Bottles Jars and Tubes Inc.



Tube Decorating Guidlines

Decorating tubes requires artwork that will work with the specific process that you decide on. Silk screening has the limitation of using up to 3 colors, and each color is put on the tube one at a time. The colors should have some separation from each other to ensure that they look correct. Photographs and colors within colors or on top of colors, are very difficult, if not impossible to print via silk screening. The Pantone® color system is used to match colors.

For silk screening there is one-time silk screen/film/art processing fee of $225.00 for each color or pass. There will be setup charges for under 5000: $325.00; 10,000 up to 25,000 tubes screened: $250.00 . No setup charge for 25,000 tubes or more.

The minimum we do is one case of any size. Of course, the smaller the quantity the more the cost per pass will be and the larger the setup charge. The per pass (color) charges are approximately from $0.14 to $0.22 depending on the variables.

We ship from the warehouse to the decorator and there is a shipping charge of approximately $200.00 per pallet. Then there is also freight to your facility from the decorator.

We can also offset print at the offshore factory for 10,000-piece minimums or here in the U.S. for 15,000-piece minimum, better pricing starts at 30,000. We can offset print up to 6 colors. There is a 6 - 12 week lead time for offshore and for domestic tubes. It is less expensive than silk screening. The graphic results are similar to silk screening, however tighter registration is possible due to the characteristics of offset printing.

Tube prices are different for the various stock tubes. We have mono-layer LDPE and MDPE tubes. They are all in different case packs and are priced differently. The link is here: https://www.bottlesjarsandtubes.com/Plastic-Tube-Packaging-Supplier-Mono-and-5-Layer-TOD-s/26.htm

Once you decide on which tube you need, you will be able to get your artwork approved for the specific type of decoration. We will provide artwork templates to fit your graphics to the tube dimensions.

Lead times for the silk screener if the tubes are in stock is 5 to 6 weeks, depending on how busy they are. It could get up to 10 weeks due to holiday schedules. Printing at the factory could take the longest as mentioned above: 6 – 12 weeks.

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