



TOTALBOAT ALCOHOL INK KIT

- Designed for use with epoxy, UV cure urethane products, or alcohol ink art
- Kit contains 20 vibrant, translucent colors and 4 opaque sinker white bottles
- Kit contains everything to create blended or layering effects, as well as petri dish or bloom effects
- Leak-proof bottles have dropper-style tips for maximum control

TotalBoat Alcohol Ink Kit is a complete 24-bottle set curated for epoxy artists, makers, and crafters. Unlike traditional pigments, alcohol inks create fluid, spontaneous effects that move, blend, and layer for vibrant results you can't achieve any other way. This kit includes 20 translucent shades across primary, secondary, and accent tints along with 4 bottles of opaque white sinkers, essential for artistic techniques like the petri dish and bloom effects.

PERSONAL SAFETY:

Always use proper Personal Protective Equipment when using any TotalBoat product. Refer to the TotalBoat Boat Alcohol Ink Safety Data Sheet for more info.

APPLICATION CONDITIONS:

- There are no specific environmental application conditions for using TotalBoat Alcohol Inks.
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APPLICATION:

• OVERVIEW

- o TotalBoat Alcohol Inks will impart translucent colors in different types of resin art. Alcohol inks are ideal for layering and blending colors.
- o Kits come with 4 bottles of sinker white — these are opaque inks that are great for making bloom and petri dish effects with depth and dimension.
 - The sinker white inks are great for small artistic effects but are not concentrated enough to make a large area opaque white.
 - When using the sinker white inks in resin art, they are commonly added after some or all the other colors so they can sink through the other colors. This enhances the depth and dimension of resin art.
- o Shake each bottle thoroughly before use each time until there is no settling at the bottom of the bottle. This will break up any settled pigment and prevent any clumping when it is dispensed.
- o Close and shake the bottles every few minutes when using them to promote the most consistent color and alleviate any clumping of pigments.
- o Always perform a test sample with each specific color in every use case before attempting the final project. This will

ensure that the inks provide the desired effect, regardless of how the Alcohol Inks are used.

- o TotalBoat Alcohol Inks can be used in collaboration with other pigment systems such as TotalBoat Mica Powders and TotalBoat Pigment Dispersions to offer even more color options with resin art projects.

- o **IMPORTANT!!** A few specific colors of Alcohol Inks can react with some specific epoxy products and may change the final appearance. Please see details on this below.

• OPENING THE BOTTLES FOR THE FIRST TIME:

- o Shake the bottles very thoroughly before opening. Look to see if any of the pigment is still settled at the bottom of the bottle and keep shaking as necessary.
- o Wear nitrile or latex to prevent incidental contact with the ink when opening
- o Holding the base of the nozzle with one hand, use a pin to prick the top of the nozzle to open each bottle. Wipe off the pin between colors.
- o DO NOT cut the tip to open the bottles.
- o Replace the cap on the bottles after dispensing.

• USING ALCOHOL INKS WITH EPOXY

- o Alcohol Ink can be added to epoxy products after the resin and hardener components have been mixed. Do not add the ink before mixing them.
- o Colors can be blended or used to create layering.
- o Only add a couple drops at a time and mix it in until it achieves the desired color saturation.
- o Alcohol Ink will create a translucent appearance, not an opaque color in epoxy. Too much Alcohol Ink will affect the cure rate or cured properties. When a deep, opaque color is desired, use a pigment such as TotalBoat Pigment Dispersions.

- o **IMPORTANT!!** Some Alcohol Ink colors have been known to react with epoxy products, and the colors may shift, virtually disappear, or change colors and then revert back once cured. This shift does not happen with all epoxy products.

- ALWAYS PERFORM A TEST SAMPLE WITH EPOXY BEFORE ATTEMPTING THE FINAL PROJECT.
- Cotton Candy, Lavendar, Ocean Blue, and Royal Purple were the colors that had the most notable changes.
- Of all TotalBoat brand epoxy products, Fathom had the most dramatic shifting in color.

• USING ALCOHOL INKS WITH UV CURE RESINS

- o The best way to use Alcohol Inks with UV cured resins is to tint the resin, then apply it in thin layers.
- o Mixing Alcohol Ink into UV cured resins is an effective way to add color them.
- o Take extra care to avoid exposing the resin to any UV light when adding and mixing the ink.
- o The translucent properties of the alcohol ink allow the UV light to penetrate through the resin, allowing it to cure. Avoid adding too much Alcohol Ink because it may inhibit the



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cure, taking much longer to cure. Make sure to cure the UV resin with UV light from all angles to ensure the best cure.

- **ALCOHOL INK ART**

- o TotalBoat Alcohol Inks can also be used on non-porous substrates to create unique art.
- o The most common substrates are ceramics, glass, metal, and Yupo paper.
- o Apply drops of ink onto the substrate.
- o The drops can then be blended or manipulated by using simple tools such as a paintbrush, blown on by air with a straw or hairdryer to change the intensity or appearance of the ink.
- o Adding drops of isopropyl alcohol (IPA) or denatured alcohol can dilute the ink or be used to manipulate the inks more.
- o Rags can be used to remove the ink as needed.
- o Once the art piece is finished, it can be coated with a compatible resin product, or a compatible clear coat product to provide UV resistance.

PRODUCT INFORMATION:

Unit of Measure:	Kit containing 24 bottles of 0.34 fl. oz. (10mL) of each color
Colors:	Root Beer, Espresso, Sinker White (4 bottles), Cotton Candy, Pink Pony, Strawberry, Tangerine, Parrot Orange, Cranberry, Amber, Sunflower, Orange Dream, Emerald, Lucky Clover, Slime Green, Blue Moon, Lavendar, Regal Purple, Crystal Blue, Ocean Blue, Midnight
Color/Appearance:	Colored liquid
Odor:	Mild Odor
Storage:	Store in a cool, dry area with the container tightly sealed.
Application Conditions:	No temperature limitations