

### Suggested Uses:

The 04 Series is recommended for use on PVC (Container and flat sheet \* Note pg. 4), static cling vinyl, pressure-sensitive vinyl's, many polyesters (print treated and top-coated) and some bookcloths. The 04 Series inks also work on some ABS materials. **It is the responsibility of the end user to pretest all substrates with Norcote® products prior to use in production.**

### Product Features

- Abrasion Resistant
- Chemical Resistant
- Opaque
- Resistant to Blocking
- Excellent Intercoat Adhesion
- Flexible
- Durable Surface

### Printing Recommendations:

All inks should be thoroughly mixed prior to use. Inks are supplied at print ready viscosity for most applications. If adjustment is needed the 04-070 Thinner or 04-049 Overprint Clear can be used to thin the ink. **Do not microwave this product.**

### Mesh:

A mesh count of 305-355 threads per linear inch (120-140 cm<sup>2</sup>) low elongation, monofilament polyester is suggested. Tension should range from 18-25 N/cm<sup>2</sup> on a rigid frame.

### Stencil:

All direct emulsions and thin capillary films (15-25µ before application) compatible with UV inks are acceptable.

### Squeegee:

A sharp 80 shore durometer polyurethane squeegee is preferred. Inks can be printed with durometers ranging from 60-90 as well as dual durometer squeegees.

### Curing Parameters:

Norcote® 04 Series inks cure only when exposed to UV light of the proper wavelength. Curing speeds depend on several factors including ink film thickness and the energy level of the lamps. Ink should be cured immediately after printing.



### Curing Equipment:

04 Series inks are fast curing and work well with one 300 watts/in (120 watts/cm) or two 200 watt/in (80 watts/cm) focused medium pressure mercury vapor lamps with millijoules (mJ) and (mW) of:

200 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup> @ 600 + mW/ cm<sup>2</sup> minimum for most colors and clears-

300 mJ/cm<sup>2</sup> @ 600 + mW/ cm<sup>2</sup> minimum for opaque colors (blacks, whites, tans, grays, metallics, etc.). The 04 Series inks will cure up to 100 feet per minute (30 meters per minute) with most focused UV curing units.

### Screen Cleaning:

Most conventional solvent cleaners work well. Alcohol based solutions must be avoided as they break down the emulsion. Norcote recommends Press Wash 110 (flash point 113° F), 140 (flash point 140° F) or NSW-824 (flash point 150° F). These products are used for cleaning ink off screens during on press color changes or before storing the screen. They work well when removing ink from squeegees, flood bars and other equipment. Contact us for packaging options.

### Coverage:

Approximately 2,500 square feet per gallon (230 square meters per gallon) depending on printing variables affecting ink film thickness and coverage.

### Mixing:

All Norcote® 04 Series colors are intermixable. The 04 Series inks may also be mixed with the 09 Matte Series inks to achieve a wide range of gloss levels.

### Precautions:

Avoid direct contact of ink with skin and clothing. If contact occurs, wash affected area with warm soapy water and dry thoroughly. If eye contact occurs, irrigate the area with water for 15 minutes and consult a physician. For more specific information, refer to the relevant Material Safety Data Sheet.

## Adhesion:

The 04 Series is a nonvisual post-curing system. Although further cross-linking occurs up to 24 hours later, the 04 Series inks should pass a crosshatch tape test, (ASTM #D3359-97), after exiting the curing unit and cooling to room temperature. Maximum chemical and abrasion resistance and adhesion will be attained after 24 hours. The use of 800 Initiator is needed for proper adhesion.

## Intercoat Adhesion:

04 Series inks intercoat adhesion is very good. Although loss of intercoat adhesion is difficult, it should be monitored throughout the production run especially when printing 3 or more passes. Use of additives may adversely affect intercoat adhesion.

## Weatherability:

Weather resistance is subject to conditions of use. Consult the Technical Service Department prior to use for information regarding weather resistance and weatherable applications of the 04 Series inks.

## Heat-Sealing/Embossing:

The 04 Series inks are formulated specifically to produce excellent results under controlled heat-sealing conditions. To obtain acceptable results the 04 Series inks must pass a crosshatch tape test, (using 3-M 600 tape) before heat sealing or embossing. Highly pigmented (opaque) inks and inks with special effects pigments may not heat-seal or emboss well. Radio frequency heat-sealing or high stress embossing of metallic ink is not recommended. For further details contact the Norcote® Technical Service Department.

