



Label Material 7883

Computer Imprintable Polyester Label Material

Product Data Sheet

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Physical Properties
Not for specification purposes
(Calipers are nominal values)

Facestock	84 micron (3.3 thou) Matte Silver Polyester
Adhesive	20 micron (0.8 thou) #300 Acrylic
Liner	81 micron (3.2 thou) 90 g/m ² (55#) Densified Kraft
Shelf Life	24 months from date of manufacture of product when properly stored between 22°C and 50% relative humidity.

Features:

- Topcoated polyester is compatible with dot matrix printing and is hand writeable. The matte coating resists degradation from scuffing, chemicals, moisture, and wide temperature fluctuations. The topcoat also provides improved ink anchorage for traditional forms of press printing.
- #300 adhesive bonds well to a wide variety of substrates including metals, high surface energy (HSE) plastics and low surface energy (LSE) plastics. It is ideal for applications requiring high initial adhesion especially to LSE plastic surfaces.
- 90 g/m² densified kraft liner assures consistent die cutting.
- 3M™ Label Material 7883 is UL recognised (FilesMH11410 and MH16411) and CSA accepted (File 99316). See the UL and CSA listings for details.

Application Ideas:

- Barcode labels and rating plates.
- Property identification and asset labelling.
- Warning, instruction, and service labels for durable goods.
- Nameplates for durable goods.

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Surface	Initial (10 Minute Dwell/RT)			
	180° Peel		90° Peel	
	N/10mm	Oz/In	N/10mm	Oz/In
Stainless Steel	6.1	56	4.6	42
Polycarbonate	6.7	59	4.8	44
Polypropylene	5.8	53	4.2	38
Glass	6.6	60	4.6	42
HD Polyethylene	3.8	35	3.1	28
LD Polyethylene	3.5	32	2.7	25

Surface	Conditioned for 3 Days at Room Temperature 22°C			
	180° Peel		90° Peel	
	N/10mm	Oz/In	N/10mm	Oz/In
Stainless Steel	7.3	67	5.0	46
Polycarbonate	6.7	61	5.0	46
Polypropylene	6.1	56	4.2	38
Glass	7.8	71	5.2	48
HD Polyethylene	4.4	40	3.1	28
LD Polyethylene	4.6	42	3.7	34

Surface	Conditioned for 3 Days at 49°C			
	180° Peel		90° Peel	
	N/10mm	Oz/In	N/10mm	Oz/In
Stainless Steel	7.7	70	5.5	50
Polycarbonate	3.3	30	1.9	17
Polypropylene	5.9	54	4.6	42
Glass	7.7	70	5.5	50
HD Polyethylene	4.4	40	3.2	29
LD Polyethylene	1.0	9	1.1	10

Surface	Conditioned for 24 hours at 32°C At 90% Relative Humidity			
	180° Peel		90° Peel	
	N/10mm	Oz/In	N/10mm	Oz/In
Stainless Steel	7.4	68	5.8	53
Polycarbonate	6.0	55	3.9	36
Polypropylene	7.2	66	4.8	44
Glass	7.3	67	4.8	44
HD Polyethylene	4.9	45	3.5	32
LD Polyethylene	3.9	36	3.3	30

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Liner Release	180° Removal of Liner from Facestock		
	Rate of Removal	N/10mm	Gms/25mm Width
	2.3 m / min	0.054	14
	7.6 m/min	0.069	18

Environmental Performance	The properties defined are based on four hour immersions at room temperature 22°C unless otherwise noted. Samples were applied to stainless steel panels 24 hours prior to immersion and were evaluated one hour after removal from the solution for peel adhesion. Adhesion measured at 180° peel angle (ASTM D3330) at 305 mm/min.			
Chemical Resistance	Adhesion to Stainless Steel		Appearance	Edge Penetration
Chemical	N/10mm	Oz/In	Visual	Millimetres
Isopropyl Alcohol	6.6	60	No change	0.8
Detergent (1% Alconox®*)	7.0	64	No change	0
Engine Oil (10W30) @ 250°F (121°C)	7.0	64	No change	1
Water for 48 hours	7.2	66	No change	0
pH 4	7.1	65	No change	0
PH10	7.0	64	No change	0
409®* Cleaning solution	7.0	64	No change	0
Toluene	3.6	33	Topcoat damaged	6.5
Acetone	5.1	47	Topcoat damaged or gone	4.3
Brake Fluid	8.1	74	No change	0
Gasoline	3.9	36	No change	5.8
Diesel Fuel	6.8	62	No change	1
Mineral Spirits	5.9	54	No change	2.4
Hydraulic Fluid	7.2	66	No change	0

Temperature Resistance	149°C for 24 hours:	no significant visual change 0.75% MD shrinkage 0.9% CD shrinkage
	-40°C for 3 days:	no significant visual change
Humidity Resistance	24 hours at 38°C and 100% relative humidity	No significant changes in appearance or adhesion

Accelerated Ageing ASTM D3611 : 96 hours at 65°C & 80% relative humidity			
180° Peel Adhesion from Stainless Steel	Rate of Removal	N/10mm	Oz/In Width
	305 mm / min	5.9	54
180° Liner Peel from Facestock	Rate of Removal	N/10mm	Oz/In Width
	2.3 m / min	0.062	16

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Agency Listing Information

Dot Matrix Printing:

- *UL recognised and CSA accepted component for indoor and outdoor use. The following ribbons are UL recognised when used with the material.
- CGL-79™ from Mid-City Columbia, 800-462-2336 or 800-996-4656
 - Ranger 288 from Herbert Dehinton & Co., 847-998-8150

3M does not recommend the Ranger 288 ribbon for bar code printing.

Laser Toner Printing:

UL recognised with the following printers and toners.

*Toner and Printer/UL Recognised Components

Hitachi HMT 446 toner kit for producing finished printed labels with UL listed Synergystex CF-1000 laser printer.

Processing

Printing:

Facestock is topcoated for improved ink receptivity and is designed for dot matrix printing. It is printable by all standard roll processing methods including flexography, hot stamp, letterpress, and screen printing.

Die Cutting:

Rotary or flatbed may be used. 127 g/m² liner is recommended for jobs over eight inches in width or when liner dimensional stability is of concern. Winding tensions should be kept at a minimum to help prevent the adhesive from oozing.

Packaging:

Finished labels should be stored in plastic bags.

Special Considerations

For maximum bond strength, the surface should be clean and dry. Typical cleaning solvents are heptane and isopropyl alcohol**.

NOTE: When using solvents, read and follow the manufacturer's precautions and directions for use.

For best bonding conditions, application surface should be at room temperature or higher. Low temperature surfaces, below 10°C can cause the adhesive to become so firm that it will not develop maximum contact with the substrate. Higher initial bonds can be achieved through increased rubdown pressure.

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