



Durilla™ Ultra Polyester Matte Coated

Printing & Handling Hints

Durilla™ Synthetics are easy to print when following these simple hints.

We recommend you pre-test all procedures prior to press time to ensure you achieve the desired results.

Inks: UV printing and inks are suitable for all Durilla grades. If subsequent laser printing is anticipated after offset printing we recommend laser safe offset inks and minimizing spray powder which may interfere with laser printing.

Ultra Polyester Matte Coated: We recommend inks that dry by oxidation and contain less than 5% VOC (solvents). Use UCR/GCR to minimize ink film thickness. Please consult your ink manufacturer prior to printing.

Handling: Keep Durilla wrapped in mill packaging until the moment of printing. It is essential to let the paper acclimate in the press room for a minimum of 24 hours — longer during cold weather. Also keep Durilla covered during drying, between passes and prior to any finishing work. Pressroom conditions should be as close as possible to 68 degrees and 45-60% relative humidity.

Delivery: For optimum results, set jogger pressure to a minimum and lifts at 3 to 5 inches.

Cutting: Use care when cutting Durilla. Use a sharp knife with minimum clamp pressure and lifts less than 2 inches high. A clean cut will enhance the tear resistance of the sheet; rough edges may produce tear initiation sites.

Scoring and Folding: To properly score Durilla, start with a 2 point rounded channel score. The matrix channel should be a minimum width of 2.5 times the caliper of the sheet to be scored, plus 0.028" — normally 0.050" for text and 0.060" for cover. Leaving 1/8 inch unscored at the edges will minimize tearing.

Binding: Durilla is suitable for all standard binding processes.

Foil Stamping: For optimum results with Ultra Polyester-Matte Coated, use foils suitable for plastic materials. Experiment with foil choice, pressure and temperature to find optimum conditions. Please consult your foil manufacturer.

Laser Printing: Allow synthetics to condition in a controlled environment for 24 hours after printing to allow any curl due to heat and dryness to equilibrate. Keep RH above 50% if possible. If polyester sheets develop a static electrical charge in areas of low humidity, try fanning the sheets to dissipate the charge. The charge will also dissipate with time.

Ink Jet: Ultra Polyester-Matte Coated is not suited for inkjet, except for UV inkjet.

Other converting: Durilla may be die-cut, punched, pierced, perforated, drilled, folded and stitched. The sheet can be glued with many adhesives including hot-melts. Please check with your supplier.

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