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*March 19 - Amsterdam, the Netherlands*

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# Introduction

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It was our pleasure welcoming you at the **AWA Silicone Technology Seminar 2014**. Your participation was highly appreciated and we hope that the event was beneficial for you and your organization.

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Thank you again for your participation in the seminar. We wish you all the best and look forward to welcoming you again at one of our future events.

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*Mikko Rissanen, Director, Business Development, Label Papers, UPM*

### **Cost Efficient Release Coating in a Complex Liner Market**

*Dr. Hans Lautenschlager, Senior Technical Manager Release Coating, Wacker Chemie AG*

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*Dr. Mark Johns, Technical Service Scientist – Release Coatings, Bluestar Silicones (UK) Ltd.*

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*Peter Beier, Team Leader Sales, Dr. Höhle AG*

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*Hardi Döhler, Innovation Management Radiation Curing, Evonik Industries AG*

### **Release Coating Silicone Technology - Use the Full Spectrum!**

*Jérôme Salvert, Technical Service Engineer - Release Coatings Market, Bluestar Silicones*





**Name:** Hardi Döhler

**Title:** Innovation Management Radiation Curing

**Company:** Evonik Industries AG

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**Company Profile:**

**EVONIK Industries AG**

**Annual turn over:**

€ 13,4 billion

**Headquarter(s):**

Essen, Germany

**Key Operation(s):**

Evonik - the creative industrial group from Germany - is one of the world's leading specialty chemicals companies.

**Number of employees:**

33.300 (2012)

**Application markets:**

UV curable silicones for  
filmic or paper release liner  
as used in labels, linerless labels, tapes...



**Quality of  
release coatings  
with 5 Roller Coaters**



**EVONIK**  
INDUSTRIES

# Quality of release coatings with 5 Roller Coaters



## Content

- **Some words about TEGO® RC Silicones**
- **What is influencing the release force**
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- **Coater head setting of a 5 roller coater**

# TEGO® RC Silicones

**When thermal silicones have to give up...**

**TEGO® RC Silicones will provide a solution for you!**

Use of heat-sensitive films

PE, PP, PET, PVC

Absolute paper lay flat

coated craft paper like CCK, PEK

Cost reduction

down gauging films and papers

Environmentally friendly production

low energy consuming, no solvents



# TEGO® RC Silicones



These are the only rolls  
you can not coat with  
TEGO® RC Silicones.

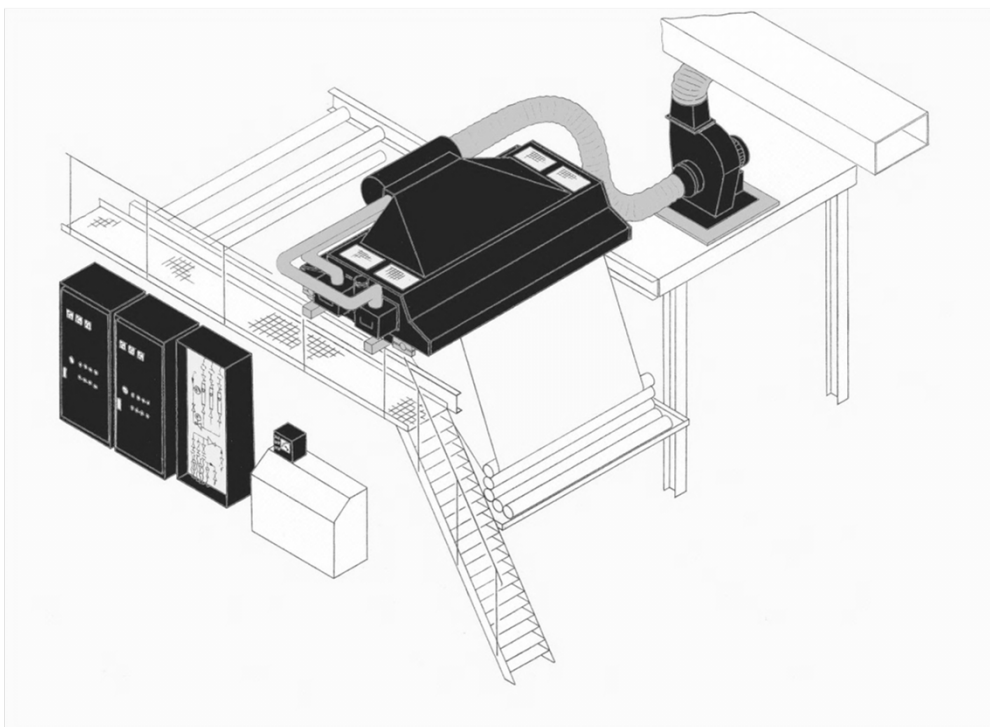


- Aluminium & Foils
- Foams
- Non-Woven & Textiles
- Office papers
- Printed Surfaces
- PVC
- Recycled Materials
- Renewable Films
- Thermal Papers
- Thinnest Films



# TEGO® RC Silicones

## Easy to Handle Machinery



Compact construction,  
easy retrofitting

Approx. 1.3 m in web direction,  
less floor space

Low equipment investment

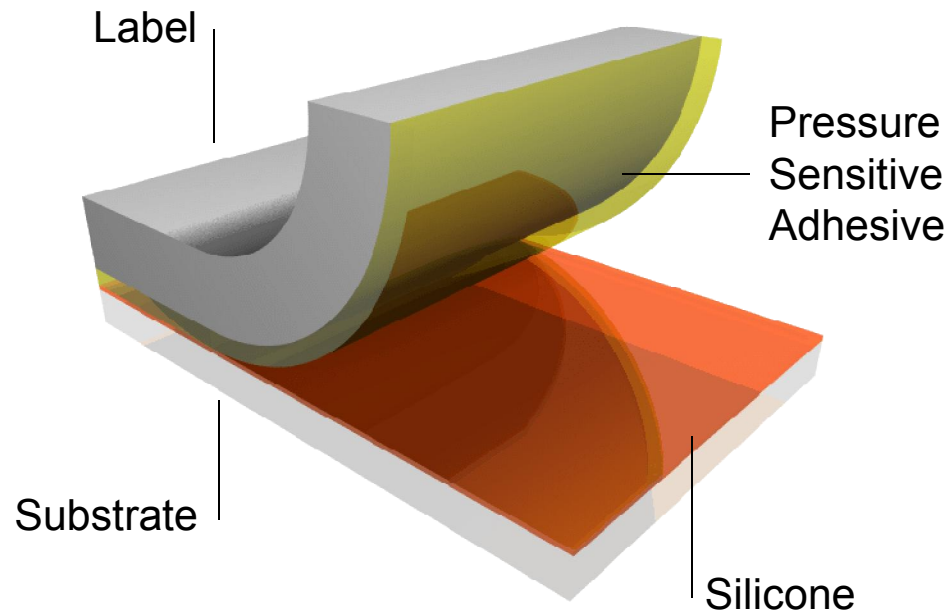
Extremely short start-up times  
( $< 5$  min.)

