

# Nazdar 8400 Series Screen Ink

## Insert Mold Decorating Applications

**8400 Series Screen Ink is a polyester solvent-based/conventional screen ink which meets the requirements of various industrial and specialty print applications including, the insert mold decorating (IMD) process. The dried ink film exhibits good gloss and flexibility for forming, post-form trimming, resistance to wash out during the molding process, and adhesion to polycarbonate injection mold resin. Overprinting the 8400 with the 8449 Tie-Coat screen ink promotes adhesion to injection resins other than polycarbonate (PC), such as ABS, PMMA and PVC. 8400 Series ink is for second surface printing on polycarbonate, polycarbonate blend, or pre-treated polyester films which will be formed then molded in the insert mold decorating process. The addition of NB72 Catalyst or NB80 Adhesion Promoter is necessary for in-mold decorating applications.**

### Substrates

- Untreated polyester
- Polyester coated surfaces
- Some treated or top coated polyester films
- Polycarbonate
- Polycarbonate blends
- Primed / pre-treated polyester  
(Substrates specific for insert mold decorating)

Substrate recommendations are based on commonly available materials intended for the ink's specific market when the inks are processed according to this technical data sheet. While technical information and advice on the use of this product is provided in good faith, the User bears sole responsibility for selecting the appropriate product for their end-use requirements. Reference the 'Quality Statement' at the end of this document.

### User Information

#### Mesh

**8400 inks:** 200-305 tpi (79-120 tpcm) monofilament polyester mesh for most applications.

**8449 Tie-Coat Clear:** 110-200 tpi (43-79 tpcm) monofilament polyester.

#### Stencil

Use direct emulsions and capillary films which are solvent resistant.

#### Squeegee

60-80 durometer polyurethane squeegee.

#### Coverage

**8400 inks:** 1,200-1,800 square feet (111-167 square meters) per gallon depending upon ink deposit.

**8449 Tie-Coat:** 600-1,200 square feet (55-111 square meters) per gallon depending upon ink deposit.

Reference [www.nazdar.com](http://www.nazdar.com) for examples of coverage calculations.

#### Resin Type

**Polycarbonate (PC) Injection Resin:** NB72 Catalyst must be added to all 8400 inks. Add 2-4% by weight.

**ABS, PVC or PMMA Injection Resin:** NB80 Adhesion Promoter must be added to all 8400 inks. Add up to 2% by weight.

The addition of NB72 or NB80 is not necessary for the 8449 Tie-Coat.

#### Printing

8400 Series inks and 8449 Tie-Coat are formulated to be press ready. Thoroughly mix the ink prior to printing. Improper mixing can lead to inconsistent color and ink performance. Add only enough ink to the screen to be able to print for 5-10 minutes. Add additional ink in small increments throughout the print run to maintain screen stability.

When utilizing ABS, PVC or PMMA injection resin, print the 8400 colors first, properly drying after each layer, then overprint with the 8449 Tie-Coat.

Maintain ink temperature at 65°-90°F (18°-32°C) for optimum print and cure performance. Lower temperatures increase the ink viscosity, impairing flow and increasing film thickness. Elevated temperatures lower the ink viscosity, reducing print definition and film thickness.

Pretest to determine optimum printing parameters for a particular set of ink, substrate,

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screen, press, curing variables/conditions, forming and molding processing.

Nazdar does not recommend inter-mixing of 8400 Series with other inks besides the 8400 Series.

### Drying / Curing Parameters

**Drying:** the 8400 ink must be dried with heat immediately after printing. The ink film must be dry to touch before subsequent layers are printed and dried.

Use conveyerized dryers set at temperatures of 150°F- 195°F (66°C-90°C) to initially dry each layer of ink and to start the curing process. Not all the solvent will be removed after this initial drying.

**Curing:** after all the 8400 inks and 8449 Tie-Coat (if needed) have been printed, the finished prints must be baked for 1 hour at 195°F (90°C) with approximately 50% RH before further processing (forming and molding). This additional bake completes solvent removal and curing. Good air circulation and fresh air intake in dryers and ovens is necessary to remove the solvent.

