

## **Heat Press Essentials**

**Teflon Pad Protectors** - This slips tightly onto the bottom platen of a heat press, like a mattress cover. The pad provides two useful benefits when imprinting garments.



First, it is very easy to slide garments on and off the press. It is very difficult to slide fabric across the heat resistant rubber on the bottom of a press. Second, the porous rubber on the bottom of a heat press has a tendency to collect dust, inks from coloured shirts and other grime.

Over time, this build-up can cause the backs of white shirts to look soiled. While it is difficult to clean the rubber, it is very easy to wipe off the Teflon cover.

**Teflon Sheet** - A single sheet of Teflon is used to place on top of your transfer and garment and is sized to completely cover everything on your lower platen. An upper Teflon sheet is one of those things that is much better to have and not need it, than it is to need it and not have it.



First, the sheet keeps any possible dyes from coloured garments and residue from your transfers from getting on the upper heater block (and then transferring to your next garment). A heater block can be wiped off, but it is much easier and simpler to wipe off the Teflon sheet. Second, some transfer times and temperatures are very close to the scorch point of fabrics. A Teflon cover sheet helps to prevent possible scorching.

**Teflon Cushion** - A Teflon covered foam cushion is used under your garment when seams, zips and placards prevent the heat press applying even pressure which may cause improper adhesion of the transfer.

