

The Vapor Foam Kit



This foam kit will help remove press and paper lines from a garment that is decorated using a heat press. Atmospheric conditions and other factors can alter the performance of a press and garment. These instructions are meant to be used as a guide to help improve the quality of your printing output, but no claims are being made that these will ensure you make a perfect garment.

If you have any questions please feel free to call SourceSubstrates at (843).747.4200 or email us at info@sourcesubstrates.com

Good luck and thank you for choosing Vapor Apparel.

Step-by-Step Instructions:



Before You Press:

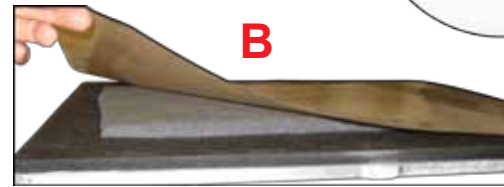
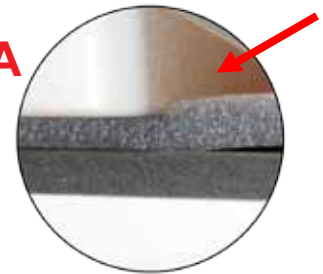
1. Set the heat press temperature to 380°F - 390°F *
2. Set the timer for 35-45 seconds
3. Place a piece of Vapor Foam on the press and adjust the pressure so the platen pushes down the foam to half its height but does not touch the bottom plate. (A)
4. Cover the foam with a piece of thin teflon (5 Mil). (B)
5. Secure the teflon with tape on the top side of the bottom platen. (C)
6. Place shirt on press & position desired decorative area atop the foam.

*Variations can be expected with different presses. Initial tests should be done to adjust settings for your press.



A

The top platen does not touch bottom plate



B



C

Printing the Transfer:

1. Print the transfer with a 1-2 inch margin on all sides of image.**
2. If cutting the paper, leave margins around each side of image.

**This margin allows the paper to hang off the edge of the Vapor Foam, aiding in the paper line elimination.



1-2 inch margin around image

Preparing the Vapor Foam:

1. Cut the Vapor Foam so the edges are smaller than the paper's outer edges but longer than the transfer design.
2. Using a pair of scissors, cut the edges of the Vapor Foam to a 45 angle, making sure the edges are smooth.

Cut foam edges smaller than paper



Cut the edges of the Vapor Foam to a 45° angle





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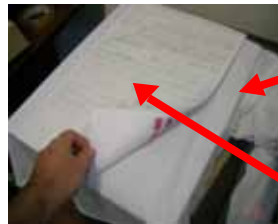
Layering the Press:

1. For **Basic T's**: place Vapor Foam on press
 2. Cover Vapor Foam with a thin piece of teflon
 3. Secure the teflon with tape on top side of the bottom platen
 4. Place shirt on press & position desired decorative area atop the foam.
- * For **Micro Performance** shirts: dress the shirt over the Vapor Foam, slide teflon between the foam & the shirt.

Place the dressed shirt on the press
Position your transfer on top of the shirt (make sure edges of paper are hanging over Vapor Foam edges).



For Basic-T: Place Vapor Foam on press and lay shirt on top of foam



For Micro Performance: Dress the shirt over the Vapor Foam

Position transfer on shirt - paper edges should hang over edges of foam

Pressing the Shirt:

1. Press for appropriate time, making sure pressure is enough to push the Vapor Foam approximately halfway toward the bottom plate - **this pressure would be described as very - to extremely light**
2. Remove the heat platen and the paper transfer
3. Slightly stretch the shirt vertically and horizontally

Congratulations! Your decorated shirt is ready for sale.

Tips and Tricks

- Try to standardize your paper sizes to eliminate having to cut Vapor Foam pieces for each new transfer
- The Vapor Foam will lose its thickness after about 50 presses. Try to rotate a few pieces of the same size in order to lengthen the lifespan of the product
- For two-sided pressing, try placing a piece of Teflon on the bottom plate and placing the Vapor Foam inside the shirt to avoid any residual image that may be pressed into the shirts
- **These instructions are designed as a guideline: For best results, run a test to adjust the time, temperature, and pressure for your individual press**