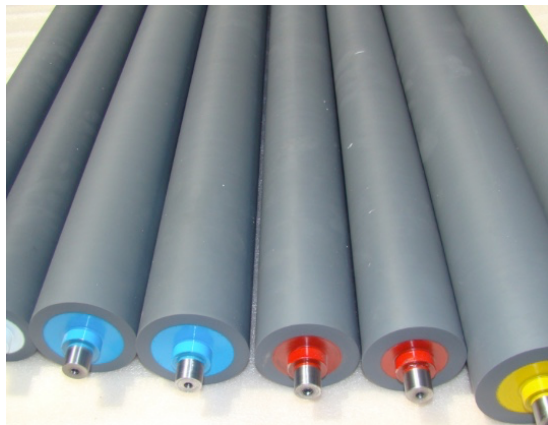


How long do you expect your rollers to last?

The answer depends on how you use your rubber rollers...



Offset printing rollers don't operate in isolation. They form part of a mechanical and chemical process that is quite complex, and how they perform as part of that process depends on all the other elements involved. These elements include the following: the fount solution, the roller washing solutions, the roller settings, the types of jobs being run, and very importantly - the skill of the printing press operators.

A correctly configured press uses the appropriate roller and damper settings, and operates with the right chemistry and press consumables for the current print job. It makes sense that the rollers on a high quality, well-maintained press are going to last a lot longer than on a neglected, poorly-run and poorly set press.

Well-maintained rollers print better and more efficiently. They enable a higher quality print result which means less spoilage, fewer re-prints and ultimately, greater customer satisfaction. There is also less risk of roller and damper failure on the press, and less time and money is wasted on unplanned downtime.

The real question then is not how long you can expect your rollers to last, but rather how much valuable production time you can save over the course of their lifetime. To maximise this, you need a high quality roller backed by a compatible range of consumables.

Thunderbolt Graphics has a range of pressroom consumables as well as fount and washing solutions that work in perfect harmony with the rollers and dampers we supply. If these rollers and dampers are set correctly, are regularly checked and you use the correct chemistry and washes, there is no reason why you cannot have many years of trouble-free pressroom production.

Please contact your local Thunderbolt sales representative for more information about our rollers, dampers and corresponding pressroom chemistry and washes.