

Smudged Image

Probably Cause

Possible Solution

Pad

Too hard

Use a softer pad

Too small in relation to the image

Use a larger pad

Prints over edges

Adjust the pad stroke and/or use fixture with more support

Cliché

Etching is too deep

Etch a new cliché with less depth

Wrong type of cliché, may need screen

Test a new cliché with a screen or use a different type of screen

Wrong type of screen

Test a new cliché with a different screen

Ink

Ink is too thin

Reduce the amount of thinner

Slow drying

Use a faster drying thinner or cliché pause

Material

Very uneven surface

Use special shaped pads or adjust pad positions

Other

Fixtures are unstable

Remake