**Cylinder and Sleeve Cleaning**

- Clean cylinder and sleeve removing all contamination, particularly ink and adhesive residue.
- For surface cleaning use: 50/50 Isopropyl alcohol and water.
- Wipe the surface using a dry tissue. The cylinder and sleeve must be totally dry to prevent any pollution during the mounting process.
- Some sleeves can be damaged by nicks and scratches. These defects/irregularities can affect the level of adhesion.

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**Plate Cleaning**

- Clean plate removing all contamination, particularly ink and adhesive residue.
- For surface cleaning use: 50/50 Isopropyl alcohol and water.
- Wipe the surface using a dry tissue. The plate must be totally dry to prevent any pollution during the mounting process. This also helps to prevent plate lifting.
- Some new plates can present some contamination from the photopolymer plate making process. This can affect the level of adhesion and cause plate lifting.

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**NOTE:** Ethyl Acetate (heavy solvent) can strongly affect adhesive performance and leave residue.

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**Tape Mounting on the Cylinder and Sleeve**

- Apply the tape in a sweeping motion, line by line.
- The embossed surface of the liner helps to prevent air entrapment between the tape and the cylinder/sleeve. It also enables quick and easy air bubble removal.
- Apply consistent pressure during the mounting process. Using a squeegee, will help to ensure optimum bonding between the tape and the cylinder/sleeve.

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**Plate Mounting on the Tape**

- Apply the plate in a sweeping motion.
- The embossed surface of the liner helps to prevent air entrapment between the tape and the plate. It also enables quick and easy air bubble removal.
- Apply consistent pressure during the mounting process. Using a rubber roller, will help to ensure optimum bonding between the tape and the plate. This is particularly important on the edge and will help to prevent plate lifting.