Less silicone waste, less rejects of  
substrate

# Release – What is effecting the release



Release is always a combination of **silicone adhesive separation** and **energy dissipation**

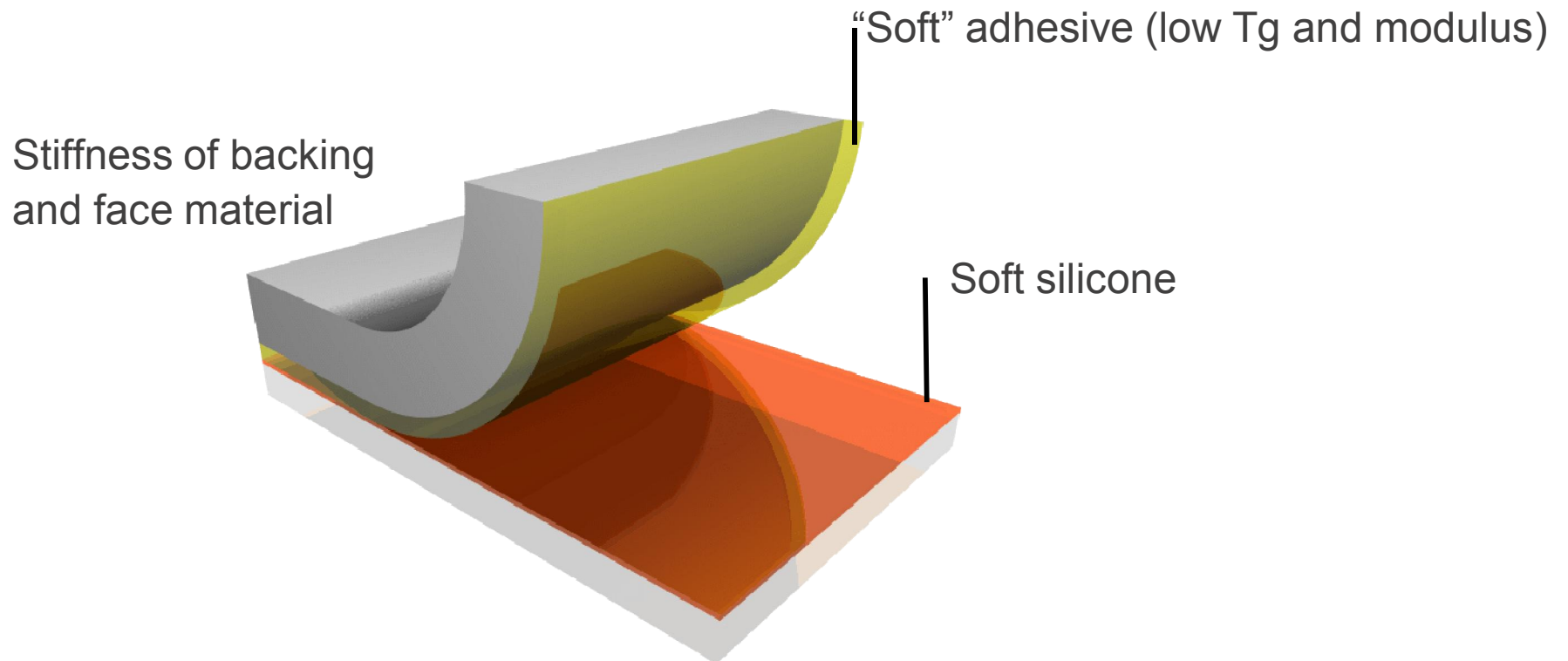


# Release – Energy Dissipation



## Mechanical energy dissipation

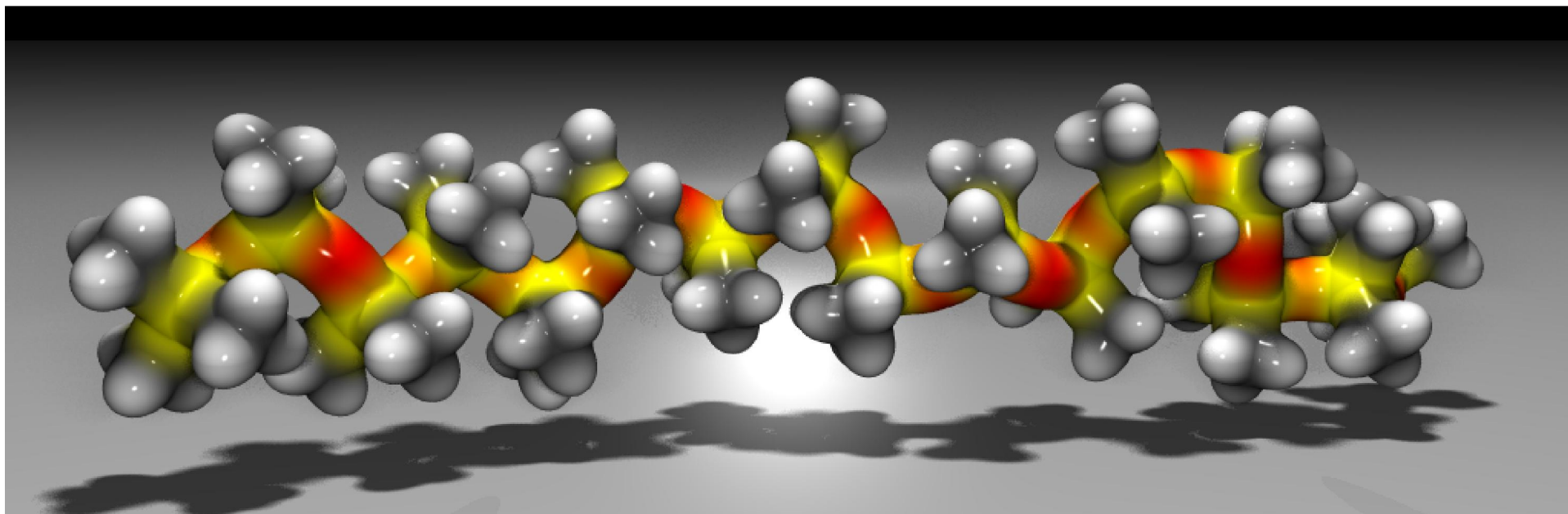
“Bulk mechanical response of the non-rigid components”




Release is influenced by the test set up and label construction, this is often disregarded as a contributor to release force

