



GRAFIGAST SERIES GLOSSY COLOURS

REFERENCES SC000 to SC521

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Description

The Graficast series is a soft cadmium-free cast PVC film, provided with a pressure-sensitive permanent acrylic adhesive. This adhesive is protected by a high-quality silicone paper. A good recognizability is guaranteed by the brown print on the material's backing paper.

Composition

- Film : 50 micron thick cast PVC film
- Adhesive : permanent pressure-sensitive solvent-based acrylic adhesive, with a high resistance against UV-radiation, chemical products and humidity.
- Backing paper : siliconised white PE-coated paper of 130 gr/m²

Application

The Graficast series was developed for long term outdoor applications (7 to 10 years) under the most extreme conditions. As the film is extremely soft and flexible, it can be used over corrugations or rivets with ease. Graficast films are therefore suitable for sign making on cars, boats, trucks and aeroplanes, but also for stripings in the auto-motive industry.

Product advantages

The Graficast vinyls can be used for all difficult applications.

Product specifications

Technical properties at a relative humidity of 50 ± 5 % and a temperature of 23 ± 2°C.

		Test method	Result
1.	Thickness¹		
	Thickness vinyl	Din53370	50 micron
	Thickness vinyl + glue + backing paper	Din53370	215 micron
2.	Elongation at break²		
	In production-length direction	Din53455	> 210 %
	In cross direction	Din53455	> 210 %
3.	Dimensional stability³	Finat 14	< 0.20 %
4.	Degree of gloss		
	Minimum (measuring angle 20°)	Din67530	50 %
5.	Adhesion strength⁴		
	After 20 minutes	Finat 1	15 N/25mm
	After 24 hours	Finat 1	17 N/25mm
6.	Quickstick⁵	Finat 9	10 N
7.	Expected outdoor life span⁶	-	10 years (colour 7-10 years)
8.	Temperature range		
	At application	-	+5°C to +40°C
	At use	-	-45°C to +115°C
9.	Colour back print	-	Brown
10.	Flammability		
	If applied on aluminium, glass, steel = self-extinguishing		

Storage instructions

All Graficast materials always need to be stored in their original packing and with the original protection flanges (and preferably stored vertically).

In order to avoid any loss of quality, the Graficast materials should also be stored in suitable conditions, that is at a temperature between 10 and 20°C, and a relative humidity of 50%.

Under these conditions, the Graficast materials can be stored up to two years.

Remarks

- The Graficast cast vinyls are manufactured by a patented production method.
- In order to achieve an optimal result, we advise you to clean the surface with isopropanol and/or to use a low-tack application tape !
- The colour of the Graficast vinyls may come off slightly because of over-pigmentation, but as the film is coloured in the mass, this will have no influence on the UV-resistance and the eventual colour of the vinyl.

Important

The information, mentioned in this product data sheet, is based upon tests that were executed by Grafityp, and that we consider to be reliable. The information always represents an average, a minimum or a maximum value, and should be considered as such. It is only given for your information, and does not give any guarantee. It is up to the end user to decide whether or not the product is suited for his particular application.

1)
The thickness of the Grafitack materials may vary slightly. The indicated value is an average value, obtained from a series of measurements, in which a tolerance of 10 % is acceptable.

2)
The elongation at break of the Grafitack materials may vary slightly. The indicated value is a minimum value, obtained from a series of measurements.

3)
The dimensional stability is the shrinkage of the unprinted material in %. This value is measured by applying the film on aluminium, and placing it in a hot-air oven at 70°C for 48 hours (= Finat 14 Method, adjusted according to our own internally developed procedure). The indicated value is a maximum value, obtained from a series of measurements.

4)
The adhesion strength is measured on glass, and this after 20 minutes and after 24 hours. The film is removed again in an angle of 180° and at a speed of 300 mm/min. The indicated value is an average value, obtained from a series of measurements.

5)
The "Quickstick" is the direct adhesion strength, measured on glass. The indicated value is an average value, obtained from a series of measurements.

6)
The expected outdoor life span refers to outdoor use under Central European conditions and to vertical applications. The expected life span of our films is based upon professional application on a dry, degreased and suitable background. Tropical conditions, or the use near chemical emission, may have a detrimental effect on the life span. The life span can also differ, depending on the colour (due to the pigmentation).