Ink film that is not thoroughly dried and cured may transfer onto the mold during the forming process.

The 8400 block resistance should be carefully tested before stacking printed pieces.

### Clears / Varnishes

**Mixing Clear / Overprint Clear:** Use 8427 Mixing / Overprint Clear. Both may be used to reduce the density of colors.

### Common Performance Additives

Any additives should be thoroughly mixed before each use. Prior to production, test any additive adjustment to the ink. Inks containing additives should not be mixed with other inks.

Example for additives: Ink at 100g with 8% of an additive is calculated as:

$$100\text{g ink} + 8\text{g additive} = 108\text{g total}$$

The recommended sequence for adding additives is: thinner and/or retarder first and the catalyst or adhesion promoter last. Mix thoroughly.

**Catalyst / Adhesion Promoter:** Shelf life of catalyzed ink is approximately 6 to 8 hours.

**Polycarbonate Injection Resin:** Use NB72 Catalyst. Add up to 2-4% by weight. must be added to all 8400 inks.

**ABS, PVC or PMMA Injection Resin:** Use NB80 Adhesion Promoter. Add up to 2% by weight.

The addition of NB72 or NB80 is not necessary for the 8449 Tie-Coat.

**Reducer:** Use RE195 Thinner/Screen Wash to reduce the viscosity of these inks. Add up to 15% by weight. RE195 may also be used to wash ink from the screen.

**Retarder:** Use RE196 Retarder to slow down drying and increase screen stability. Add up to 15% by weight. RE196 Retarder can be used in combination with RE195 Thinner/Screen Wash up to a total of 15% by weight depending on production environmental conditions.

**Flattening:** Use 8448 Flattening Paste to reduce gloss and to improve slip. Add up to 10% by weight. When injecting PC resin, the 8448 Flattening Paste can be added to 8400 inks to help prevent sticking to the mold during forming. 8448 is not needed when injecting ABS, PVC or PMMA because the 8449 Tie-Coat resists sticking to the forming mold.

### Cleanup

**Screen Wash (Prior to Reclaim):** Use RE195 Thinner/Screen Wash or 9637 Screen Wash.

**Press Wash (On Press):** Use IMS301 Premium Graphic Press Wash.

### Storage / Shelf Life

Store closed containers at temperatures between 65°-78°F (18°-25°C). Storing products outside of these recommendations may shorten their shelf life. Ink taken from the press should not be returned to the original container; store separately to avoid contaminating unused ink.

Standard 8400 Series items are useable for a period of at least 48 months from the date of manufacture. To obtain the official shelf life letter, Contact Nazdar Technical Service at [InkAnswers@nazdar.com](mailto:InkAnswers@nazdar.com) or see contact listing at the end of this document.

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### Processing

Printed parts that have been thoroughly dried and cured may be formed, die or laser cut and molded. Some films absorb atmospheric moisture; consult with the film supplier for information whether the printed films need to be dried prior to forming.

### General Information

#### Ink Handling

All personnel mixing and handling these products must wear gloves and eye protection. Clean up spills immediately. If ink does come in contact with skin, wipe ink off with a clean, dry, absorbent cloth (do not use solvent or thinner). Wash the affected area with soap and water. Consult the applicable [Safety Data Sheet](#) (SDS / MSDS) for further instructions and warnings.

For assistance on a wide range of important regulatory issues, consult the following Regulatory Compliance Department link at <http://www.nazdar.com> or contact Nazdar Ink Technologies - World Headquarters (see contact listing at the end of this document).

#### Adhesion Testing

It is imperative to check adhesion on a fully cured print:

Cross hatch tape test: use a cross hatch tool or a sharp knife to cut through ink film only; then apply 3M #600 clear tape on cut area, rub down, wait for 1 minute and rip off at a 180 degree angle. Ink should only come off in actual cut areas.

### Manufacturer's Product Offering

Based on information from our raw material suppliers, these ink products are formulated to contain less than 0.06% lead. If exact heavy metal content is required, independent lab analysis is recommended.