## Release – Attractive Forces

Silicone release coatings have very low surface energy



	Carbon	Silicone	
Surface Energy [mN/m]	BoPP 32	18-22	
	LDPE 27		

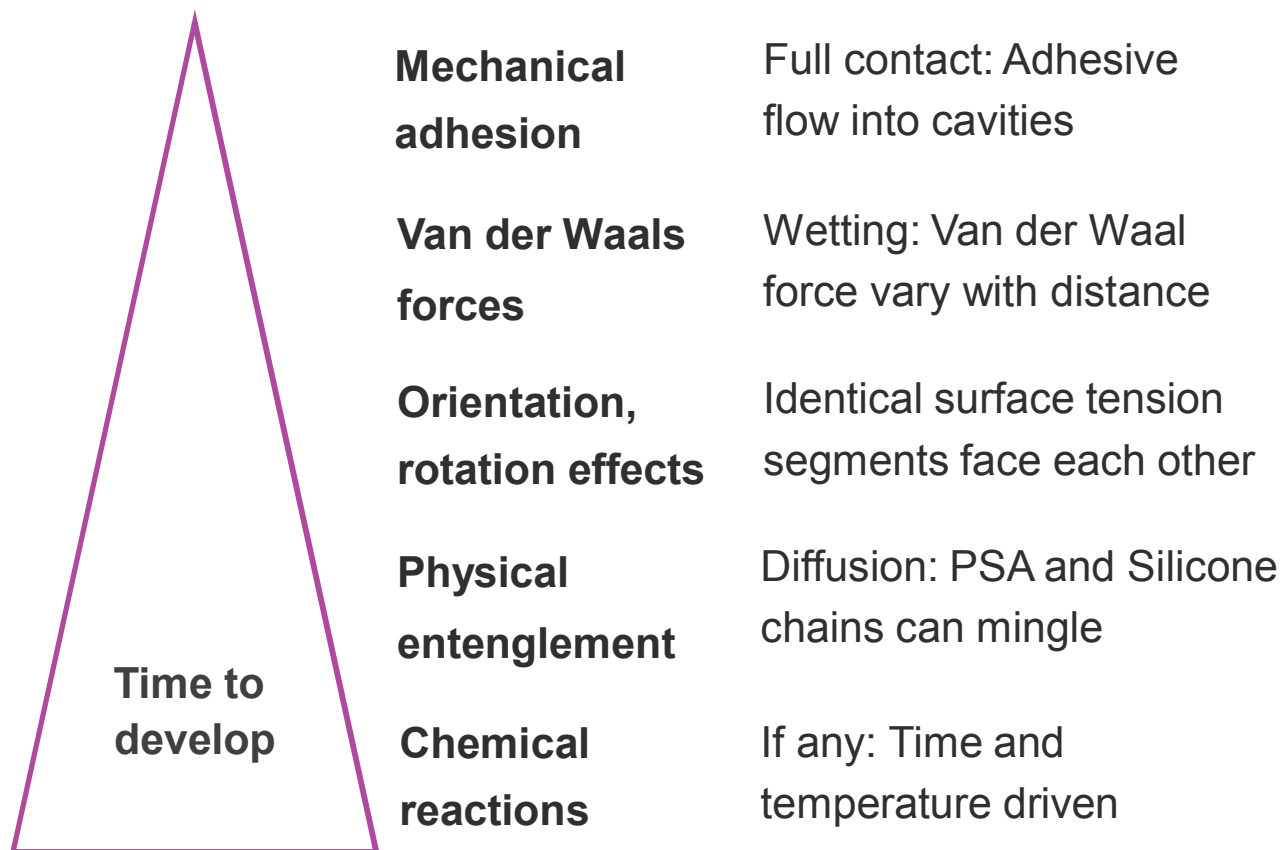
very low interfacial  
adhesion



# Release – Attractive Forces

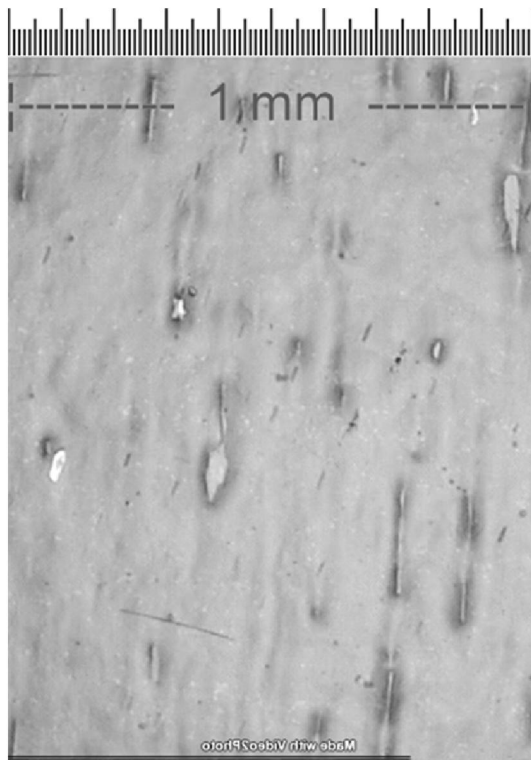


## Silicone adhesive interactions (interface chemistry)



# Release – Attractive Forces

## Silicone adhesive interactions (interface chemistry)



**Pinholes expose  
substrate**

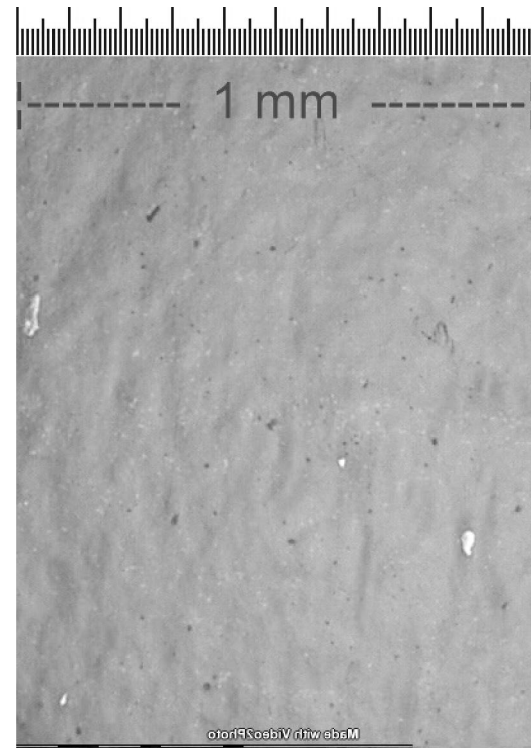
**Mechanical  
adhesion**

**Van der Waals  
forces**

**Orientation,  
rotation effects**

**Physical  
entanglement**

**Chemical  
reactions**

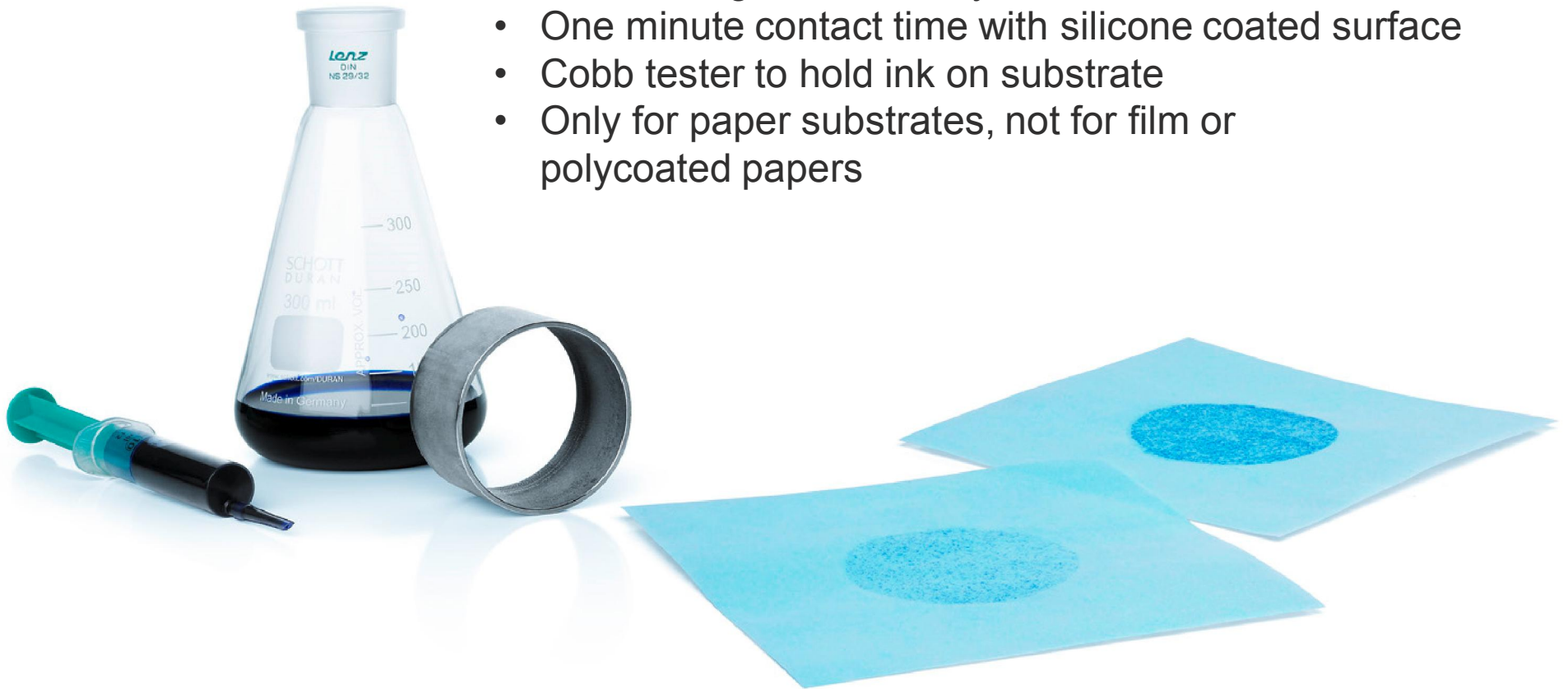


**This is why  
silicone coverage  
is so important**

# Dye Stain Test for Silicone Coverage of Paper Substrates



- Test ink e. g. 0.1 % Methylene blue in water
- One minute contact time with silicone coated surface
- Cobb tester to hold ink on substrate
- Only for paper substrates, not for film or polycoated papers

