

APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR USING SELECTAMARK METAL ETCH COMPOUND with SELECTAMARK STENCILS

(to be read carefully **BEFORE** marking any item)

Before marking, check you have the following items ready:-

Stencils	Metal Etch Compound
Foam-tipped Applicator	Alcohol swipes
Absorbent paper kitchen towels	



USING METAL ETCH COMPOUND WITH SELECTAMARK STENCILS on BARE METAL SURFACES:

Application Guidelines

1. Ensure all surfaces and work areas are safe for use.
2. Ensure suitable and correct protective clothing is being used before starting work.
3. Ensure the area to be marked is flat, clean and free of grease (wipe with alcohol swipe to make sure).
4. Peel backing paper off Stencil and apply Stencil to bare metal surface of item being marked.
5. Using the non-waxed PRINTED (i.e. green) side of backing paper just removed, rub over the punched area of the stencil VERY FIRMLY a few times, to ensure the stencil is firmly stuck to the surface and all air bubbles have been removed from behind the punched holes. Using the foam tipped applicator, apply some etching fluid over the perforated area of the Stencil.
6. Apply 6 to 8 times, ensuring that all the holes are repeatedly covered with the fluid.
7. After 4 to 5 minutes, dab off the excess fluid with absorbent paper (e.g. kitchen towel).
8. Remove the stencil to reveal the permanent security mark.
9. **DO NOT TOUCH THE MARK** until it has dried and hardened (at least 3 hours but better overnight).

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Compound may take longer to react on certain metals. Before marking multiple items of same material, it is recommended that you test on a concealed area before marking.
- Please observe the Application Instructions at all times. Remember that the mark is PERMANENT so any mistake cannot be altered.
- Ensure adequate ventilation and do not eat, drink or smoke when handling Compound.
- Each tube has sufficient Compound to make approx 20 marks. The tube has a shelf life of approx 12 months when unopened and kept in a cool place.
- Protect eyes and hands when using Compounds.
- If the Compound comes into contact with skin, it should be washed off with soap and warm water or an alcohol swab as soon as possible.
- If the Compound comes into contact with eyes do NOT rub. Rinse immediately with plenty of water and obtain medical attention, showing Compound container to medical staff.
- If Compound is swallowed, do NOT induce vomiting. – Drink water and seek medical advice immediately, showing Compound container to medical staff.
- Unused or partially used tubes of compound should be stored with caps securely fitted, in a safe, cool place away from direct sunlight or heat sources and kept away from children or unauthorised persons.
- Carefully and safely dispose of all used stencils, unwanted Compound and other items.