated with or can contain sliding agents, antistatics or other additives which will impair the adhesion of the inks.

In general, please refer to our technical leaflet "General Information on Screen Printing Inks" which may be downloaded from our website [www.proell.de](http://www.proell.de), click Downloads ⇒ Solvent-Based Screen Printing Inks.

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