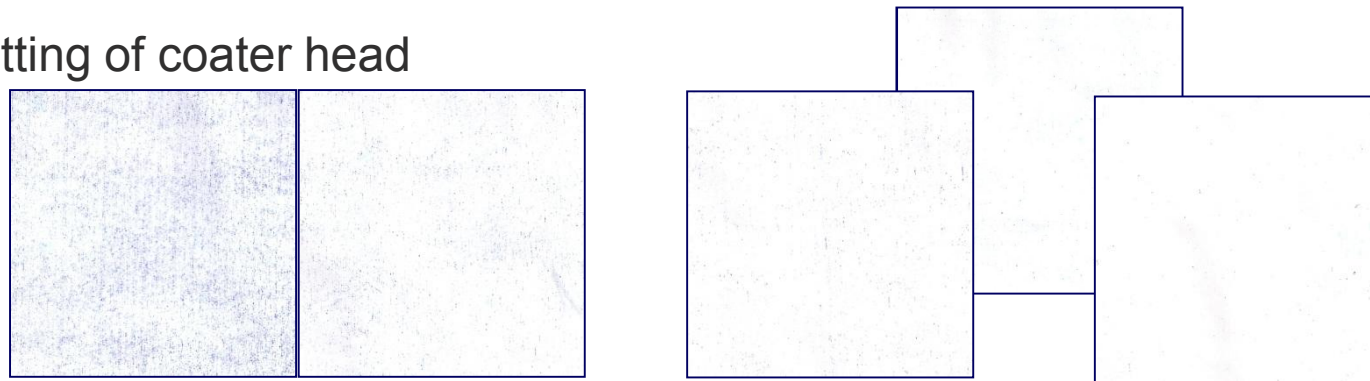


# Dye Stain Test for Silicone Coverage of Paper Substrates



## Dye Stain Test vs Coat Weight

Good setting of coater head



low coat weight

high coat weight

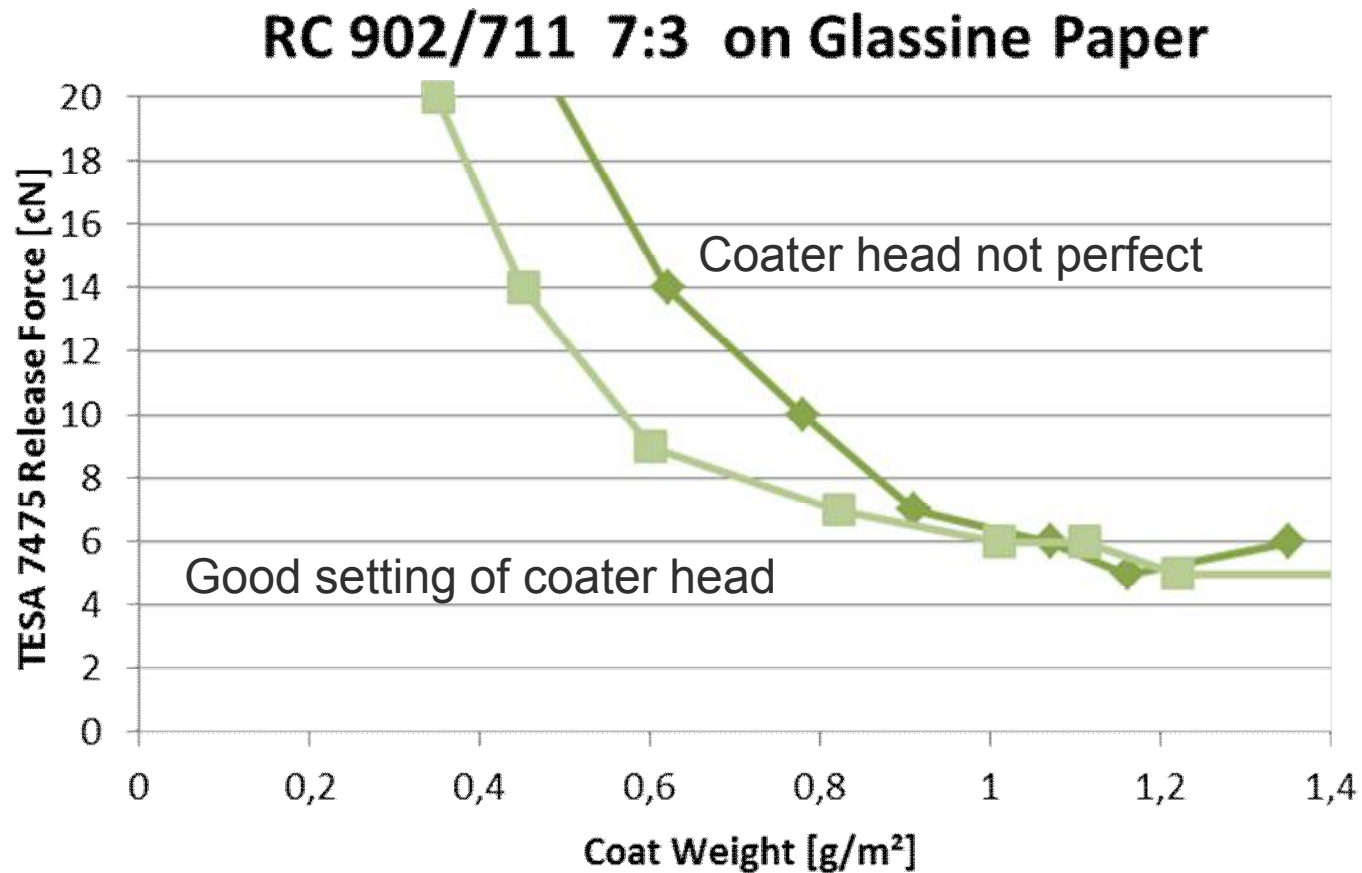
Coater head not perfect



# Dye Stain Test for Silicone Coverage of Paper Substrates



## Release vs Coat Weight



# Microscope for Silicone Coverage on Filmic Substrates



## Type of Microscope

- Coaxial illumination (transmitted light)  
40-60 times magnification

## Portable microscope

- Model 2054-40-CIL, ~ 1000 €

## Further advantages with

- Polarised light
- Stereo microscope
- Camera interface

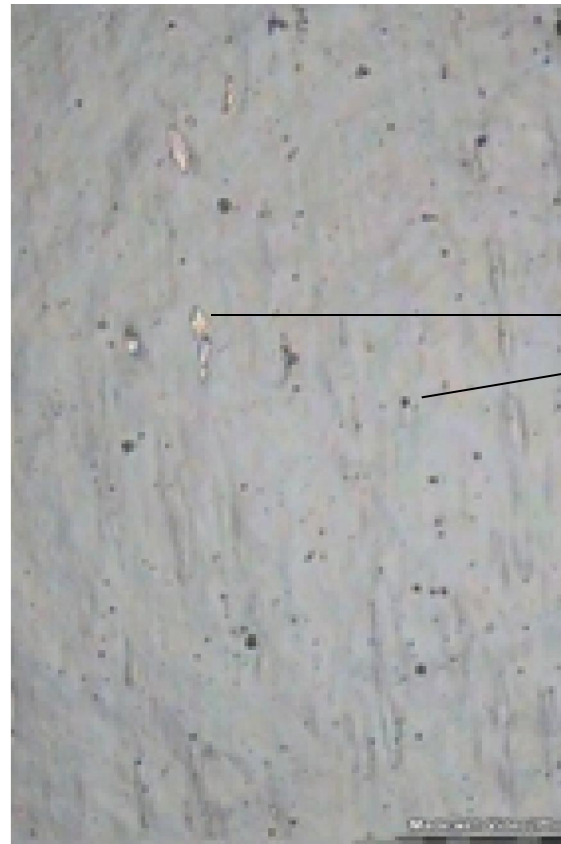
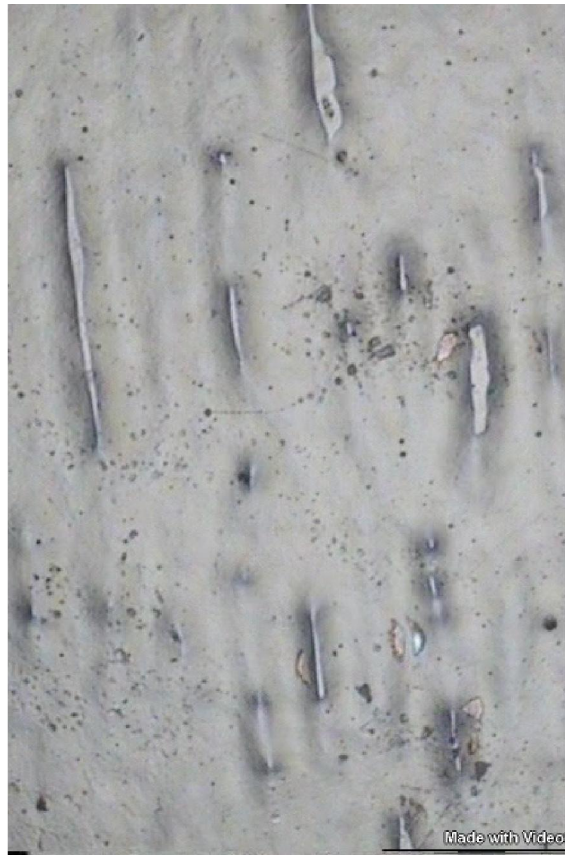


