

## Helpful Tips

- **Transfer Storage:** Insta DTF™ transfers should be stored in a sealed polybag or bag that moisture can't penetrate. These bags should also be stored in a cool dry environment with low humidity and no direct sunlight.
- **Test Application Settings:** Before starting production, test the settings you will be using for application to ensure proper adhesion.
- **Preheating Material Before Application:** Most materials should be preheated before application for 3 to 5 seconds. This will drive the moisture out of the substrate, ensuring proper adhesion.
- **Course Materials & Art With Halftones:** When applying to course materials or graphics with halftones, we recommend using a post hit using a cover sheet (parchment paper, teflon sheet, fabric etc...) at the same heat press settings used for application.
- **Hats & Caps:** When applying to caps, you do not need as much pressure as you would need when applying to a shirt. Light to medium pressure will work great and as far as time and temperature, 10 to 12 seconds at 285°F is recommended.
- **Washing Tips:** Wait at least 24 hours before washing the garment with the applied transfer, allowing the transfer to fully cure. Wash the garment inside out to help protect the graphic from unexpected abrasion. Avoid high heat with the dryer. We recommend low to medium heat setting. Avoid ironing the graphic directly. Flip the garment inside out and iron if needed.
- **Dye Migration:** Test for dye migration with garments that have polyester content. Fuse the transfer on the desired polyester garment. Use a graphic that has white in it. Incubate the garment at 150°F for 24 hours, once complete, look at the white in the graphic. If the white looks like it absorbed dye from the garment, you will most likely see dye migration in the future.
- **Heat Press Temperature:** Make sure your heat press temperature display is the same as the heating element itself. Use a thermometer with a surface probe or temperature strips. We do not recommend using an infrared thermometer gun.