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Solaris Max-Life Eco-Sol Inks Conversion Recommendations

Replacement Procedure and Tips for the Genesis Inkset For Machines Currently Running Roland Branded Eco-Sol Max Ink Converting to Solaris Max-Life Eco-Sol Inks (Genesis Inkset)

- 1: Inks do not have to be changed as a complete set. They may be replaced as the existing Roland Eco-Sol Max Inks run out.
- 2: Before installation, run two nozzle test prints consecutively in a row. Design and print a 2", 4" & 6" circle. Each of the three circles should contain the same color ink being replaced as a reference point for comparison purposes.
- 3: Install the 220 ml or 440 ml Solaris Max-Life ink cartridges and run two powerful cleaning cycles. Note: Dampers do NOT have to be changed if the machine has never been used with any aftermarket ink or third party ink. **If the machine has been used with any other ink than Roland Eco-Sol Max Inks the dampeners will have to be changed.**
- 4: Design and print a 6" high rectangle (the width of your loaded media) and print out Qty 1 rectangle per color of ink that is being converted over. This will purge the line of any remaining Roland Eco-Sol Max Ink and replace it with the Solaris Max-Life Eco-Sol Ink. **Never drain the lines to accomplish this task. You will introduce air into the lines and printheads if you try this and could possibly damage your printhead!**
- 5: Run two nozzle test prints consecutively in a row. Reprint the 2", 4" & 6" circles you printed in step #2. Each of the three circles should contain the same color as a reference point for comparison purposes.
- 6: **For registration for free telephone technical support and limited warranty coverage, please note on the prints, your Company Name, Address, Phone Number, contact person and which colors were changed according to the test print. Also include the Machine Model, Serial Number and Service Configuration Report.**

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Attention: Solaris Max Life Warranty Registration

General Information & Tips

A: Roland Printers Use Piezo Printheads. These printheads have a fixed life and will wear out even if they do not appear to be failing due to nozzle drop out (also known as clogging) Most users will see a 18-24 month life of a printhead before it needs to be replaced. The piezo crystal in the printhead eventually will weaken in its cycling and will cause a malformed drop to come out of a nozzle. This can appear as "ghosting" on a print. If your printheads have not been replaced in the past 24 months, you should examine your prints carefully for printhead satellites. This will often show up in a reduction of "crispness" in text and other vector images.

B: We recommend using Roland VersaWorks for your rip software. VersaWorks will give you great color while conserving ink. When using FlexiSign Pro, Onyx Poster Shop, or any other RIP software, you can export the file from that software as an EPS file. Be sure that your cut lines have been filled in with white or some other color in order for VersaWorks to recognize them as a cut line. VersaWorks Profiles for many medias can be found at <http://dg4.roland.co.jp/en/3rdmedia/max/index.html>

C: Humidity levels are critical in many shops for proper drying and static control. We recommend 35-45% optimum humidity for proper drying and control of static.

D: On machines set to pre-feed before printing and cutting, make sure that the media does not back feed onto a dirty shop floor or carpet. The media will pick up this dirt and lint and will attach it self to the printhead carriage. Put a clean piece of cardboard or some other material for the back feed to land on.

E: Please follow Roland's suggestions and schedule for keeping your printer clean. Over cleaning is worse than under cleaning. Avoid the temptation to unnecessarily touch or clean the printhead. If anything, clean and well conditioned wipers will help more in making a printhead last than anything else.



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- 1: Inks MUST BE changed as a complete set. They MAY NOT be replaced as the existing After Market or Third Party Inks run out.
- 2: Before installation, run two nozzle test prints consecutively in a row. Design and print a 2", 4" & 6" circle. Each of the three circles should contain the same color ink being replaced as a reference point for comparison purposes.
- 3: Change the dampeners with Solaris approved dampeners or Roland branded dampeners. Other off brand dampeners have "O" rings that may or may not hold up to the solvents and co-solvents used in Solaris Max Life Eco-Sol Ink. **If the machine has been used with any other ink than Roland Eco-Sol Max Inks the dampeners will have to be changed.**
- 4: Check and make sure the drain bottle is less than half full. If not, we suggest you drain it prior to flushing as a precaution.
 - A: Flush the system and lines completely using the "ink fill mode" on the Printer menu. The machine will prompt you to remove the current ink cartridges you are using on the machine.
 - B: It will then drain all of the ink in the lines and then prompt you to install the 220 ML Solaris Flush Cartridges. Install the 220 ML Solaris Flush Cartridges as prompted.
 - C: After filling the lines with flush fluid (The Solaris Max-Life Flush Fluid) the machine will prompt you to install the 220 ml or 440 ml Solaris Max-Life Ink cartridges. Install the 220 ML or 440 ML Solaris Max-Life Ink Cartridges as prompted.

It is always recommended that you start with full (never used before) flush cartridges, to prevent the introduction of air into the ink train.
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- 7: **For registration for free telephone technical support and limited warranty coverage, please note on the prints, your Company Name, Address, Phone Number, contact person and which colors were changed according to the print test. Also include the Machine Model, Serial Number and Service Configuration Report. Please also note when and if the printheads have ever been changed and or services.**

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F: The ink vacuum pump on all Roland & Mimaki machines will eventually wear down the peristaltic pump tubing they use in their mechanisms. Consequently, the pumps lose the ability to accurately move air/fluid out of the lines which also includes ink. If you notice a drop in the amount of volume that has normally accumulated in the waste ink bottle the pump needs to be changed.