

PRINTABLE SOFTSHELL DECORATOR INSTRUCTIONS

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RESULT[®] Printable standard and recycled softshell garments are versatile and ideal for printing. The nature of their material allows textile printers to use various applications:

Transfer Systems are by far the easiest to use with both screen printed and digital transfer systems working well, as well as many vinyl's used in CAD cut production. RESULT softshell is polyester so to avoid any potential dye migration, transfers that can be applied at lower temperatures (160° or less) are advisable along with the many new products that are available now with dye blocking properties.

DIRECT TO FILM (DTF) applied at 135° is also a good option and reduces weeding for small to medium print jobs.

Direct Screen Printing allows printers to produce high volume work at relatively low cost. Printers must remember that they are working with polyester so will need a good understanding of the appropriate inks and mesh screens to use. There are many inks on the market designed for sportswear with dye blocking agents included in their make-up and these should work very well on softshell. Flash cure and dryer settings should always be tested before bulk production to achieve the best results.

Sublimation RESULT printable softshell is 100% polyester so sublimation is an achievable option. Due to the transparent nature of sublimation dyes, the best results are achieved on white and lighter colours however. Sublimation transfers tend to be applied at high temperature with long dwell times, so it is advisable to always test and raise the printed area from the heat press base using a pad or pillow to minimise any effect to the fabric.

Digital Direct to Garment prints for this product are not recommended as ink manufacturers have not yet (by their own admission) produced a system that works consistently on polyester.

There are so many printers with different skill sets, it's impossible to cover all decoration possibilities but most garment decorators are capable of achieving great results on RESULT printable softshell.



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