# Coater head setting

**High coat weight is no guarantee for good coverage!**

**1,75 g/m<sup>2</sup>**

**0,31 g/m<sup>2</sup>**

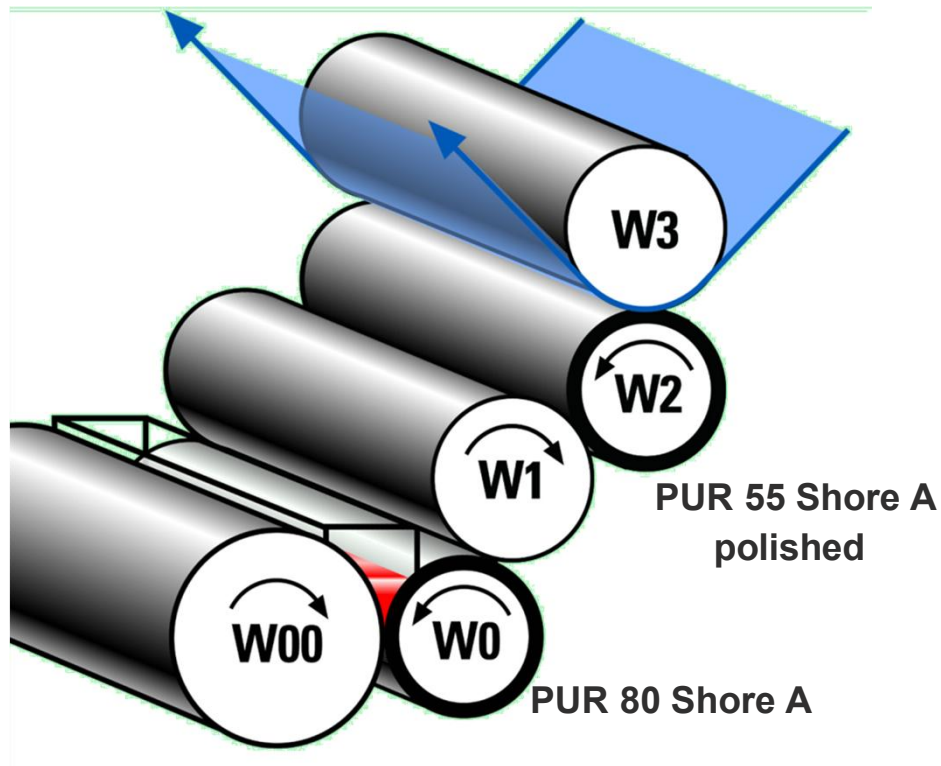


Gel in BoPP  
Distance holders, chalk

950 x 1430 µm

# Coater head setting

## 5 Roller Coater (naming as used by Polytype / CH)



W00, W1, W3 chrome plated steel

**Coating quality depends on**

**Roller W2 quality**

- highly polished for best results

**Silicone viscosity**

- optimum range 200-500 mPas
- silicone temperature up to 60°C

**Heat control**

- friction results in heat

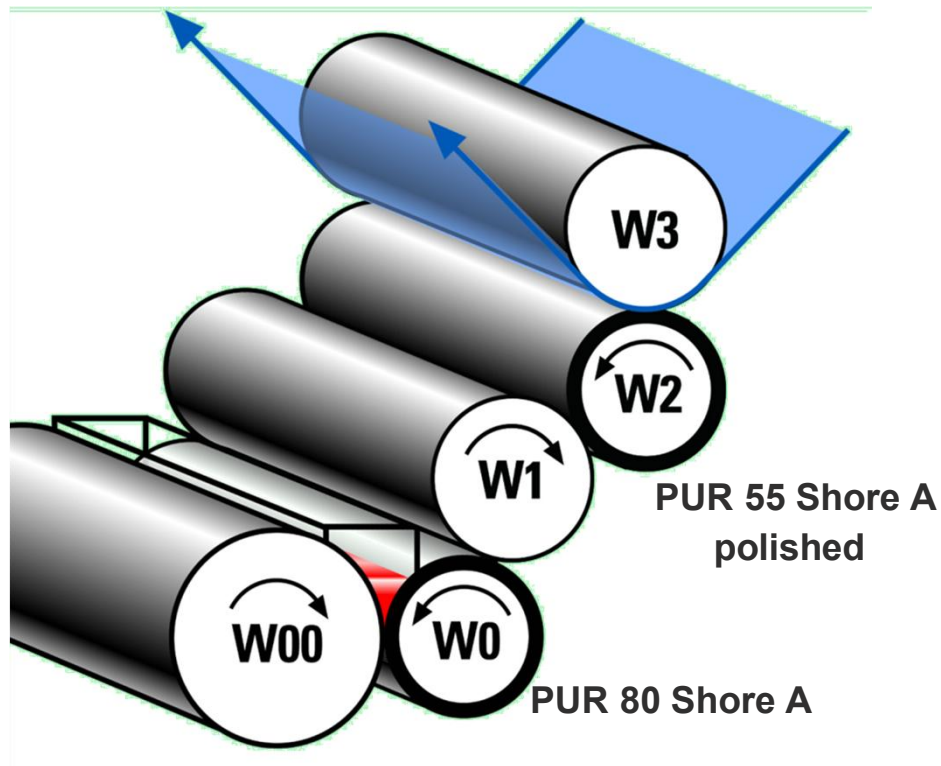
**Silicone mixing in nip**

- to uniform air bubbles



# Coater head setting

## 5 Roller Coater (naming as used by Polytype / CH)



W00, W1, W3 chrome plated steel

Plenty of things to play with

4 nips - 4 footprint [FP]

5 rollers - 5 speeds [v]

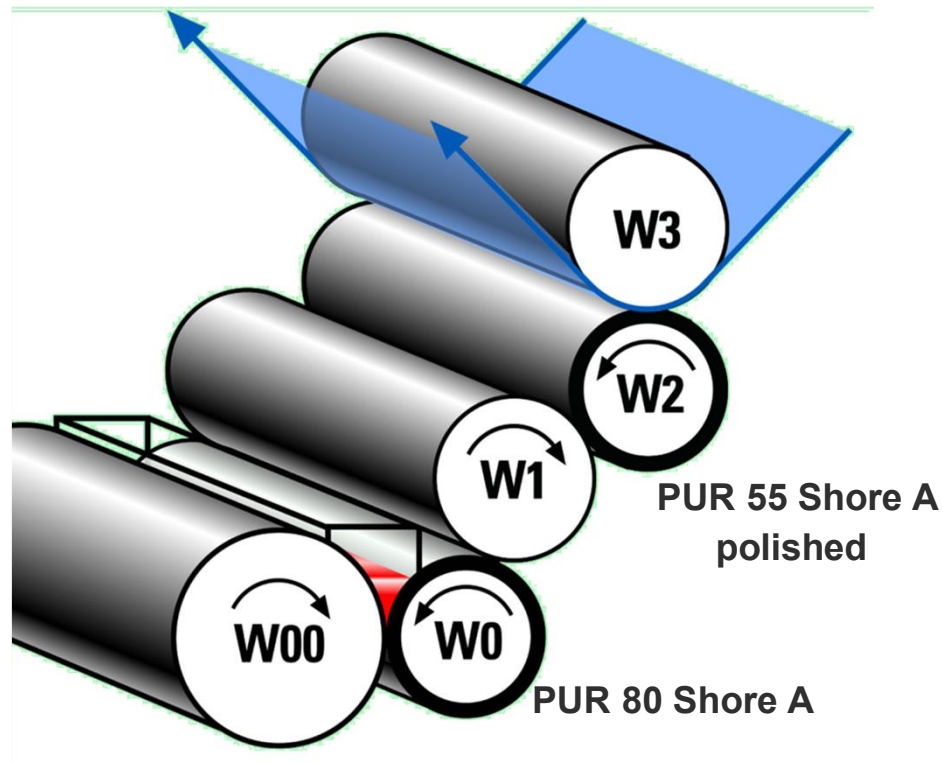
The following values are for guidance only and indicate trends.

