

TIRE PRINTING

PACKING LIST

- One 4-oz tube of black ink
- One 4-inch rubber roller
- One 12-inch by 12-inch inking surface
- One foam applicator
- Five sheets of 12-inch by 18-inch heavy stock paper
- One 120-inch roll of 18-inch paper
- One pair of Nitrile gloves

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Tips & Safety

- Working with ink can get messy. Choose and protect your work area accordingly.
- When printing a tire or wheel, use a smooth surface like concrete under the paper for best results.
 - » A rugged surface like bumpy asphalt will introduce background interference and reduce the quality of your print.
- Sweep or wipe off the area where the print will be taken to remove any debris that might distort the print.
- Use a heavy work glove to brush dust and dirt from the surface of the tire before applying the ink
- Turn the ink roller upside down after use to avoid transferring ink to your work surface.
- To get a presumptive identification of a tire's make and model, you can print only a portion of the tire, about 20 inches of the tread pattern for a car tire.
- To get a conclusive match between a specific tire and an unknown tire print or impression, you must print the whole circumference of the known tire.
- When inking a whole tire, you can use chalk to make a mark on the tire's sidewall to keep track of where you started.

Cleaning up

- Important – The ink will stain clothing and other absorbent surfaces. Scrub and pre-soak with a degreaser cleaner.
- To clean your hands and non-absorbent surfaces, wash with soap and water or use mechanic's hand cleaner. Dry with paper towels to avoid stains.

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