

AUSINC T-shirt instructions for light textiles

T-shirt transfer for white and light textiles for ink-jet printers!

New: with thermok!

Suitable for transferring black & white or colour images onto white or light-coloured cotton or cotton-mix fabrics and cloth-covered mouse pads using an iron.

With thermok! you don't end up ironing too much or too little. thermok! lets you know exactly when to stop ironing. As soon as the green circle turns orange, the transfer is ready.

What you need:

A T-shirt transfer thermok!, an ink-jet printer, an iron and a flat, hard and smooth surface to iron on (**not an ironing board**), a sheet of standard white copy paper and a suitable item to transfer onto, such as a white or pastel-coloured T-shirt, baseball cap, boxer shorts, cloth-covered mousepad, cotton napkins, handkerchiefs, etc.

1. Printing

- Store transfer paper in its original packaging in a cool, dry place.
- Only print onto the unprinted, coated side of the transfer film. Select the "mirror image" mode on your printer. Use the single sheet feed only.
- Printer settings: Transfer Paper Mode, if available, or Normal Paper using best print quality.
- If the colour bleeds, reduce the ink level accordingly (10-15 %).
- Before transferring, leave the printed image to dry for approx. 5 minutes. Cut out the motif, leaving a narrow margin of 1-3 mm around the edge.

Tip: First print the desired motif onto standard paper to check that the colour and size are correct and that the motif has been printed in reverse for right reading.

2. Transferring

- Prepare a stable, heat-resistant surface suitable for ironing on (**not an ironing board**).
- Preheat the iron to the highest setting (takes approx. 5-10 minutes). Recommended ironing temperature: 210 °C (410°F). **Do NOT use a travel iron.**
- You can also use a **heat press**. Recommended transfer temperature: 200°C (392°F) and press for approx. 18 seconds.
- Briefly iron the fabric to ensure that it is completely smooth, then place the transfer film onto it with the printed image facing downwards.
- 1. Do **NOT** use the **steam function**. – 2. Make sure that the heat is evenly transferred over the entire area. – 3. Iron the transfer film, applying as much pressure as possible. – 4. When moving the iron, less pressure should be given. – 5. Don't forget the corners and edges.
- **Continue ironing until the green circle has changed to the similar orange colour on the iron symbol that is printed on the film. Attention! In order to guarantee a perfect transfer, at least 90 % of the green area must change colour.**
- Possible brownish discoloration of the white areas of the transfer paper will not affect the quality of the transfer in any way.
- In order to achieve a **matt finish**, remove the release paper while it is still **hot**. Peel away from the fabric in a smooth, even movement, starting from one corner.
- For a **glossy finish**, allow the transfer to **cool**, then peel off the release paper in a smooth, even movement, starting from one corner.

3. Fixing

- The fixing process removes any surplus ink from the transfer and gives the transfer a fabric-like texture.
- **Matt finish:** Allow the transfer to cool, then cover with a sheet of standard, white copy paper and press once again with the iron for 5-10 seconds. **Immediately** remove the paper while it is still **hot**.
- **Glossy finish:** As above, except use greaseproof paper instead of copy paper and only remove when **cold**.
- **Mousepad:** The fixing, for a matt and glossy finish, is only possible with greaseproof paper.

4. Washing

- Wash the garment/fabric before wearing/using.
- Wait 24 hours before washing for the first time (drying time).
- Fabrics bearing transfers are machine-washable up to 40° C. Always wash garments inside out.
- Do not use aggressive washing detergents or bleach of any kind.
- Do not tumble-dry.
- Avoid ironing directly over the transferred motif. Cover first with a white copy paper, a sheet of greaseproof paper or iron on the reverse side.

Tip: You can make the colours even brighter by repeating the fixing process (see point 3).

5. Remarks

- It is possible that a slight smell may arise during ironing. This is due to the transfer film being subjected to heat and is completely harmless.