Did you know that professional hockey teams freeze their game pucks?

The pucks, which are made of rubber, are frozen to help them glide easily along the ice. When a puck starts getting warm (over 30˚ F), it will start to bounce — just like rubber would! This makes it hard for players to accurately control, pass and shoot during the game.

PPG worked with our partner, LCR Hallcrest, to come up with a solution to this problem — an ink that tells referees when the puck is too warm and should be replaced. The ink is purple when frozen, and turns to white when it is too warm. Once pucks are removed from play, they are never used again — but they make great souvenirs for fans!

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