

### We want inks to stay on the substrate. Or do we?

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## **Evolution Deinking Primer**



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# What about an ink that can be washed away?

Recyclable products are the future. In every sense of the word. To be blunt: A business that is not investing in sustainability does not have a future. At all.

At Flint Group we have developed a new series of products that focus entirely on this. We call them Evolution. Because they allow the substrates that they are used on, to be used again and again and again – ever–evolving in new forms.

Our first product is a deinking primer for shrink sleeve printing. One that makes it possible to recycle the sleeve label material at the same time as the bottle.

### Here's how it works.

PET bottles and recyclable shrink sleeve substrates (cPET or crystallisable PET) are both made of similar polyester material. So, the shrink sleeve can be recycled along with the bottle.

#### But mostly it's not, and here's why:

When you recycle a PET-bottle the shrink sleeve must be separated in the process. This is because the ink that has been printed on it contaminates the material and makes it impossible to use when creating new PET pellets. A removal that is a costly process. Not to mention the fact that the sleeves make up roughly 6% of the weight of recycled PET bottles. *That is 6% of material that goes to complete waste.* 

## The good news is that it doesn't have to be like that.



Our solution is simple. We make the ink separate itself from the shrink sleeve. But we want to make sure this only happens in the recycling process. That way the ink and the sleeve can go separate ways. The sleeve material goes with the bottle material and the ink is removed with the caustic wash.

The trick is FlintGroup's Evolution Deinking Primer. A revolutionary product printed before the ink to keep strong adhesion through the life of the label, then releases it in the recycling caustic wash. The result is more than 99% of the material gets recycled into something new.

## **All applications**

Flint Group's Evolution Deinking Primer can be used on all recyclable PET Shrink Sleeve applications. It is the first product of its kind approved by the Association of Plastic Recyclers in the USA.



Contact your Flint Group representative to learn more about how our Evolution products can help navigate your business into the future.



#### Simple

Plug and play solution fully compatible with our dual cure inks for label printing.

#### Proven

Successfully passed critical guidance and is recognized by the Association for Plastic Recyclers in the USA.

#### **Sustainable**

Enables ink to separate from the sleeve label so it can be recycled with PET bottle flake.

### Evolve your labels. Evolve your packaging. Evolve your business.



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