Roller hardness and diameter will influence the actual settings.

# Coater head setting

**5 Roller Coater** (naming as used by Polytype / CH)

Coating trials with RC902/711 70:30 on 50µm BoPP

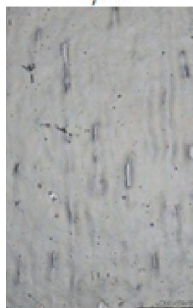
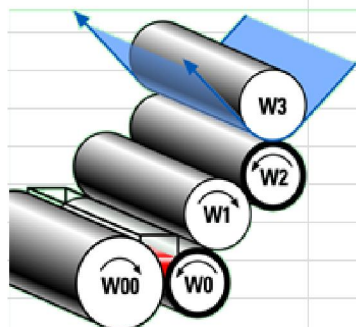


W00, W1, W3 chrome plated steel

V-Nr.	Standard
Setting	(16)
Speed [m/min]	200,0
v W00 [m/min]	3,0
v W0 [%]	12,0
v W1 [%]	70,0
v W2 [%]	102,0
FP W00/W0 [mm]	15,5
FP W0/W1 [mm]	5,5
FP W1/W2 [mm]	4,5
FP W2/W3 [mm]	10,5

# Coater head setting

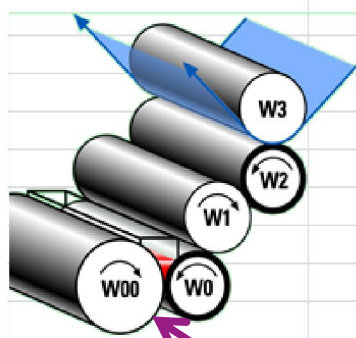
V-Nr.	Standard	100/04
Setting	(16)	16
Speed [m/min]	200,0	200,0
v W00 [m/min]	3,0	3,0
v W0 [%]	12,0	12,0
v W1 [%]	70,0	70,0
v W2 [%]	102,0	102,0
FP W00/W0 [mm]	15,5	15,5
FP W0/W1 [mm]	5,5	5,5
FP W1/W2 [mm]	4,5	4,5
FP W2/W3 [mm]	10,5	10,5
Silicone Coat Weight [g/m2]		1,03



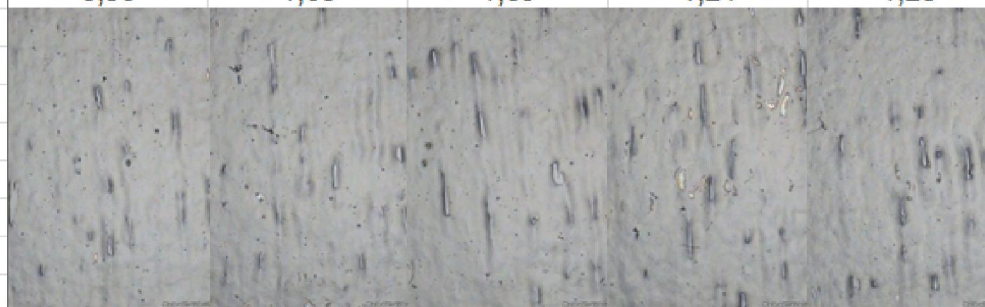
# Coater head setting

V-Nr.	Standard	100/04	100/04	100/04	100/04	100/04
Setting	(16)	17	16	18	19	20
Speed [m/min]	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0
v W00 [m/min]	3,0	2,0	3,0	5,0	10,0	15,0
v W0 [%]	12,0	12,0	12,0	12,0	12,0	12,0
v W1 [%]	70,0	70,0	70,0	70,0	70,0	70,0
v W2 [%]	102,0	102,0	102,0	102,0		
FP W00/W0 [mm]	15,5	15,5	15,5	15,5		
FP W0/W1 [mm]	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5
FP W1/W2 [mm]	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5
FP W2/W3 [mm]	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5
Silicone Coat Weight [g/m2]		0,96	1,03	1,09	1,24	1,28

little impact on coat weight  
no impact on quality



speed

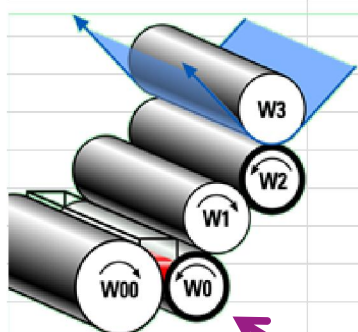




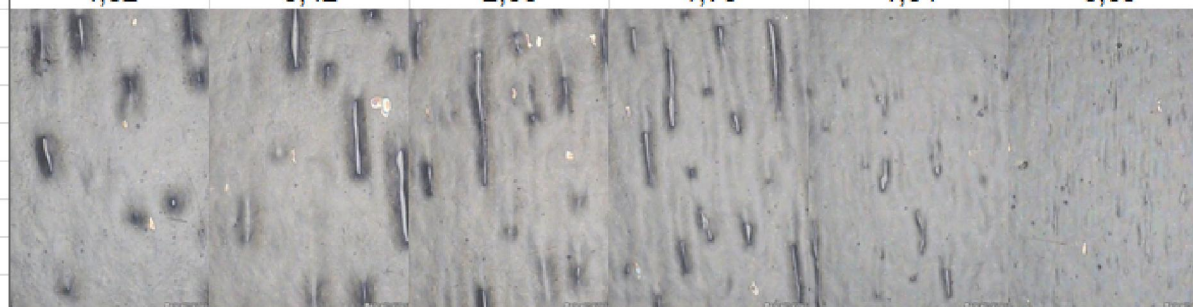
# Coater head setting

V-Nr.	Standard	101/01	101/01	101/01	101/01	101/01	101/01
Setting	(16)	14	15	16	17	18	19
Speed [m/min]	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0
v W00 [m/min]	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
v W0 [%]	12,0	30,0	25,0	20,0	15,0	10,0	5,0
v W1 [%]	70,0	70,0	70,0	70,0	70,0	70,0	70,0
v W2 [%]	102,0	102,0	102,0	102,0	102,0	102,0	102,0
FP W00/W0 [mm]	15,5	8,5	8,5	8,5	8,5	8,5	8,5
FP W0/W1 [mm]	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5
FP W1/W2 [mm]	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5
FP W2/W3 [mm]	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5
Silicone Coat Weight [g/m2]		4,32	3,42	2,50	1,70	1,04	0,39

**high impact on coat weight**



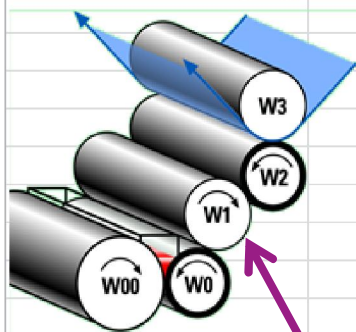
**speed**



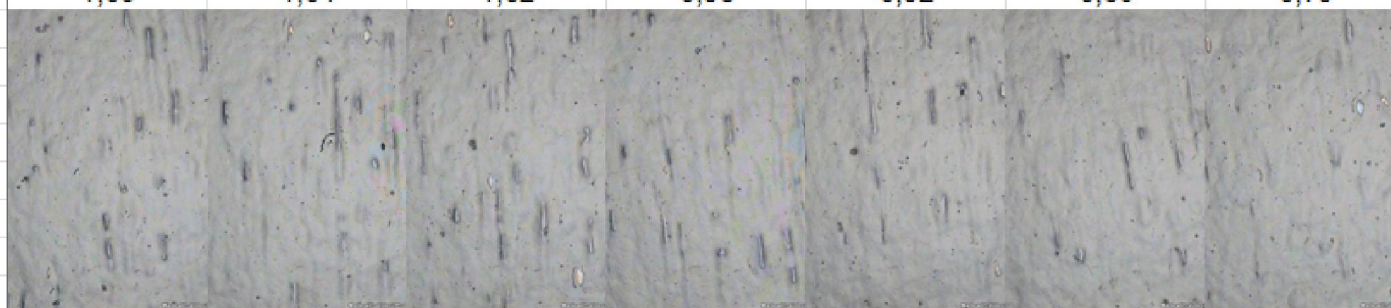
# Coater head setting

V-Nr.	Standard	100/04	100/04	100/04	100/04	100/04	100/04	100/04
Setting	(16)	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
Speed [m/min]	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0
v W00 [m/min]	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
v W0 [%]	12,0	12,0	12,0	12,0	12,0	12,0	12,0	12,0
v W1 [%]	70,0	90,0	80,0	70,0	60,0	50,0	40,0	30,0
v W2 [%]	102,0	102,0	102,0	102,0	102,0	102,0	102,0	102,0
FP W00/W0 [mm]	15,5	15,5	15,5	15,5				15,5
FP W0/W1 [mm]	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5				5,5
FP W1/W2 [mm]	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5
FP W2/W3 [mm]	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5
Silicone Coat Weight [g/m2]		1,05	1,04	1,02	0,98	0,92	0,86	0,79

