



TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

EURAPID O37 Ink Series

General-Line Ink Series for Conventional Offset Printing on Metals

CHARACTERISTICS

The EURAPID O37 Ink Series is a conventional drying printing ink series with intentionally reduced resistances which is **not suitable for sterilising**. It includes inks with **light resistance of less than 6 (DIN 16525)** and was specifically developed for General-Line applications such as decorating of technical packaging which is not sterilised.

It is formulated without mineral oil, has high colour intensity, is flexible and very low yellowing. The inks stand out with their extremely low skin formation in the can, in the duct or on the rollers, even after longer down-times of the press. The series is suitable for printing on coated and uncoated metal substrates in dry-offset (pre-formed containers) or sheet-fed offset.

TECHNICAL DATA

Drying/Curing	Conventional Oil Based
Substrate	Metal Coated - Metal Uncoated - Aluminium
Printing Process	Offset Sheet-Fed - Letterpress - Indirect Letterpress
Formulation	Formulated without mineral oil
Press Performance	Fast Drying (170°C/10min.) - Reduced skin formation in the can or duct
Surface Properties	Glossy - Low Yellowing - Flexible Ink Film - Light Resistance Lower Than 6 - Temperature Resistant until 180°C/10min.
Further Processing	Overvarnishing - Forming - Deep Drawing - Beading

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Application	2 Piece Cans - 3 Piece Cans - Aluminium Tubes - Monoblock Aerosol Cans - Screw Caps - Crown Corks - Long Caps
End Application	Non-Food - Chemicals - Automotive
Market	Metal Decoration
Available Systems	4 Colour Process

PACKING UNITS

+ 2,5 kg metal can

TECHNICAL SERVICE CENTER

Kindly note that we are ready at any time for competent technical application support on your site. Please contact our technical service centre for printing inks:

Ink-Service@Zeller-Gmelin.de

Tel: +49 7161 802-279

ADDITIVES

EURAPID O0015 Thinner

Addition max. 3%

Reduces tack and viscosity. Add carefully, very efficient.

EURAPID O0035 Antioxidant

Addition max. 0,2%

Reduces skin formation on the ink

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EURAPID O0088 Printing Paste

Addition max. 10%

Reduces the tack without reducing the viscosity significantly.

EURAPID T111 Drying Agent

Addition max. 0,5 - 1,0%

Improves through-drying

EURAPID O3-X60001 Transparent White

Addition unlimited

Highly transparent, for reducing colour strength, tack and viscosity remain at a comparable level.

EURAPID O3-X60002 Varnish for Colours

Addition max. 10%

Improves the ink transfer

EURAPID O3-X60003 Varnish for Covering White

Addition max. 10%

Improves the ink transfer

Remark:

The addition of any additive might change the overall characteristics of the printing ink.

STORAGE

Optimal storage conditions:

The optimal storage temperature is 20°C. Higher storage temperatures reduce the shelf-life.

Remarks:

- protect from frost
- store in a cool and dark place
- stir or shake well before use
- can should be closed immediately after usage

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Warranty:

If the products are stored properly, we warranty the product performance for a shelf life of 12 months from the date of delivery.

PRACTICE REMARKS

Fountain Solution

Approved fountain solution parameters:

a) pH-value: 4,8 - 5,2

b) Water hardness: 9 - 12° dH

We recommend the use of temperature controlled ink ducts and fountain solution.

Information about Light Resistance

All light resistances are indicated according to the blue wool scale (BWS) and are based on the product specifications of our pigment suppliers. Light resistance can change when mixing inks and when printing halftone. Depending on the mixing ratio and on the fineness of the screen the light resistance can be lower than the pure solid colour.

Preliminary Tests Recommended

Before beginning to print we recommend practice oriented pretests on your substrate, in order to test the desired characteristics of the finished product. Especially when the base- or topcoats are changed we recommend pretests.

MARKING

Marking according to EC legislation:

Our inks are classified and marked according to EC legislation and the German "Gefahrstoffverordnung" (German dangerous substances regulation).

The material safety data sheet (MSDS) is available on request.

RESISTANCE PROPERTIES

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Colour Name	Article Number	Light Resistance	Spirit Resistance	Solvent Resistance	Alkali Resistance
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Yellow	O37-S1101	5 BWS	+	+	+
Magenta	O37-S1201	5 BWS	+	+	-
Cyan	O37-S1301	8 BWS	+	+	+
Black	O37-S1401	8 BWS	+	+	+

REMARKS ON MIGRATION AND CONFORMITY

The following remarks are valid for the production of food packaging which complies with the regulations in the European Union. We are not able to provide statements concerning food packaging legislation of countries outside the EU.

Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 requires that the person responsible for “placing on the market” of a packaging article must have an appropriate documentation available to demonstrate the compliance with the rules related to food processing and distribution.

Not only the used materials influence food-legislation related properties of a packaging. The production process of the packaging has a significant impact as well.

Therefore, we recommend our customers to send their finished products to a recognized analytical institute for examination and certification. That way compliance with legal requirements can be proven.

The transfer of substances from the packing into the filling is called migration. The following production parameters have a significant influence on the degree of migration:

- correct processing, especially the complete through-cure of the ink film
- type of substrate and substrate thickness (sufficient barrier properties of the substrate)
- prevention of a direct contact of the printing ink with the food
- selection of printing inks which are suitable for FCM applications

The EURAPID O37 Ink Series has no special FCM formulation.