#### Standard Printing Colors

Standard Printing Colors have excellent opacity and flow characteristics. These colors are intended to work as supplied.

#### Single Pigment Toners

Single Pigment Toners produce clean and vibrant colors. Single Pigment Toners can be used as

supplied, in color matches or let down with mixing clear.

#### Transparent Colors

Transparent Colors produce very good transparency and depth of color. Transparent Toners can be used as supplied, in color matches or let down with mixing clear.

#### Halogen-Free Colors

These colors are free of the halogens Chlorine and Bromine based on supplier information and in compliance with the electronics industry standard, IEC 61249-2-21 (<http://www.iec.ch/>).

#### Tie Coat

8449 Tie-Coat is designed to be printed over 8400 inks, then injection molded with ABS, PVC or PMMA resins. The 8449 Tie-Coat Clear is not inter-mixable with the other 8400 Series inks.

#### Non-Conductive Black

NSC60 Non-Conductive Black is formulated to minimize conductivity in situations where static discharge is possible to occur during post print processing. To minimize or prevent electrostatic discharge (ESD) the NSC60 must be used in place of the 8452 Super Opaque Black. Process NSC60 as outlined for the 8400 Series.

#### Color Card Materials

Conventional Color Card (CARD375): shows the Standard Printing Colors.

### Packaging / Availability

Contact your Nazdar distributor for product availability and offering.

#### Standard Ink Items

Printing Colors

Item Number	Color
8410	Primrose Yellow
8411	Lemon Yellow
8412	Medium Yellow
8413	Emerald Green
8418	Scarlet Red
8419	Fire Red
8420	Brilliant Orange
8421	Peacock Blue
8422	Ultra Blue

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<b>8424</b>	Gloss Black
<b>8427</b>	Mixing/Overprint Clear
<b>8450</b>	Barrier White
<b>8452</b>	Super Opaque Black

### Single Pigment Toners

Item Number	Color
<b>8480</b>	Yellow Toner
<b>8481</b>	Orange Toner
<b>8482</b>	Carmine Toner
<b>8483</b>	Magenta Toner
<b>8484</b>	Maroon Toner
<b>8485</b>	Green Toner
<b>8486</b>	Blue Toner (GS)
<b>8487</b>	Blue Toner (RS)
<b>8488</b>	Violet Toner
<b>8489</b>	Red Toner

### Transparent Colors

Item Number	Color
<b>84PB12</b>	Transparent Medium Yellow
<b>84PB18</b>	Transparent Red
<b>84PB60</b>	Stop Sign Red

### Tie-Coat

Item Number	Color
<b>8449</b>	Tie-Coat

### Halogen-Free Colors

Item Number	Color
<b>84201</b>	Halogen-Free Tinting Black
<b>84202</b>	Halogen-Free Tinting White

### Non-Conductive Black

Item Number	Color
<b>NSC60</b>	Non-Conductive Black

### Additives / Reducers

Item Number	Color
<b>8448</b>	Flattening Paste
<b>NB72</b>	Catalyst
<b>NB80</b>	Adhesion Promoter
<b>RE195</b>	Thinner/Screen Wash
<b>RE196</b>	Retarder

### Cleaners / Clean Up

Item Number	Color
<b>RE195</b>	Thinner/Screen Wash
<b>9637</b>	Screen Wash
<b>IMS301</b>	Premium Graphic Press Wash

### Nazdar Quality Statement

*Nazdar® stands behind the quality of this product. Nazdar® cannot, however, guarantee the finished results because Nazdar® exercises no control over individual operating conditions and production procedures. While technical information and advice on the use of this product is provided in good faith, the User bears sole responsibility for selecting the appropriate product for their end-use requirements. Users are also responsible for testing to determine that our product will perform as expected during the printed item's entire life-cycle from printing, post-print processing, and shipment to end-use. This product has been specially formulated for screen printing, and it has not been tested for application by any other method. Any liability associated with the use of this product is limited to the value of the product purchased from Nazdar®.*

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