little impact on coat weight  
little impact on quality



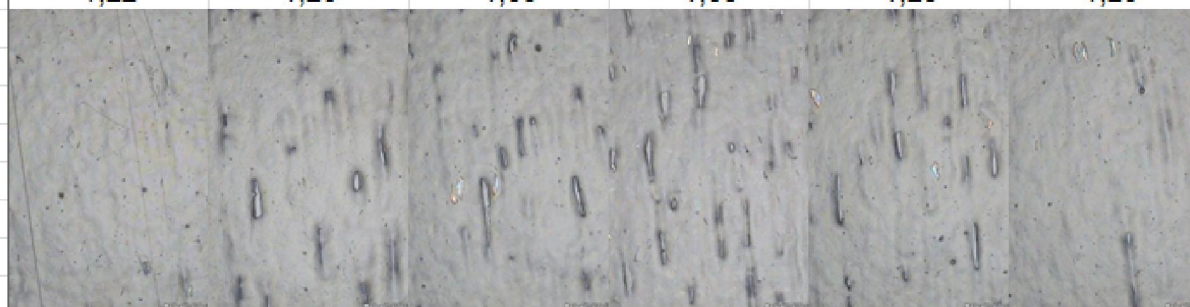
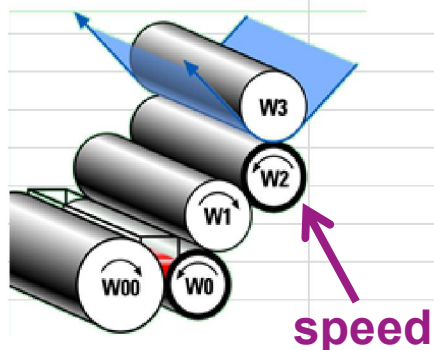
speed



# Coater head setting

V-Nr.	Standard	100/04	100/04	100/04	101/04	100/04	100/04
Setting	(16)	27	28	24	10	29	30
Speed [m/min]	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0
v W00 [m/min]	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
v W0 [%]	12,0	14,0	14,0	15,0	13,0	14,0	14,0
v W1 [%]	70,0	70,0	70,0	70,0	70,0	70,0	70,0
v W2 [%]	102,0	110,0	105,0	102,0	102,0	95,0	90,0
FP W00/W0 [mm]	15,5	15,5	15,5	15,5			
FP W0/W1 [mm]	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5			
FP W1/W2 [mm]	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5			
FP W2/W3 [mm]	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,0	10,5	10,5
Silicone Coat Weight [g/m2]		1,22	1,20	1,35	1,08	1,23	1,23

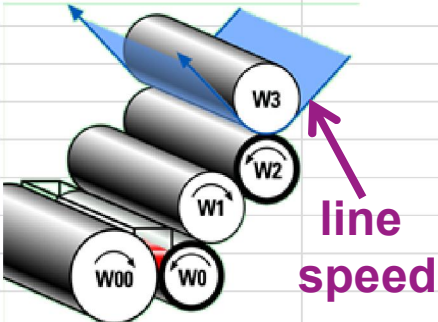
high impact on quality  
differential speed is important






# Coater head setting

V-Nr.	Standard	101/04	101/04	101/04
Setting	(16)	20	21	22
Speed [m/min]	200,0	50,0	100,0	200,0
v W00 [m/min]	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
v W0 [%]	12,0	13,0	13,0	13,0
v W1 [%]	70,0	70,0	70,0	70,0
v W2 [%]	102,0	102,0	102,0	102,0
FP W00/W0 [mm]	15,5	15,0	15,0	15,0
FP W0/W1 [mm]	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5
FP W1/W2 [mm]	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5
FP W2/W3 [mm]	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5
Silicone Coat Weight [g/m <sup>2</sup> ]		0,58	0,90	1,13





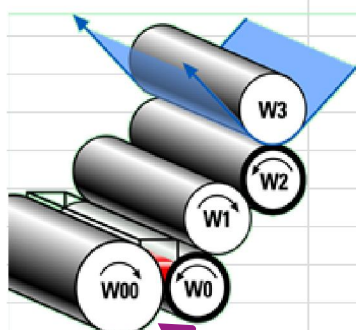
high impact on coat weight  
high impact on quality

Line speed changes  
need adaption on  
v W0 for coat weight and  
v W2 and FP W2/W3 for coverage

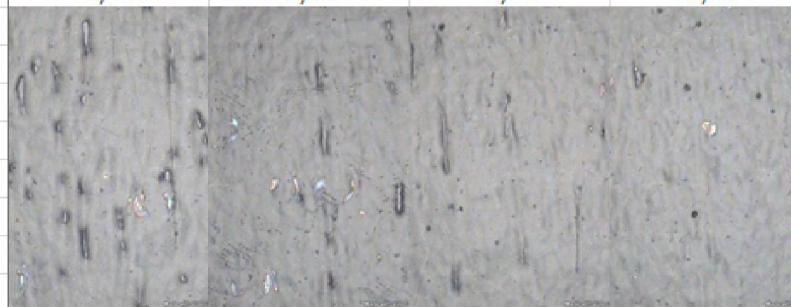
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V-Nr.	Standard	101/04	101/04	101/04	101/04
Setting	(16)	1	2	3	4
Speed [m/min]	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0
v W00 [m/min]	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0	
v W0 [%]	12,0	10,0	10,0	10,0	
v W1 [%]	70,0	70,0	70,0	70,0	
v W2 [%]	102,0	102,0	102,0	102,0	
FP W00/W0 [mm]	15,5	5,0	10,0	15,0	20,0
FP W0/W1 [mm]	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5
FP W1/W2 [mm]	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5
FP W2/W3 [mm]	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5
Silicone Coat Weight [g/m2]		1,30	0,99	0,78	0,66

impact on coat weight  
but not as pronounced as v W0



footprint



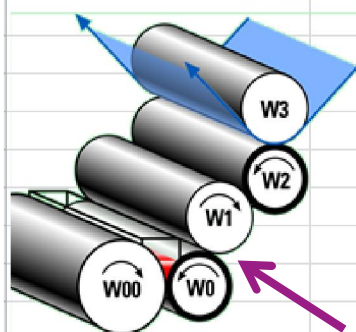


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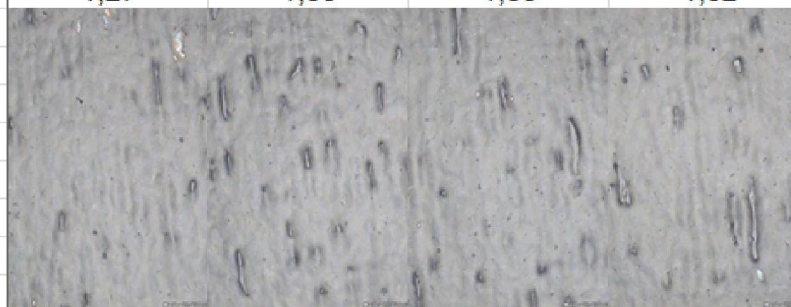
V-Nr.	Standard	101/04	101/04	101/04	101/04
Setting	(16)	5	6	7	8
Speed [m/min]	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0
v W00 [m/min]	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0	
v W0 [%]	12,0	15,0	15,0	15,0	
v W1 [%]	70,0	70,0	70,0	70,0	
v W2 [%]	102,0	102,0	102,0	102,0	
FP W00/W0 [mm]	15,5	15,0	15,0	15,0	
FP W0/W1 [mm]	5,5	3,0	6,0	9,0	12,0
FP W1/W2 [mm]	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5
FP W2/W3 [mm]	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5	10,5
Silicone Coat Weight [g/m2]		1,27	1,30	1,30	1,32

