

Sublimation Printing Quick Cheat Sheet

Best Printers (as of Sep 2025)

Printer	Best For	Notes
Sawgrass SG500	Beginners & crafters	Easy setup, reliable ICC profiles
Epson F170	Small businesses	Affordable, Epson warranty, compact
Epson F570	High-volume shops	24" wide, bulk ink, pro features
Epson EcoTank (ET-2800, etc.)	Budget DIY	Convert only with caution; warranty risks

Common Heat Press Settings

Item	Temp (°F)	Time	Pressure
Polyester shirt	385–400	45–60s	Medium
Mug (ceramic)	400	180s	Medium
Tumbler (stainless, coated)	375–400	60–90s	Medium
Mousepad	385	60s	Medium

Quick Tips

- Use 65%+ polyester fabrics for best results (100% is ideal).
- Always mirror your design before printing.
- Run a nozzle check weekly to prevent clogs.
- Use sublimation paper + ink only (regular ink won't work).
- Let items cool before handling to avoid ghosting.
- Check warranty details before converting an EcoTank printer.