



PRIMERS FOR HP INDIGO PRESS OWNERS

The outstanding quality and versatility of HP Indigo digital printing begins with optimized media. Michelman offers a full range of print receptive primers that enable Indigo customers to take full advantage of the widest range of substrates possible while achieving unparalleled ink transfer and adhesion.

Print Receptive Primer Product Range for HP Indigo Press Owners						
Product	Features					
DigiPrime® 4431	Patented technology	Direct food contact**				
	Flexo and gravure ready	• Excellent adhesion to most films and papers				
DigiPrime 6029	Patent Pending	For heavily textured paper label stock				
	Flexo and gravure ready	• Excellent adhesion to PE label stock				
DigiPrime 5000	Flexo and gravure ready	For treated synthetics and soft vinyls				
DigiPrime 4450	For two-sided printability	For most films and papers				
	Flexo and gravure ready	Direct food contact**				
DigiPrime 2000	For uncoated and coated paper grades	Direct food contact**				
	Flexo and gravure ready					
Sapphire Priming Solution	For paper on commercial applications					
Topaz 17	For untreated plastic sheets	Solvented product				
	Suitable for screen printed application					
Q4304A	In-line primer for coated substrates on w3250 presses					
Q4305A	In-line primer for uncoated substrates on w3250 presses					
Q4324A	In-line primer for coated substrates on w7200 presses					
Q4325A	In-line primer for uncoated substrates on w7200 presses					

Table 1

*Indicator Solutions are available for all primers to verify the presence of the primer on the substrate.

**please refer to Technical Data Sheet for complete details.

As with any technology driven industry, the digital printing market evolves quickly. HP Indigo users are seeing a steady stream of new presses and new application techniques on a wider variety of substrates. Michelman's primer range has evolved to be at the vanguard of these changes, making it easier for you to take full advantage of the new capabilities offered by the Indigo presses.

DigiPrime products are used extensively for the demanding industrial press applications where their excellent adhesion to a wide variety of substrates and the HP Indigo ElectroInks® offer versatility and security in a broad range of applications from label printing to printing on flexible packaging. Use DigiPrime and you can rest assured that what you put down in print, ends up looking exactly as you intended.



RECOMMENDED DIGIPRIME APPLIED COAT WEIGHT GUIDES (FLEXO APPLICATION)							
Substrate	DigiPrime	Target Weight	Anilox lines/inch	Anilox lines/cm	Cell Volume bcm	Cell Volume cc/m²	
Unsupported Films	4431	1.0 gsm	400 lpi	160 l/cm	3.9 bcm	6 cc/m²	
PP Label stock	4431	1.0 gsm	400 lpi	160 l/cm	3.9 bcm	6 cc/m²	
PE Label stock	6029	1.0 gsm	400 lpi	160 l/cm	3.9 bcm	6 cc/m²	
Uncoated Papers	4431	1.5 gsm	300 lpi	118 l/cm	5.8 bcm	9 cc/m²	
Clay coated papers	4431	1.0-1.5 gsm	300 lpi	118 l/cm	3.9 bcm	6 cc/m²	
Textured paper label stock	6029	1.5-2.0 gsm	300 lpi	118 l/cm	5.8 bcm	9 cc/m²	
Vinyls	5000	1.8 gsm	300 lpi	118 l/cm	5.8 bcm	9 cc/m²	

Table 2

For applications involving direct food contact on a wide variety of substrates, DigiPime 4431 is the recommended product. For applications involving two-sided printing for both food and non-food contact applications, DigiPrime 4450 is recommended. For printing heavy textured paper wine labels on the ws6000 series presses, the extensively tested and approved DigiPrime 6029 offers the best performance. Initial recommendations for applied coat weights based on flexo application for the DigiPrime range are shown in Table 2. In common with most water-based coatings, it is necessary to have a corona treatment prior to application to a polymer substrate to allow good wet-out and adhesion.

The DigiPrime range of products offer

- Operator and environmentally friendly waterbased chemistry
- Excellent storage stability with no shelf life or aging issues
- Remain clear and show no discoloration with time
- Enable excellent adhesion of Electrolnks to the substrate
- Available in food contact versions
- · Long blanket life and less down time for the presses

The Sapphire Priming solution is a treatment used for optimizing papers for the HP Indigo commercial presses such as the 5000 and 7000 series presses. The treatment is based on the application of a water-soluble polymer. For this reason it's important that substrates treated with Sapphire and not intended for immediate printing are stored in a vapor barrier wrapping paper and away from light. With this type of storage, a maximum shelf life of 6 months can be expected before printing.



Topaz 17 is a product designed for optimizing plastic sheet materials, typically PVC sheets for card production. It is a solvented product so the necessary precautions for using this material must be followed. Please see the TDS and MSDS for more detail. Being a solvent-based product, this coating can be applied directly to the substrate without the need for corona or other pre-treatment making it especially useful for priming sheeted material.

For some specialized roll-fed HP Indigo Commercial printers with an in-line priming (ILP) capability, special primers are required. Michelman offers the w3250 and W7200 Indigo press owners with ILP suitable primers for use on coated and uncoated papers. Please refer to Table 1 for specific recommendations.

In addition to primers, Michelman also offers varnishes for protection and enhancement of the printed image. Please see our DigiGuard® brochure for further details.

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