

SunLit[®] Express

1. Description

SunLit Express is a high productivity sheetfed offset ink series for 4c process printing and specially formulated for fast work and turn in straight printing, for fast finishing and can be used on all types of sheetfed presses including 8, 10 and 12 colour perfecting machines.

2. Product features

SunLit Express inks:

- are available as a 4 process colour offset ink set
- are vegetable based and free of mineral oils
- contain >70% of renewable materials
- are roller fresh
- are supporting the colour standardisation according to ISO 12647:2 (Process Standard Offset, PSO). Full compliance with ISO 2846-1 is given.
- are drying by penetration and to a high degree by oxidation
- are free of cobalt based drying catalysts

3. Product Suitability

3.1 Applications

SunLit Express is intended for use in paper and board offset printing. The ink is suitable for all types and all sizes of sheetfed offset printing machines.

The ink is not suitable for the following applications:

- Printing on foils and other non-absorbent substrates
- SunLit Express Magenta and Yellow are not suitable for poster printing
- Sensitive food packaging applications
- Waterless offset printing



3.2 Substrates

SunLit Express inks are suitable for the following substrates:

- any kind of matt/silk coated paper
- any kind of gloss coated paper
- any kind of uncoated paper (“offset paper”)
- any kind of coated and uncoated cartonboards

NB: The paper quality will influence the drying performance and the gloss of the print.

3.3 Varnishability

Printed sheets with SunLit Express can be overprinted either with an oil based overprint varnish or a water based overprint varnish.

When applying inline UV coatings a suitable primer is mandatory. When offline UV coating is applied, a water based primer is recommended or a waiting time of at least 48h is necessary.

The impact of the ink fastness has to be taken into consideration.

4. Colour Range

SunLit Express is supplied as finished inks.

The following table sums up the light fastnesses and the resistancies corresponding to the 4 process colours:

PROCESS COLOURS	PRODUCT CODE	LIGHT FASTNESS ISO 12040	ALCOHOL ISO 2836	SOLVENT MIXTURE ISO 2836	ALKALI ISO 2836
SUNLIT EXPRESS Process Black	EXP46	7	-	-	+
SUNLIT EXPRESS Process Cyan	EXP25	8	+	+	+
SUNLIT EXPRESS Process Magenta	EXP27	5	+	+	-
SUNLIT EXPRESS Process Yellow	EXP26	5	+	+	+
SUNLIT EXPRESS Intense Black	EXP24	7	-	-	+

** For more information regarding these standards, please contact your local SunChemical representative.

5. General Handling

5.1 Storage

SunLit Express inks should be stored at ambient temperature between 5°C and 35°C. Under these conditions SunLit Express inks have a shelf life of at least 36 months in an unopened vacuum-packed tin.



Inks supplied in drums or pails should be used within 12 months after production. Once the container is opened, the printing ink should be worked off in a timely manner to avoid skinning.

The polypropylene ink cartridge is not a barrier to air. Oxygen diffused in the printing ink may initiate premature drying, particularly at elevated temperatures and extended storage times. Previous experience has shown that the printing inks can be used for one year after manufacturing after being stored and transported at ambient temperature and humidity.

5.2 Waste disposal

Waste disposal should be carried out in accordance with good industrial practice, observing all the appropriate local, national and regional regulations and guidance.

6. Printing Conditions

6.1 Fount Solution

SunLit Express does not require to be run with a special fount solution. However SunChemical recommends the use of SunFount products to achieve optimal performance:

SunFount[®] 410; suitable for 5-7% IPA in normal water qualities

SunFount[®] 480; suitable for 3-6% IPA, to prevent roller glazing

SunFount[®] 455; suitable for 0-5% IPA, adapted for IPA free printing

The quality of the water and the overall printing conditions have a strong impact on the choice of fountain solution and the level of IPA required. Please consult our technical services for assistance.

6.2 Printing Plates

SunLit Express can be run with any type of aluminium based printing plates (CtP plates, conventional positive or negative plates).

6.3 Influence of IR drier

The use of IR drier is not recommended as it might lead to an increased tendency of set off in the delivery pile.

6.4 Press cleaning

After having printed with SunLit Express inks the press can be easily cleaned using standard press washes.



7. End-use safety

SunLit Express is a vegetable based ink series intended for sheetfed offset printing.

All Sun Chemical products are formulated to the latest CEPE/EuPIA guidelines. This excludes the use of carcinogenic, mutagenic and toxic for reproduction (CMR 1 and 2) or labelled (T) according to the Dangerous Substances Directive 67/548/EEC substances. Substances classified as very toxic (T+) or toxic (T) and pigments based on compounds of Antimony, Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium (VI), Lead, Mercury, Selenium plus the use of certain dyes, solvents, plasticisers and miscellaneous materials are also excluded. A copy of the document is available on the EuPIA website: <http://www.eupia.org>

SunLit Express also complies with EN71/3 (suitability for toy packaging).

8. Technical Assistance / Contacts

For further information, please contact your local Sun Chemical team or visit our website on www.sunchemical.com

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