

# **PERFORMANCE GUIDE**

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# PRODUCT: IMAGin<sup>®</sup> M Series EMP328

## **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**

EMP328 is a 3.2-mil **matte** white, soft-calendered PVC film designed for wide format ink jet printing. The product is coated on one side with a permanent, opaque, acrylic pressure sensitive adhesive and supplied with a 72# Polycoated layflat liner.

EMP328 is designed for indoor or medium term outdoor advertising and promotion on flat surfaces.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES:	TYPICAL VALUES*	TEST METHOD
Peel Adhesion, lb. /in. (N/25mm)		PSTC - 1
180° on Stainless Steel - 30 min.	5.0 (19.75)	
- 24 hr.	6.0 (26.25)	
Quick Tack on SS, lb. /in <sup>2</sup> (N/25mm)	4.0 (17.5)	FTM - 9
<b>Dimensional Stability</b> , (%)		FTM - 14
48 hours @ 158°F	max 1.0	10" x 10" Sample
		bonded to aluminum.
Temperature Ranges,		
Minimum Application:	50°F (+10°C)	
End Use:	-40°F to 180°F (-40°C to 82°C)	

#### **CHEMICAL RESISTANCE:**

The film was adhered to an aluminum substrate 24 hours prior to testing. Samples were immersed in each chemical and later observed for adhesion.

Chemical	<b>Time Immersed</b>	Observation
Water	24 hours	No Effect
5% Detergent	24 hours	No Effect
SAE 20 Motor Oil	24 hours	No Effect
10% Hydrochloric Acid	10 min.	No Effect
10% Ammonium Hydroxide	10 min.	No Effect
Unleaded Gas	1 hour	No Effect
Ethylene Glycol	24 hours	No Effect

#### **Approved Print Methods:**

Screen Printing:		HP Indigo	
UV Cured		Off-set	
Solvent		Off-set UV	
Digital: UV Inkjet	$\boxtimes$	Thermal Transfer	
Eco-solvent	$\boxtimes$	Flexographic *	
True solvent	$\square$	Laser	
Latex	$\square$	Jetrion	

To achieve the best possible print quality, please make sure that the correct ICC profiles or printer settings are used. Profiles can be obtained from our Distributors or can be downloaded from <u>www.mactac.com</u>. Printer and heater settings and ICC profiles can also be downloaded from some O.E.M. or software manufacturer's websites.

The ICC profiles are provided solely as a customer resource. Print environments, the individual nature of printing systems, inks and software can significantly affect output. It is the customer's responsibility to determine the suitability of any profile for use in their specific print environment.

**<u>LIMITATIONS</u>**: Due to the wide variability of interior walls, sealants and paints, no claims for successful applications to or removal from painted wall surfaces are made by MACtac. It is the users' responsibility to determine the products suitability for the intended wall.

- 1) The user is responsible for determining the product's suitability, including adhesion and if needed, removal characteristics when used in applications other than listed specifically in this Performance Guide.
- 2) If there are any questions about applications, please contact your MACtac sales representative to discuss your requirements for recommendations.
- 3) If this is a printed Performance Guide it is an uncontrolled document. Please check the MACtac website for the latest, most up-to-date version.

**DURABILITY:** The indoor durability of this film is 5 - 6 years and the outdoor durability of the unprinted film is 4 years. Over lamination of the inkjet-printed material with PermaColor<sup>®</sup> overlaminates delays color fading that may occur over time. This color fading is mainly dependent upon the inks quality (see technical data sheets given by the ink manufacturers) and the pressure sensitive media being used.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Always test your combination of IMAGin M Series products, inks and laminating films prior to commercial use.

- 1) **Printing Conditions:** Print in conditioned pressroom at  $\pm 73^{\circ}$ F (23°C) and 50% RH. The maximum allowable ink saturation is 270%.
- Drying Requirements: Solvent, Eco-solvent and Mild-solvent inkjet prints require 24 48 hr. drying time

   open to the air. Inks do not dry when printed media is rolled up. <u>The prints must be dry</u> prior to
   lamination.

**Laminating Conditions:** If the printed graphic is likely to be exposed to corrosive liquids, smoke or fumes and highly polluted areas and there is a likelihood of scratching, it is highly recommended you laminate with **Permacolor LUV or PromoGard** series overlaminating films. Please be aware that adding an overlaminate will significantly reduce conformability to complex surfaces.

#### 3) Transportation Conditions:

To allow for easy transportation, IMAGin M Series can be rolled up, with the image out, with a minimum diameter of 6 inches (15cm). When the image is not protected by an overlaminate, make sure the print is completely dry and protected in a plastic bag. During transportation or storage, avoid exposing them to extreme temperature and humidity changes.

#### **SHELF LIFE:**

2 years from D.O.M. when stored at 60/77°F (15/25°C) and 50% relative humidity in the original package.

\* Values given are typical and are not necessarily for use in specification.

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