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**Protect your screens
from aggressive solvents
for longer screen life**

Please read these notes on screen care before using your screens.

Victory Factory uses a specially formulated two part polyurethane adhesive to bond the mesh to our screens.

This adhesive gives the best combination of properties for most situations, high shear resistance (to hold up to long print runs) , low peel resistance (for easier removal of mesh for restretching) and solvent resistance to enable the screen to be cleaned and reused.

Certain solvents are more likely to dissolve the glue and should be used carefully because they attack the glue/fabric interface and can cause screen failure. Be careful when using these solvents on your screens, as they have been shown to be problematic:

MEK - Acetone - Lacquer Thinner - some Soy based cleaners and emulsion removers.
Haze removers are a particular problem due to their strong chemical action. When using haze removers we recommend you try to keep the chemical away from the edges of your frame and always competely wash the entire frame with degreaser solution after using haze remover to make sure it has been removed from the screen.

If you do not use any of the chemicals listed above, and do not use them in a dip tank for decoating, you probably won't need to tape your frames. If you do use these chemicals, try to minimize the time of exposure, do not let the screen soak in the solvent. Keep the solvent away from the edges as much as possible. *Degrease* the screen after using the solvent. For dip tank reclaiming, we recommend keeping the screens in the tank only long enough to do the job. Keeping the screens in the tank too long or using too strong a mix of reclaimer can lead to glue breakdown.



Fig. 1

Blockout tape

We have found that screen failures can be greatly reduced, even when using aggressive chemicals, by the use of blockout tape on your screens. Apply the tape to one side (fig. 1) for basic protection or both sides (fig. 2) for more permanent use. When applying both sides, make



Fig. 2

sure the tape contacts the tape from the other side by about 1/2" to seal. Blockout tape usually can be left on the screen for several printing/decoating cycles if it is properly applied.