

Important information for the supply of Ruco inks

Regulations for cyclohexanones and aromatic solvents, both extensively used by all manufactures of solvent pad and screen printing inks, are changing due to recent research findings and these will soon be unavailable to use.

Due to these changes our ink supplier, Ruco, has developed the new T200 ink to bring their pad/printing portfolio in line with future regulation and market requirements.

This means that current ink series T18, T40, T45, T70, 180PE, 400LMG, 450JK and 700ST are being discontinued and will be replaced by the new T120 and T200 ink series.

The market acceptance for these new screen printing and pad printing ink series, T120 and T200, has been so good that our supplier is experiencing a shift in volumes, which means that the phase-out series are now being produced in much smaller quantities. This, however, has resulted in a significant increase in raw material and production costs and our cost prices from Ruco will increase by 40% from the beginning of October. Also as of 1st December 2014, the T18, T40, T45, T70, 180PE, 400LMG, 450JK and 700ST series will no longer be produced and the T120 and T200 series will be available exclusively together with the current T01, 10KK and T25 series.

Although we have spoken too many of you about these changes and sent out sample packs for trials, we still need you to move over to the new inks.

We have put together a plan to try and smooth the transition to these new less harmful inks.

1. We can send out samples of black and white for any print trials
2. Free re-matching of colours in the T200 series.
3. We are looking to buy from Ruco up to 6 months stock of the discontinued ranges to enable you time to switch over to the new inks. Our target is to have stock until 31/3/2015 based on current supply rates. However, to guarantee current prices we recommend that you order your ink stock by the end of September to avoid incurring the price increases.
4. Prices for any stock will remain the same and we will only put the 40% increase for non-stock items ordered between 1st October and 1st December.

If you need any more information on these new inks, samples or details on the changes then please contact us and we will be happy to help.

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