



## PRODUCT DATA SHEET

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# BL9170 NPT POLYESTER WHITE

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### Product Overview:

BL9170 NPT Polyester White was specifically formulated to combat the ever-present bleed problem experienced by those who print on polyester and polyester blended materials. It exhibits a unique blend of printability, opacity and bleed resistance. The cured finish is a smooth, matte surface. NPT Polyester White has excellent mat characteristics. NPT Polyester White contains bleaching agents to neutralize dye migration, consequently should never be printed on 100% Cotton substrates as it could cause a ghost image.

### Printing:

Screen mesh in the 60-110 TPI (23-43 TP cm) range are recommended for best opacity. Higher mesh counts can be used but bleed resistance may be sacrificed. Screens of 25 n/cm or higher are strongly recommended. Use enough squeegee pressure to deposit the ink on the surface of the shirt, try not to drive the ink into the fabric. A 70 durometer squeegee is recommended.

### Stencil:

Use any direct emulsion or capillary film.

### Substrates:

NPT Polyester White is designed to provide maximum opacity on dark poly and 50/50 fabrics. NPT Polyester White provides the best bleed resistance while offering good printability. Since different garment manufacturers employ different dyes and dyeing procedures, it it's best to always pre-test your garment to determine the amount of dye migration you may encounter.

### Modifiers:

NPT Polyester White is ready to use. Modification is not necessary unless you are trying to achieve a special effect or use. Any extenders or modifiers will affect opacity. For general printing of 50/50's, try BL9158 or BL9149 Whites.

### Flashing:

Depending on your flash unit, "NPT Polyester White" will flash in 3 seconds, (10 watts per sq. in/heating area) or 4-5 seconds (6-7 watts per sq. in. /heating area).

### Curing:

Recommended cure duration is 90 seconds at 320°F (160°C). With larger dryers using gas heat 2 to 3 minutes at 300°F (149°C) may give best results. The ink film must be heated throughout to completely cure. Under curing will result in discoloration and post bleeding. Particular caution should be taken when over printing certain blue shades. With insufficient cure, ghosting may occur after drying. Check cure procedure.

### Cleanup:

Use any of the commercially available products for the cleanup of plastisol inks.

### Environmentally Friendly:

Best of Brand Ink contains no lead or phthalates and, when properly disposed of, has no environmental impact. Use a screen wash for plastisols cleanup. Scrape screens carefully and store ink for reuse. Minimize unusable scrap ink by segregating ink by color.