

What is the correct way to store blankets in my factory?

Printing blankets are an expensive press consumable and as such need to be protected from sources of potential damage.

These can include:-

- Ozone from electric motors – the ozone emitted by electric motors can chemically alter the rubber surface of the blanket causing it to lose its resilience.
- UV Light – This can also chemically alter the rubber surface of a printing blanket causing premature ageing which can affect longevity on press.
- Drop Hazards – If blankets are stored in an uncontrolled area close to other heavy objects there is a potential for damage from items dropped on the blanket.

These hazards can all influence the performance of a blanket on press and while there is no visual damage to the blanket caused by ozone or UV light, print quality and product performance can be significantly reduced.

To ensure the maximum performance of Kinyo printing blankets they should be stored under the following conditions:-

- Ideally the blankets should be removed from their boxes and stored flat, rubber face to rubber face, in a dry area that does not receive direct sunlight and is not close to any electric motors.

OR

- If there is no suitable flat storage area the blankets can be kept in their boxes away from sources of moisture, direct sunlight and electric motors.

If these guidelines are followed then your new Kinyo printing blanket will retain all its performance characteristics while waiting to go on press, and because it's a Kinyo blanket it could be waiting for a while!

If you require more technical information to help you make the correct blanket choice please contact us.