



## Unitex® squeegee care - maintaining quality and reducing costs

The Squeegee Care guide is designed to ensure your Unitex® Squeegee is running to an optimum level of performance at all times.

### Before use

- Squeegees should not be stored in sunlight or bright light - UV light will darken the squeegee colour; although this will not have a negative effect on the quality of its performance
- Try to store squeegees between 15-25°C in dry conditions and away from inks - in high humidity squeegees will absorb moisture and solvents from the air
- Store squeegees flat, do not leave rolled up
- When using a roll, leave flat for 24 hours so the squeegee has time to relax

### In use

- Squeegees should be cleaned immediately after use to prevent the accumulation of dried ink
- Remove all remaining ink deposits from the holder and the squeegee. Any remaining can cause marks from the squeegee during subsequent printing operations
- Print quality may deteriorate during a long run as the sharp edge is lost; therefore plan to swap the squeegee early. Rounded edges use and deposit more ink
- When storing a squeegee still mounted in the holder, do not rest it on the squeegee or allow the squeegee to touch anything during storage
- Squeegees or their holders must not be left in solvents to soak. Soaking will cause swelling and loss of resilience
- When cleaning the squeegee use a soft cloth and always wipe away from the edge
- To prolong the life of a squeegee, "rest" it for 12 hours after cleaning and before the next printing operation starts

### Grinding/Sharpening

- You should not be required to sharpen a squeegee prior to use
- Only sharpen a squeegee that is clean, dry and has not been used for printing for at least 12 hours

### General

- Squeegees harden with time – test old squeegee regularly. Do not use old squeegee that is 5 to 10 degrees more than its original hardness
- The shelf life of the new unused squeegee is approximately two years if stored correctly
- Do not use a squeegee without ink. It will quickly destroy the printing edge after very few passes

### Packaging

- Your squeegee packaging is optimised to ensure it arrives with you in the best condition possible
- We use secure, moisture proof containers for sea freight.
- Light weight packaging for air freight
- Priority freight if required for fast delivery
- Customer specified carriers when required

### Squeegee marking

Unless specified at time of ordering all Unitex® squeegees are marked with:

- UNITEX
- ULON HP or MARATHON
- Squeegee Grade
- Batch Number
- Made in the UK

