

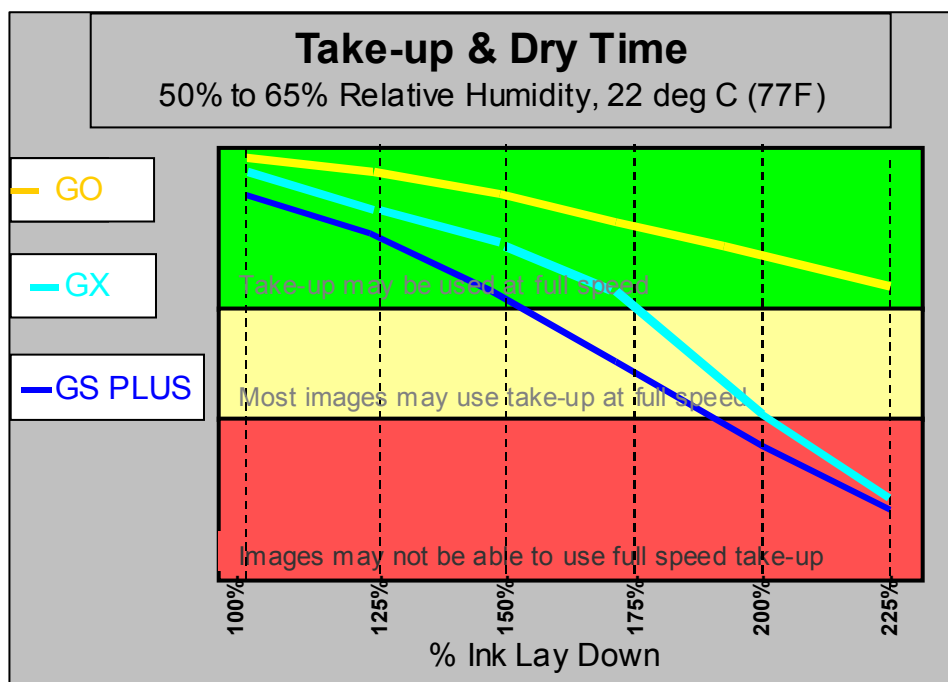


## Dry Time Guidelines - Printer in Auto Take-up Mode

The NovaJet 800/KODAK 4800 series printers are considered some of the fastest inkjet printers in the market. Consequently, certain images, using high-speed pass settings, may not have enough time to dry before being automatically rolled up on the take-up assembly. This is usually determined by the ink lay down percentage. Though a typical image would only use 150% ink lay down, some images that use more ink may require a slower print speed to use the auto take-up feature. The following chart is intended as a general guideline to monitor the output or indicate precautionary measures should be taken. Your results will vary depending upon environmental conditions, ink loading, media, and printer settings.

### Example of results for KODAK Production Photographic Glossy Paper with 200% ink load:

The printer is set to Photo Mode (2x4 cartridge set, 3-pass print mode @ speed 10) with the Dryer ON – Heat setting of 100%. Printing using GS+ ink at 200% ink lay down, the GS+ line (the blue line) is passing through red area of the chart. This indicates there will not be enough time to completely dry the print before reaching the Automatic Take-up. Precautionary measures should be taken to insure that the image would not be damaged. Usually this would simply require selecting a slower print speed at the printer (If you are not familiar with this feature, please refer to the User Guide CD to select print speeds. Also refer to **Print Mode Comparisons** at the end of this document for real world printing operations/applications)



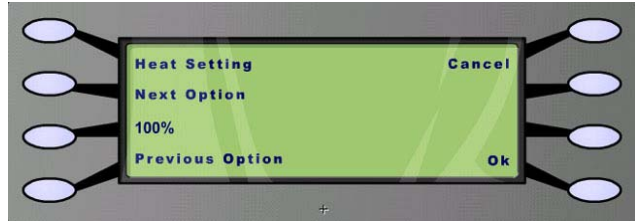
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**NOTE:** These recommendations are based upon printing in conditions of 50% to 65% relative humidity (RH) and at ambient temperature (72° F, 22° C). You may experience different results if your temperature and humidity values are different. If your RH is less than 50%, you can expect much faster dry times. If your RH is greater than 65%, your dry times will normally be longer. *The above chart is intended as a general guideline.*

**Lamination Time:** In order to allow you to be as productive as possible, the NovaJet 800/KODAK 4800 series printers feature the Dynamic Thermal Drying system (DTD). When the Dryer setting is set to 'AUTO' (default) the printer monitors temperature and humidity and constantly adjusts the DTD operating temperature to provide consistent printer performance. In environments that are from 20-24° C (64-75°F) with 20% to 70% RH, images with up to 200% ink lay down may be laminated after 10 minutes from completion of the print.

### CAUTION

At high ink density/saturation levels with certain types of media it is suggested not to the use the '**AUTO**' Dryer Setting as image deformation issues (i.e. vertical banding) may be encountered due to excessive heat temperature. If a problem is encountered place the Dryer setting to 'ON' and choose a specific '**Heat Setting**' value (i.e. change from 100% to 60%); run a test print to determine the optimum drying temperature for your specific media at given saturation level. Please refer to the on-line Media Technical Data sheets for specific printing/lamination tips and the Media Compatibility Chart on the last page of this document. General Dryer Heat Setting suggestions for KODAK media are shown below.



## Media/Dryer Suggestions

<b>KODAK Media</b>	<b>Recommended Dryer Setting</b>
Photographic Papers	ON – Heating Setting of 100 or lower
Photographic Films	ON – Heating Setting of 70 or lower
Coated Papers	ON – Heating Setting of 100 or lower
Vinyls & Banners	ON – Heating Setting of 60 or lower
Canvas	ON – Heating Setting of 70 or lower

## Print Mode Comparisons (*real world observations*)

- The 1x4 cartridge set running @ 6-pass print mode uses approximately the same amount of ink as 2x4 cartridge set running @ 3-pass print mode.
  - both modes use same amount of ink (since both are 4 color) for the same image printed; but because 2x4 is 30%+ faster, the ink consumption is therefore 30% higher for the same printing time period.
  
- The 2x4 cartridge set running @ 3-pass print mode is ~45% faster than the 1x4 cartridge set running @ 6-pass print mode.
  - Image quality is a little different between 2x4 operations and 1x4 operations.
  - 2x4 @ 3-pass is 30% faster than 1x4 @ 4 pass
  - 2x4 @ 4 pass is roughly 35% faster than 1x4 @ 6 pass
  - Print time also depends on the RIP and connectivity type used (parallel direct or via SEH/Built-in print server).
  
- The 1x4 cartridge set running @ 6-pass print mode has significantly better quality than the 2x4 cartridge set running @ 3-pass print mode.
  - Also, the 1x4 @ 6-pass has better quality than 2x4 @ 4-pass as well
  
- The 1x8 cartridge set running @ 6-pass uses 20-30% more inks vs 1x4 cartridge set running @ 6-pass but print time is about the same
  - Across a broad range of tested images customers have observed an increase of ink usage anywhere from 5% up to 47%; dilution ink (i.e. light Mag/Cyan and medium Mag/Cyan) consumption largely depends on gradients/color ranges printed in a given image.
  - The increased ink consumption average (going from 4 color to 8 color printing) is approximately 27%, but it really depends on the colors in the image. The lighter density fills (especially with people's faces and light/gradual gradient changes) will use more dilution inks – overall saturation levels need to exceed 200% to peak the higher ink usage levels though.
  - Observed image quality in the 1x8 cartridge set is superior over both 1x4 and 2x4 cartridge sets.