Mineral oil is not part of the formulation of our EURAPID O37 Ink Series. However our suppliers need mineral oil for the production process of some raw materials due to technical reasons. Through these raw materials unavoidable traces of mineral oil can get into our printing inks (<1%).

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DECLARATION OF COMPOSITION AND PRODUCT DECLARATION

As there are no specific regulations concerning printing inks and varnishes Zeller+Gmelin -like other ink suppliers- is obliged to follow regulations in the EU not directly related to printing inks.

Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004

Article 3 of the Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 (impact on food) demands, that materials and articles do not transfer their constituents to food in quantities which could endanger human health or bring about an unacceptable change in the composition of the food or bring about a deterioration in the organoleptic characteristics thereof.

We urgently advise you to use for printing on food packaging only printing inks/lacquers which we specifically recommend for this application based on FCM formulations.

A possible impact on the quality of food does not solely depend on the printing ink/lacquer itself but is depending on the complete production chain (ink laydown, UV-power, substrate, etc.). For this reason we are not able to confirm a general compliance to Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 only based on the composition of the ink/lacquer.

Based on Article 17 (traceability) material and articles shall be ensured at all stages in order to facilitate control, the recall of defective products, consumer information and the attribution of responsibility.

All raw materials for ink/lacquer batches at Zeller+Gmelin are documented in writing on the Formula Component Report. Based on the batch number every raw material can be clearly traced back to the raw material batch.

Regulation (EC) No 2023/2006

This so called GMP regulation (Good Manufacturing Practice) defines the requirements on the different participants in the manufacturing process of materials and articles intended to come into contact with food. It requests a system for quality assurance, control and documentation (§5-7). The EuPIA defined the requirements on printing ink manufacturers in the EuPIA-GMP.

Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 and amendments

Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 establishes the specific rules for plastic materials and articles to be applied for their safe use and repeals Commission Directive 2002/72/EC of 6 August 2002 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with foodstuff.

In this regulation, the so called PIM (Plastic Implementation Measure) limits are set for substances, which are allowed to be in direct contact with food and are allowed to migrate into food up to the level listed in Annex I. Substances used in printing inks must not (with few exemptions) get in direct contact with food and are

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therefore not listed in Annex I.

Paragraph (30) states, that coatings, printing inks and adhesives are not yet covered by a specific EU legislation and therefore not subject to the requirement of a declaration of compliance.

For the migration of non-authorised substances through a functional barrier into food a limit of 0,01 mg/kg (10 ppb) is defined.

Substances that are mutagenic, carcinogenic or toxic to reproduction should not be used without previous authorisation in food contact materials or articles and should therefore not be covered by the functional barrier concept.

CEPE / EuPIA – Exclusion Policy

CEPE is the European Council of producers and importers of paints, printing inks and artists colours whereas EuPIA is the European Printing Ink Group of CEPE. Many years ago the printing ink industry has implemented voluntarily the Exclusion Policy for specific substances.

Zeller+Gmelin is an active member in EuPIA and subgroups. The raw materials used by Zeller+Gmelin for the formulation of our printing inks/lacquers meet the guidelines of the CEPE / EuPIA Exclusion Policy. Thus CMR 1A and 1B raw materials (cancerogenic, mutagenic and reprotoxic) are not used in our printing inks /lacquers.

Heavy Metals

We herewith confirm that the limits of the heavy metals lead, cadmium, mercury and chromium(VI) layed down by the European packaging and packaging waste directive 94/62/EC as well as the „Model Toxics in Packaging Legislation“ of TPCH (former CONEG) are met. The limits layed down in EN 71-3 („safety requirements for toys“) are also met. Heavy metals are not part of our formulations.

Hazardous substances

Substances mentioned in the Directive 2002/95/EC (RoHS) and Directive 2011/65/EC are not intentionally used in our printing inks/lacquers.

SVHC-substances (substances of very high concern): In our products no substances are used which are classified as CMR 1A & 1B, PBT (PBT pollutants are chemicals that are toxic, persist in the environment and bioaccumulate in food chains), vPvB (Substances that are potentially very persistent and very bioaccumulative) und endocrine disruptors (artificial hormones).

Furthermore we confirm that our printing inks/lacquers are in accordance with the Regulation (EC) No 1895 /2005 (repeals the Directive 2002/16/EC).

DIN EN ISO certification

The production site of Zeller+Gmelin / Germany is certified according to DIN EN ISO 9001:2015 and DIN EN

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ISO 14001:2015.

Swiss Ordinance 817.023.21

This ordinance regulates materials and articles intended to come into contact with food. On 01.04.2008 the ordinance was changed to include regulations concerning printing inks. Since 01.04.2010 only packaging which has been produced with printing inks based on listed raw materials may be supplied to consumers. We urgently recommend to only use our FCM products for food packaging being subject to SO817.023.21.

Please note:

According to applicable law the manufacturer of the finished article and the filler have the full legal responsibility to ensure that their product is fit for its intended purpose and complies with the applicable rules (not the supplier).

Please also consider the relevant publications of the European Printing Inks Association EuPIA (<http://www.eupia.org>).

There are many types of final packaging and the printing ink/lacquer is only one constituent. Since the parameters in the printing, packing and storage processes are not under the control of the printing ink manufacturer, the printing ink suppliers are not able to issue certificates or declarations of compliance which cover the legal responsibility of the entire packaging chain.

The statements made in this declaration are according to our current knowledge. They do not absolve the user from its own responsibility to ascertain that our products are suitable for his application.

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