Specialty Certificate S3 Evaluation Report



For HP Indigo



Supplier Contact Information				
Supplier Name	Nekoosa			
Supplier Address	841 Market St, Nekoosa, WI, 54457			
Supplier Country	USA			
Product Name	Sign-Ad for HP Indigo			
Product Category	Self Adhesive			
Grammage (gsm)/Basis weight (#)	285 gsm/175#			
Microns/Caliper	260 um/10.3 mils			
Certification Number	RI7500-24-7126			
Certification Center	RIT			
Date of Evaluation	04/11/2024			
Evaluated on	HP 7500			
Certified for	7500, 7000, 7600, 7800 & 7900			
Evaluation Process	Specialty Media			

Certification Validity

This substrate is certified for the next two years from the date of evaluation, provided there is no change to the substrate properties or production processes. At the end of two years from the original evaluation date, if there have been no changes in paper properties or production processes, the certification can be extended for another two years. After four years from the original certification date, a new certification is required.

Evaluation	Measure	Result	Grade (stars)	Comments
Runability			***	Front Side Only
Simplex	Number of Jams	0		
Duplex	Number of Jams			
Fixing			***	
Peeling	100% K in 4 color mode, % ink remaining	100%		
	400% YMCK 100% each color, Visual Damage	100%		
Blanket Compatibility			***	
White Ink Recommended		N/A		
Color Registration	CPR quality job	Pass		
Evaluation Result		Pass		

Comment Detail:

Front Side Only - Substrate is a simplex product and only the front side is certified.

The substrate certification procedure incorporates several processes. This checks for:

Runability:

The ability of the substrate to run smoothly through the press in various print modes.

Fixing:

Ink-substrate interaction as determined by the degree of ink adhesion to the substrate for standard applications as measured in a tape peel test of the image.

Blanket-substrate interaction as determined by:

- 1) Ink-transferability, which is the quality of ink transfer from the blanket to the substrate as reflected in highlight dots, thin lines, heavy images and image edge integrity;
- 2) 'Blanket Memory' effects, reflected in gloss or density differences between solids and background areas of the previously printed image; and
- 3) Number of cleaner pages, in which blankets are routinely maintained by performing a self cleaning procedure ("cleaner pages") used to refresh the blanket's release layer.

Color registration (CPR):

The ability of the substrate to be printed with acceptable color-to-color registration in the four color process. Synthetic materials are generally more sensitive to CPR issues.

Star Rating

- ☆☆☆ Best performing substrate: no blanket memories or very minor memories.
- Recommended substrate: some print cleaners may be needed; slight memories may be seen up to 1.2K impression.
- ☆ Good substrate: print cleaners generally required; some memories may be seen by 1.2K impressions.

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	Measurement	Best-performing substrate	Recommended substrate	Good substrate	
Transport	Runnability	No jam and minor issues	1 jam or minor issues	1 jam and minor issues	
Fixing	Peeling: 100% K, at 10 minutes	Visually NO damage (ignoring gloss changes)	>90%	>80% at one hour	
	Peeling: 400% YMCK, 100% of each color at 10 minutes	Visually NO damage (ignoring gloss changes)	Any damage (visually)	Any damage (visually)	
Blanket Compatibility	Cleaner sheets clean after 1.2 K	1st cleaner sheet is clean	3rd cleaner sheet is clean	5th cleaner sheet is clean	
Color registration (CPR)	CPR quality job	Pass/Fail			

The specialty test is a shorter test compared to the standard certification procedure, and is intended for media where low print volumes are expected. In addition to runnability, fixing and blanket compatibility, selected Print Quality parameters such as Color Plane. Registration (CPR) are also evaluated. For certain substrates, particularly synthetics, special press procedures may need to be applied to obtain acceptable CPR.

HP Indigo customers must test per their specific application needs and determine if the media meets customer requirements.



