

## Which printing technology helps you meet your sustainability goals best?



More and more, sustainability is becoming an important factor in choosing a printing technology. European goals regarding the reduction of CO2 emission, to help fight climate change, will affect the printing industry in the long run. Also, customer demand for sustainable solutions is increasing. Innovation and new technologies make current printers more eco-friendly than in the past. However, there are differences between print technologies regarding their level of sustainability.



We compared and tested UV against Latex printing in several areas.\* Which print technology is the most sustainable choice and meets your sustainability goals?

\*Numbers in this infographic are based on tests done internally at Mimaki Engineering Japan



### UV printing

### Latex printing



#### CO2 emission



##### Low CO2 Emission

UV printing uses



low CO2 emission technology, due to low energy consumption and longer lasting printheads (preventing CO2 emissions during recycling / destruction of thermal inks).

##### High CO2 Emission

Latex printing is



higher in CO2 production compared to UV printing.



#### Energy consumption



##### Low energy consumption

UV inks, when exposed to UV light, dry immediately.

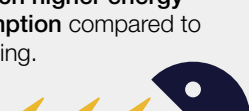


There is no drying heater required,

resulting in low energy consumption.

##### High energy consumption

Latex printing requires pre-print and post-print heaters to cure the media. This results in a much higher energy consumption compared to UV printing.



The heating process also makes Latex printing a much slower process. It takes more time before the final print is ready.



UV printing consumes approximately

**6X less**

energy compared to Latex printing.



#### Ink



##### Low ink consumption

Compared to Latex printing:

**3X less** ink consumed



**2X less** white ink consumed



**2X faster** when using white ink



The ink price is also lower.



**High ink consumption**

Latex printing has a high ink consumption (low ink yield).

##### Low wastage of inks

UV printing consumes much less ink during flushing (maintenance cycle) than other printing solutions.

**17% less** compared to Latex printing.



**High wastage of inks**

Latex wastes away a lot of ink while flushing between print jobs. Ink waste is bad for the environment and leads to unnecessary higher ink costs.



#### Wastage of consumables



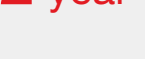
##### Low wastage of consumables

UV Piezo printheads last a long time. They have a standard

**2 year warranty**



The UV Piezo printheads prevent plastic wastage and CO2 emissions due to the recycling / destruction of thermal inks.



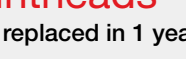
The printheads also provide a stable colour output and there is no need for frequent re-calibration.

##### High wastage of consumables

Latex printheads are a consumable to be replaced after max. of 6L of ink.

**12 printheads**

need to be replaced in 1 year



Latex printing needs frequent re-calibration.



#### Health and environment



##### Green credentials

During the UV curing process, any harmful substances from the liquid state of the UV ink are directly converted into the solid structure and become completely harmless and safe.

Mimaki UV-LED inks are GREENGUARD Gold certified for safe indoor use (even in healthcare and school environments).



The LED (light-emitting diode) light is safe since it does not radiate short wavelengths that generate ozone.

**70% water**



Therefore, it is considered safer for the environment as well.

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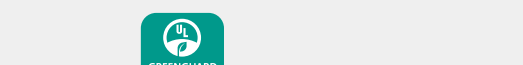
**2 printers**



= more power consumption and a higher CO2 emission.



#### Choice of substrates



##### Large choice of substrates



**1 printer**

can do the job of two.

UV printing is a very flexible and versatile printing technique that provides a much wider choice of materials to print on:

• Coated and non-coated substrates.

• Fabric, metallic foil, heat-sensitive media, and more.

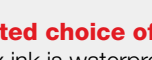
• Rigid media (UV flatbed printing) such as acrylics, wood, metal, glass, and foam board.

##### Limited choice of substrates

Latex ink is waterproof and applies to various media such as uncoated vinyl and PVC.

However, the heat involved in the Latex printing process limits the range of media on which you can print.

You need a second printer to print on those materials a Latex printer cannot print on.



**2 printers**

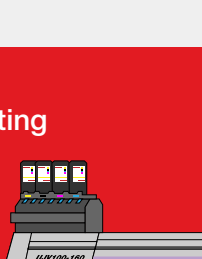
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