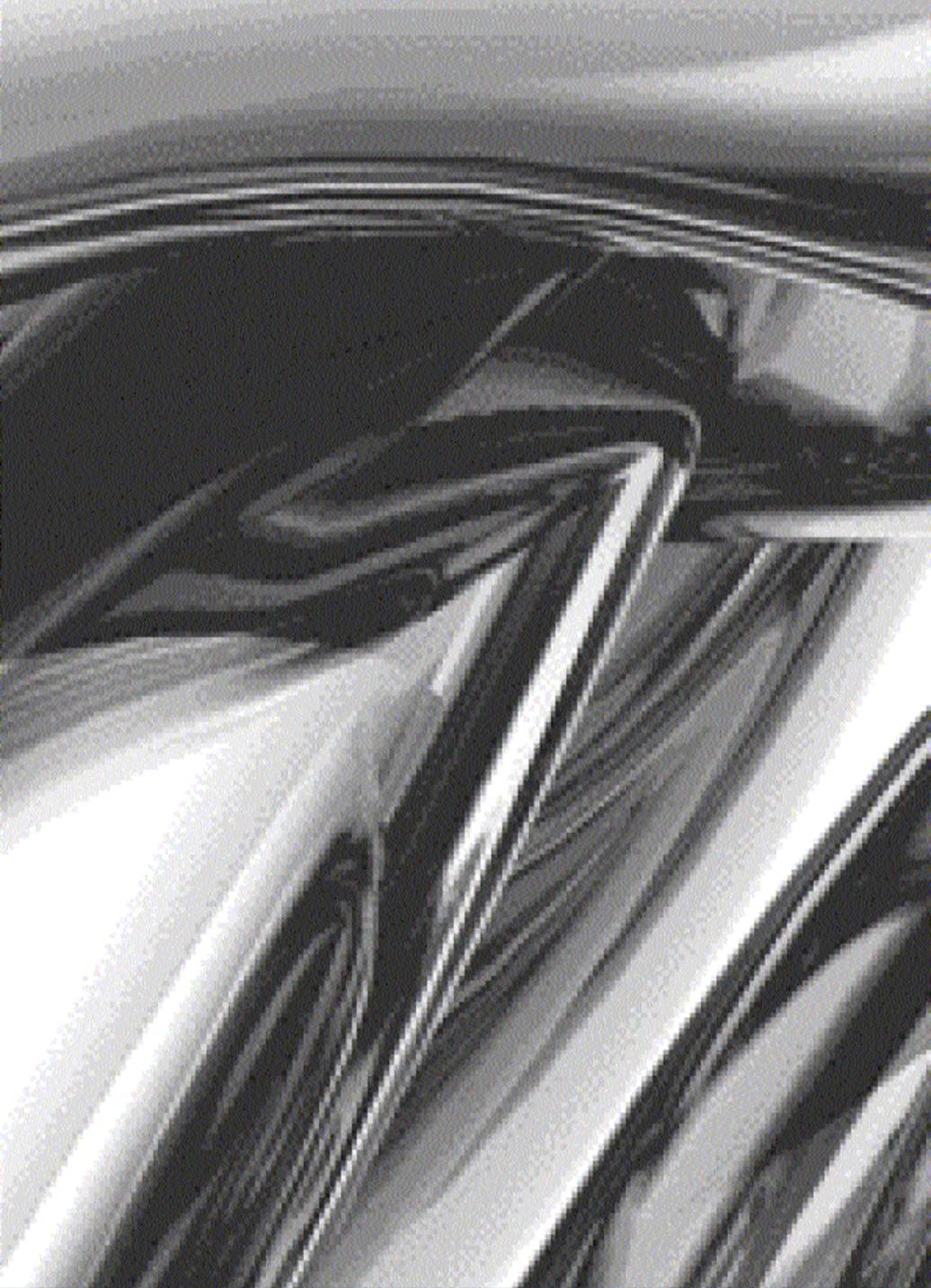




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Silberline provides the Graphic Arts and Printing Ink market with high quality aluminium pigments.

Offering a wide range of aesthetic effects, Silberline pigments are suitable for all printing applications. From gun-metal greys to brilliant reflective silvers, lustrous golds to metallic greens the options are endless for achieving that eye-catching, even breathtaking, appearance. Our pride in our manufacturing technologies and product innovation means that we are at the forefront of aluminium pigment production.

Granular products are a popular, safe and environmentally friendly way for the ink manufacturer to use aluminium pigments in their products. Available as pigments for solvent, water-based or UV inks these granular products offer a number of benefits to the customer and end-user.

- **Non-dusting – safe and easy to handle**
- **Solvent free – low VOC**
- **Low odour**
- **High metal content**
- **Excellent shelf-life**
- **Non-hazardous for transport**

Aluminium pigments need to be treated with care, so as not to damage the delicate flakes. When manufacturing inks a low shear mixer should be used, preferably with slow paddle blades.

Damage to an aluminium flake can cause a significant decrease in brilliance and opacity of the printed ink. For pigments protected for water-based or UV applications flake damage can have further detrimental effects by potentially increasing gassing or viscosity as unprotected aluminium is exposed to the system. Inconsistent results can also be achieved in the finished ink if the granule is not dispersed correctly.

To get the best and most consistent effect achievable from Silberline aluminium granule products the following simple dispersion method is recommended.



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Recommended Instructions



1



A known weight of granule is weighed out and placed into the mixing vessel.

2



Add to the granules an equal weight of solvent and allow a minimum of 30 minutes soaking. As soon as the solvent is added the granules will visibly start to disperse as the solvent wets out each flake.

3



After a minimum of 30 minutes gently stir the mixture with low shear mixing, preferably using a paddle blade covering 65-70% of the vessel diameter, until a homogeneous paste is obtained.

4



Once a homogeneous paste is achieved then the ink can be finished by adding the necessary resins and additives in portions with gentle mixing.

For water-based and UV systems the same method is used but 'solvent' is replaced by 'water' or 'low viscosity monomer' respectively.



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