ALTERNATIVE TOOL FOR CLEANING CYREL® PLATES
GREAT FOR DIGITAL PLATES

Cleaning Cyrel® plates (especially Digital Plates) with a Hydra* Sponge is a good alternative for printers that do not like using a soft, natural bristle brush and lint-free towel. One of our customers tested 10 different sponges, and this particular sponge performed the best for cleaning plates on press and before storage. Several of our customers have switched and really like it.

Customer Feedback
♦ They feel it cleans better (no lint left behind).
♦ It is faster
♦ It is safer than having a rag hanging down around a rotating anilox roll.
♦ It is less expensive because most people don't take care of their brushes.
♦ Press operators like it just as well as using pantyhose that damage digital plates.

Sponge Description
Hydra® Fine Pore Sponge (6 x 4 x 2″ approx.), Stock # 2M.

How to Order
1. To view a photo of the Hydra® fine pore sponge,
     go to http://www.hydra-sponge.com, click on "Paint & Hardware" at the top of the page. The sponge Stock # here is 2M.
2. Order from U.S. Wholesale Supply, Inc., 2125 Ponticello Dr., Henderson, NV 89052. Their Item # is SPHs0800 (or tell them you want the 2M sponge). The telephone number is 800-472-8453. They sell them in a 100-case minimum at $1.19 per sponge.
3. You can also check for them at your local hardware store for lesser quantities.

Cleaning Procedure
Cut the sponge in half. This will give you two sponges approximately 3″ x 4″. Simply saturate the sponge in a compatible cleaning solution. Then, squeeze the excess cleaning solution out of the sponge (this is a very important step). By ridding the sponge of the excess cleaning solution, you have the ability to clean your plates without having to worry about the cleaning solution flowing around the cylinder and causing plate lift. The sponges typically have to be replaced on a weekly or biweekly basis.

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