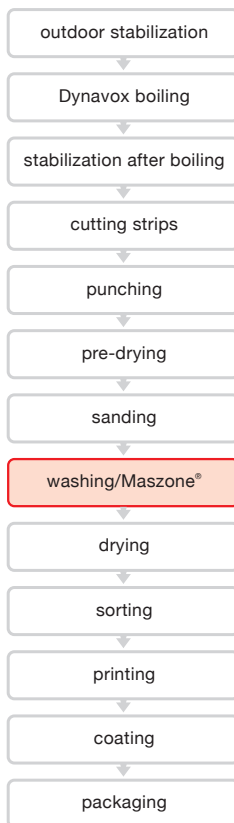


MASZONE® WASHING

- **Eliminates micro-organisms and their spores** – 3000 times faster than chlorine
- **Inhibits TCA development** – Finished cork is sterile of micro-organisms
- **Leaves no residues** – Ozone decomposes quickly into inert oxygen molecules
- **Improves cork capillaries for easier insertion** – Maszone® cleansing process reaches deep into cork pores
- **Enhances cork appearance** – Allows finer quality cork printing; creates a cleaner and more uniform cork surface



THE PROPRIETARY MASZONE® CORK WASHING PROCESS

Maszone® uses ozonated water, the most effective system developed for disinfecting finished corks. The ozonated water guarantees a complete disinfection of the individual finished cork by completely removing microorganisms and their spores. It also oxidizes organic impurities and compounds such as phenols and anisoles further reducing potential off-flavor producing compounds.

Ozone treatment is preferable to chemical treatments because it is safer, more environmentally friendly and more effective. In the food industry, ozone is an attractive substitute to chlorine because it is faster, more effective and does not produce by-products that could be hazardous. Historically, ozone has been used for water treatment because of its effectiveness in disinfecting; color, taste and odor removal; iron and manganese oxidation; organic compound oxidation, and pesticide elimination.



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