

ILFORD GALERIE PRINTS STAND THE TEST OF TIME

5th September, 2016. ILFORD, one of the oldest photographic brands in the market, have received the results from the prestigious Laboratoire national de métrologie et d'essais (LNE) which demonstrate that ILFORD GALERIE inkjet prints will last well over seventy years.

Evaluated under strict scientific conditions, LNE tested the following GALERIE Prestige products printed on an Epson SP4900 using Epson Ultrachrome HDR inks.

- GALERIE Prestige Gold Fibre Silk
- GALERIE Prestige Fine Art Smooth
- GALERIE Prestige Textured Cotton Rag
- GALERIE Prestige Gold Fibre Gloss
- GALERIE Prestige Cotton Artist Textured
- GALERIE Prestige Smooth Cotton Rag

The evaluation took place in accelerated conditions with the prints placed under glass and then illuminated by a light source equivalent to sunlight being filtered through a window for up to 60 years and a further extension to cover a total of 100 years.

“The permanence of ILFORD GALERIE inkjet prints is a question that our Technical team get asked on a frequent base,” said Arnoud Mekenkamp, joint Managing Director of ILFORD Imaging Europe. “We stringently test all our papers internally before adding them to the GALERIE range and so we are confident that the GALERIE products will indeed stand the test of time. We do appreciate however, that our customers are looking for a third party assurance that their prints are going to last.

Max Angerbauer, Technical Specialist for ILFORD continued, “LNE is a well renowned laboratory that conducts stringent testing under controlled conditions and we approached them to undertake the testing on our behalf. Following a four-month testing period, the results were verified and I was delighted that LNE confirmed that prints will be last between 69 years – 80 years depending on the product.

Angerbauer concluded “The light fastness testing was done using Epson Ultrachrome HDR inks, and we always advise our customers to use the Original Equipment Manufacturer’s ink if they want to ensure that their prints will last. We provide a wide range of free ICC profiles built using Original Equipment Manufacturer’s inks at www.ilford.com.”

The detail results published by LNE are detailed below (see details in report P147711/5).

PAPER	LIGHT FASTNESS	
	Excellent	Satisfactory
GALERIE Prestige Gold Fibre Silk	60 years	100 years
GALERIE Prestige Fine Art Smooth	60 years	100 years
GALERIE Prestige Textured Cotton Rag	60 years	100 years
GALERIE Prestige Gold Fibre Gloss	60 years	100 years
GALERIE Prestige Cotton Artist Textured	60 years	100 years
GALERIE Prestige Smooth Cotton Rag	60 years	100 years



About ILFORD

Established in 1879, ILFORD is one of the oldest photographic brands in the industry. With a history that spans over 135 years, ILFORD has been synonymous with professional quality from traditional analogue film and paper to providing inkjet paper for today's photo quality printers.

The ILFORD brand is now owned as a joint venture between Chugai Photo Chemicals and CR Kennedy & Company. Both companies are extremely passionate about carrying the brand ethos forward and continuing to offer photographers the best photo quality inkjet products in the market.