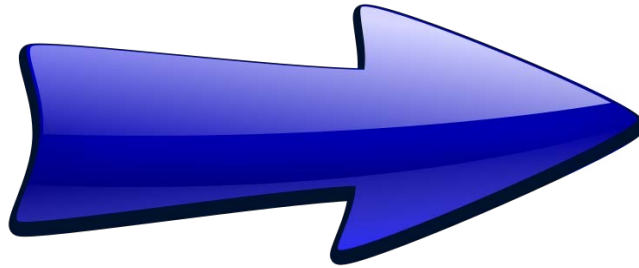


Which squeegee to use

SOFT

Light Colours
Low Details
Thick Lines



HARD

Dark Colours
High Details
Thin Lines

RED → GREEN → BLUE

Blade Shapes

- Square (straight edge) blades are most often used by screen printers. They work well for standard or regular ink applications.
- Round (ball nose) squeegee blades deposit more ink. Use this type for special effects inks such as gel or puff.
- V-shaped (single- or double-bevel) blades are typically used for printing on irregular or cylindrical-shaped substrates.

Durometer: Denotes the hardness of the blades.

- A 50-60 durometer is soft blade that will deposit more ink. Choose this durometer for heavily-textured fabrics to lay down more ink (may help with fibrillation) or for use with special effects inks, such as gels and puffs.
- A 60-75 durometer designation ranks medium on the hardness scale. It is good for general printing.
- The hardest option is an 80 durometer blade. It will deposit less ink and is great for printing fine detail or four-color process prints.

Composite Blades:

This type of squeegee blade consists of a couple or several different blades of varying durometers sandwiched together, such as a 60/90 or a 70/90/70. The benefit to using this type is that the harder durometer gives the squeegee great support, yet has the softer edge for printing.