

Flat Heat Press

There is no set time or temperature to operate the press. Think of it like an oven. Time and temperature depend on what you are baking. In this case the time and temperature depend on what type of transfer paper you are using.

Refer to the paper supplies for the type of paper you are using to find heating times and temperatures. These instructions, therefore, will concentrate on the control and operation of the press.

Here are some helpful hints and guidelines:

- The press should remain **ON** during business hours. The press will take about 10-15 minutes to reach full temperature. No one will want to wait around for the press to "heat up."
- The ready light turns on only while the press is heating up. Once it reaches the temperature it was set for it will go out - indicating that it is "ready."
- To set the temperature:
 - Turn on press and wait for "ready" light to go out.
 - Check temperature on dial at the front of the heating platen.
 - Increase or decrease temperature using knob on top of heating platen.
 - Wait for "ready" light to go out before checking dial again.
 - repeat steps 2-4 as necessary.
- Protect the platen or heating surface at all times. If it gets dirty then all your T-shirts will get dirty too. RPL sells a teflon sheet that will resist inks and transfer materials.
- Wax thermal transfers will stick and become difficult to peel for two reasons:
 - The transfer was not heated hot enough or long enough. (In which case you can heat for a few more seconds to see if it will release)
 - The transfer was heated too hot or too long. (In which case it will probably never come off)
- Before transferring to a T-shirt, it is a good idea to press the shirt for a few seconds to remove wrinkles

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