## Chemical Resistance:

The 04 Series inks have been exposed to a variety of chemicals to determine chemical resistance. The 04 Series has proved to be resistant to most common chemicals when properly cured.

## Metallic Colors:

Most metallic pigments work well with the 04-000 Clear for Powders. Ability to cure a suspension is related to pigment load and UV exposure. Select mesh with openings large enough to transfer the metallic pigments of choice; generally a mesh count of 305 threads per inch (120/cm) or lower is required. Metallic pigments will reduce the shelf life of 04 Series ink mixtures. RECOMMENDATION: Mix only enough metallic ink for one day.

## Metallics:

Gold Paste	040 •(see note)
Silver Paste	042
Red Gold Paste	044
Copper Paste	046
Rich Gold Ink	240
Silver Ink	242

• 040 paste should be stored between 18C-35C to avoid solidification. If this occurs, reliquify the paste by placing it in an area with temperatures of 25C-35C.

## Color Range:

Specific colors can be matched at Norcote® against prints, wet ink or PANTONE® numbers.

## Standard Colors:

Clear for Powders	000
Lens Clear	1085
Mixing White	002
Opaque White	1046
Non-Chalking Opaque White	1056
Non-yellowing White	1059
Mixing Black	005
Opaque Black	1019
Thick Jet Black	4000
Brown	007
<b>Radiant Yellow</b>	<b>012 •</b>
Medium Yellow	017
Opaque Yellow	2233
Lightfast Yellow	2313
<b>Permanent Orange</b>	<b>019 •</b>
Lightfast Orange	2872
Red	022
Rhodamine Red	023
Rose	024
Magenta	026
Emerald Green	030
Spruce Green	031
Permanent Blue	034
Violet	035
Reflex Blue	037
Peacock Blue	038
Overprint Clear	049
Process Blue	050
Halftone Base	060
Opaque Process Blue	2021

• **May not be suitable for lightfast applications and is not recommended for prolonged exposure to direct sunlight.**

## Fluorescent Colors/JZB's:

Aurora Pink (Blue shade)	11 B
Aurora Pink (Yellow shade)	11 Y
Rocket Red	13
Fire Orange	14
Blaze Orange	15
Arc Yellow	16
Saturn Yellow	17
Signal Green	18
Horizon Blue	801
Corona Magenta	21

## Additives:

Check the Norcote Additives list for the products compatible with this ink series. The list is available on our website at [www.norcote.com](http://www.norcote.com) or call us at 800-488-9180 to receive a copy.





### Storage & Available Warranties

All UV 04 Series inks should be stored in tightly closed, black polyethylene containers in an area with the temperature not to exceed 90° F (32.2° C). Avoid direct sunlight and indirect white light. Excess ink from print runs should be stored in separate containers to avoid contamination and is not covered under any warranty. When stored under these conditions, Norcote warrants the Products shall be free from defects in material and manufacture for a period of one (1) year from the date of sale for the 04 Series standard inks, with no additives, and for a period of one (1) month from the date of sale for any custom color containing Day Glo® JZB or T-Powder. **Norcote will not warrant any custom colors containing metallic pastes or any inks intermixed with competitor products.** Any warranties provided will be limited to the price paid for the actual products used which give rise to the warranty claim.

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### Testing

Due to the inability of Norcote to anticipate or control the conditions under which the Products and information relating thereto will be used and/or stored, Norcote cannot guarantee the results obtained from using the Products. Any Suggested Uses are merely representative, and because the final product will depend on a number of specific factors, the end user should pretest all substrates with the Products prior to use in production.

### \*PVC Plastics:

Decoration can aggravate embrittlement properties of PVC plastics which can lead to cracking and failure of the plastic. It is strongly recommended that the end user contact the polymer manufacturer to obtain information on the suitability for decorating with a UV ink as well as recommendations for molding / processing to reduce this potential. As every situation can not be tested for in a laboratory environment, it is the responsibility of the end user to determine the suitability of the products chosen for an end application.

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