Gift Tin Transferring Instructions

Please read these instructions completely before you begin.

Supplies Needed

- Coated Gift Tins
- Sublimation ink transfers
- Press support to fit each size lid (1/2" thick rubber cushion)
- Heat resistant tape
- Oven mitt or heat-resistant gloves (for removing product from heat press)
- Thermal Rubber Mat, 1/8" thick

Note: If you did not purchase a transfer support from us, you can make one yourself by cutting a piece of wood or mouse pad to fit snugly inside the lid of each tin (that means it has to be slightly *smaller* than the lid itself).

Step 1: Adjust the Heat Press

For best results, always pre-heat your press.

Heat Press Temperature:	**385-400^{o} F**
Dwell Time:	**3.5 - 4 minutes - with a rubber mat**
Pressure:	**Medium-Firm**

***Note**: These instructions, including transfer times and temperatures, are based on the inks, paper, equipment and supplies we use. Your inks, papers, etc. may require adjustments in your time/temp settings.*

Step 2: Design & Print Your Transfers

1. The gift tins come in different sizes. For best results, **the transfers should be slightly *larger* than the surface of the lid**. You may size the image to bleed off the tin lid.
2. Remember to print a mirror image so the final product will be correctly oriented once it is transferred.

Step 3: Transfer the Image

3. Place the tin lid over the press support cushion.
4. Place your transfer, face-up, on the table. Place the lid/press support face-down, on top of the transfer. Make sure to register the lid correctly in the center of the transfer on all sides.
5. Wrap the two sides of the transfer paper tightly to the back of the lid/support, and secure using heat resistant tape.
6. Place the transfer/lid/press support in the center of your heat press.
7. Place the thermal rubber mat over the transfer/lid/press support.

8. Close the heat press. Using **Medium-Firm** pressure, press at **385 - 400^{o} F for 3.5 - 4 minutes**.
9. Open the press, carefully remove the rubber mat, the tin lid, and the transfer. **Caution:** The tin lid will be **HOT**. We recommend using heat resistant gloves.

Transfer Tips, Techniques & Troubleshooting

- If you are printing an image without a bleed, print an outline slightly larger than the size of the tin to help you register the position of the design on the lid.
- Prints light in places:
    a. Check the accuracy of your press thermostat with a Rayvek gun or temperature strip.
    b. Check your time and temperature. You should be pressing at **385 - 400^{o} F** for **3.5 - 4** minutes with the rubber mat. Lightness may be caused by *too much* time or heat (burnout) as well as *too little* time or heat. Try adjusting the temp or pressing time.
    c. Check your pressure. Your press may have a "cold" or worn spot. Try increasing pressure and/or moving the tin to the left or right.
- The outside edges print light:
    d. Check to make sure you are using **firm** pressure.
    e. Make sure you have placed the gift tin lid in the *center* of the press.
    f. Make sure your press support is smooth and even on both sides – and equal thickness all the way around.

Sales & Marketing Tips

- Sell the tins empty, or fill them with gifts designed for the recipients.
- Package printed tins with personalized basket-type gifts to make a big impression.
- Small, 2.5" round tins are perfect for a small piece of jewelry, a lock of hair, baby's first tooth, or rice or bird seed for a wedding, with appropriate dates printed on the top, or labeled on the bottom.
- Medium size tins are suitable for puzzles, sewing notions, personal notions, or pet treats.
- Large tins are idea for candy, cookies, nuts, or even apparel, such as t-shirts, hats, or lingerie.
- Create your own label with our **MultiCal** decal for the bottom of each tin. Advertise your company, or let your customer use the space for their company logo or a personal sentiment.

Customer Support

For support on these or any of our products, please call our toll-free number for assistance: **877.795.1500**. You may also write to us at Support@LaserReproductions.com.