

# Unitex® squeegees printing for the long run

## Unitex® squeegee care



### Maintaining quality and reducing costs

The squeegees care guide is designed to ensure your Unitex® squeegee is running to an optimum level of performance at all times.

#### Before use:

- Squeegees should not be stored in sunlight, bright light or UV light as the squeegee color will darken. This will not have a negative effect on the quality of its performance.
- Try to store squeegees between 15-25°C in dry conditions and away from inks. Squeegees that are exposed to high humidity will absorb moisture and solvents from the air.
- Store squeegees flat, do not leave rolled up.
- When using a roll, leave flat for 24 hours so the squeegee has time to relax.

#### In use:

- Squeegees should be cleaned immediately after use to prevent the accumulation of dried ink.
- Remove all remaining ink deposits from the holder and the squeegee. Any remaining ink can cause marks from the squeegee during subsequent printing operations.
- Print quality may deteriorate during a long run as the sharp edge is lost; therefore plan to swap the squeegee early. Rounded edges use and deposit more ink.
- When storing a squeegee still mounted in the holder, do not rest it on the squeegee or allow the squeegee to touch anything during storage.
- Squeegees or their holders must not be left in solvents to soak. Soaking will cause swelling and loss of resilience.
- When cleaning the squeegee, use a soft cloth and always wipe away from the edge.
- To prolong the life of a squeegee, “rest” it for 12 hours after cleaning and before the next printing operation starts.



#### Grinding/Sharpening:

- You should not be required to sharpen a squeegee prior to use.
- Only sharpen a squeegee that is clean, dry and has not been used for printing for at least 12 hours.

#### General:

- Squeegees harden with time – test old squeegees regularly. Do not use an old squeegee that is 5 to 10 degrees more than its original hardness.
- The shelf life of a new, unused squeegee is approximately two years if stored correctly.
- Do not use a squeegee without ink. It will quickly destroy the printing edge after very few passes.



**Packaging:**

- Your squeegee packaging is optimized to ensure it arrives with you in the best condition possible.
- Secure, moisture proof containers for sea freight.
- Light weight packaging for air freight.
- Priority freight available for fast delivery.
- Customer specified carriers when required.

**Squeegee marking:**

Unless specified at time of ordering, all Unitex® squeegees are marked with:

- UNITEX
- ULON HP or MARATHON
- Squeegee Grade
- Batch Number
- Made in the UK

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