little impact on coat weight  
 little impact on quality

same with FP W1/W2



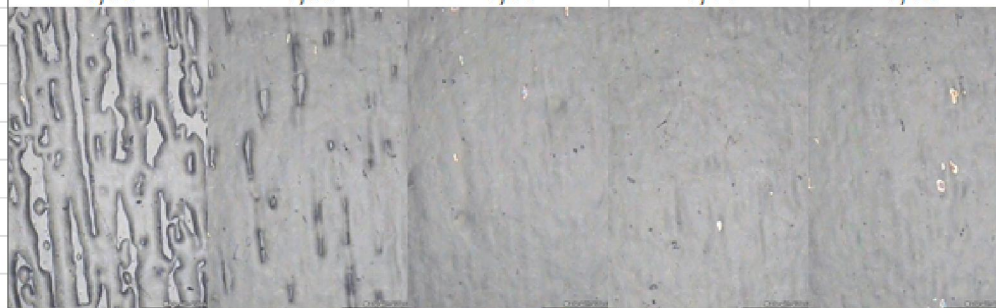
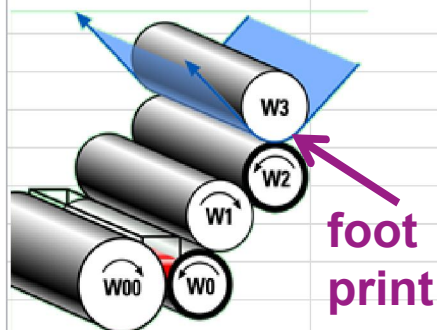
footprint



# Coater head setting

V-Nr.	Standard	101/04	101/04	101/04	101/04	101/04
Setting	(16)	9	10	11	12	13
Speed [m/min]	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0	200,0
v W00 [m/min]	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0	3,0
v W0 [%]	12,0	13,0	13,0	13,0	13,0	13,0
v W1 [%]	70,0	70,0	70,0	70,0	70,0	70,0
v W2 [%]	102,0	102,0	102,0	102,0	102,0	102,0
FP W00/W0 [mm]	15,5	15,0	15,0	15,0	15,0	15,0
FP W0/W1 [mm]	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5	5,5
FP W1/W2 [mm]	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5	4,5
FP W2/W3 [mm]	10,5	5,0	10,0	15,0	20,0	25,0
Silicone Coat Weight [g/m2]		1,08	1,08	1,11	1,14	1,13

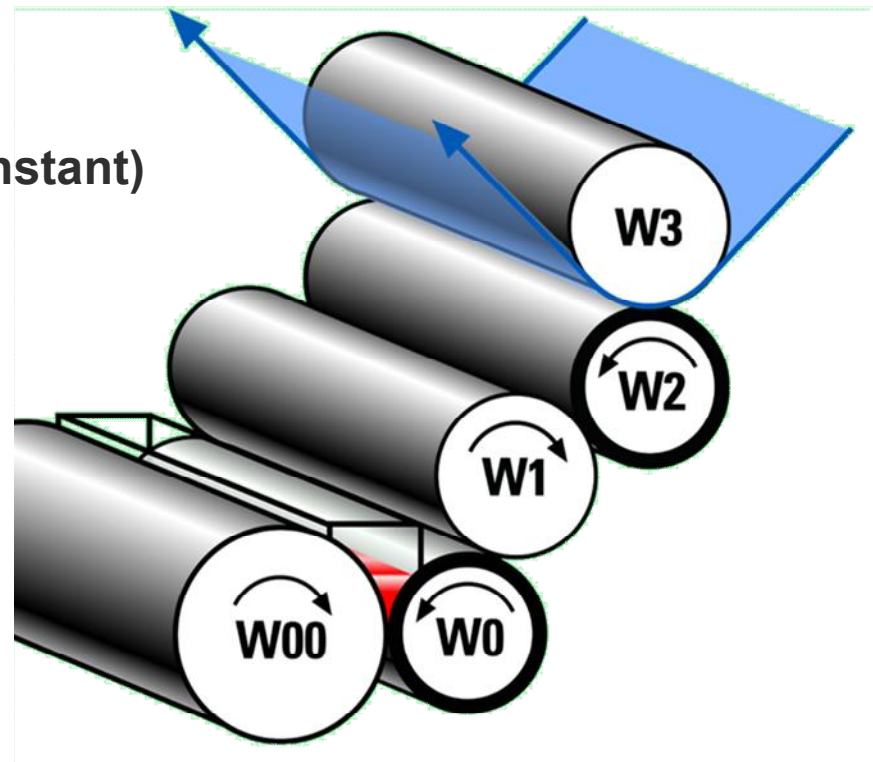
high impact on quality



# Coater head setting

Most important controls with 5 Roller Coater to control coat weight:

- Keep silicone viscosity constant
- Keep roller temperature constant
- Foot print of W00-W0 (best to keep constant)
- Speed roller W0 (best to change)



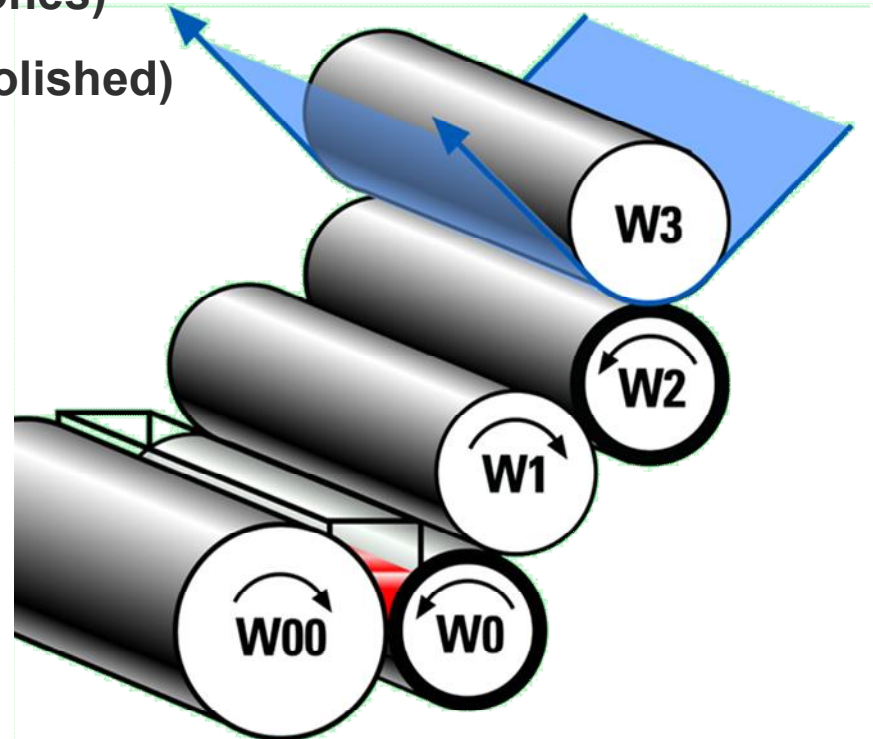
# Coater head setting

Most important controls with 5 Roller Coater for good coverage:

- Viscosity of silicone (heat up RC Silicones)
- Smoothness of the applicator roller (polished)
- Ratio of foot print applicator to web and differential speed

**smooth film:** high differential  
with low FP

**papers:** high FP  
with low differential



Please note: Some coaters may have problems with the engine torque for sufficient footprint/ differential speed setting.

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- Adhesive inline coating  
dispersion acrylics  
hotmelts & UV hotmelts
- Inline / offline process
- Max. 500 mm working width  
roll width 520 mm  
outer Ø 600 mm
- Max. 100 m/min. line speed
- Production of  
release liners  
tapes  
label laminates

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