

# LABEL MATERIALS

## COMMON PAPER FACE STOCKS:

### **Thermal Transfer:**

Thermal transfer papers are designed to be receptive to thermal transfer ribbon imaging. Thermal Transfer papers typically come in a matte, semi-gloss or hi gloss finish. The only difference is the look of the material itself.

### **Direct Thermal:**

**Non Top-coated** – A paper that is receptive to direct heat from a thermal printhead to create variable imaging.

**Top Coated** – The same as above except the sheet has a coating that makes the surface less susceptible to darkening. Used for applications requiring more durability or longer life.

**Visible Light** – The most common form of direct thermal barcode scanning which uses a visible light to read the black and white contrasts of a barcode in order to decipher the code.

**Near Infrared Scannable (NIR)** – The paper has a coating designed to enhance a barcode image allowing the scan to be read with a higher rate of reliability.

**Infrared Scannable (IR)** - Similar to near Infrared, but with the ability to read a barcode through a foreign substance.

### **Semi Gloss:**

A somewhat shiny paper label often used for printing product labels.

### **High Gloss:**

A paper label with a high shine used for product labels requiring a higher end look.

### **EDP:**

Also commonly called smudge proof. This is a paper label used in impact printed applications where an ink ribbon applies an image after being struck by a pin or character font.

### **Laser:**

A paper label, usually with a heavier liner, that is designed to run through sheet fed laser printers without curling or jamming.

### **Inkjet:**

A paper that has a coating which makes it receptive to very small, high velocity ink drops. The coating enables the paper to absorb and dry the ink quickly without smearing.

### **Silver or Gold Foil Coated:**

These papers have a thin layer of metal foil laminated to them. They are often used for labels that are highlighting something specific on a product.

### **Tags:**

This is a non-adhesive, heavy paper that is designed to run through a thermal transfer or direct thermal printer.



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### **Compostable (Uncoated, Clear and White)**

#### **Uncoated Sugarcane Compostable, Compliant Vegan Labels**

This material is one of the 'greenest' labels available. Imported from Europe Sugarcane waste. Adhesive is European Certified Compostable and stock is EU and BPI Compostable Compliant.

#### **Clear Compostable Labels for cold/oil resistant conditions**

Clear compostable labels are ASTM d-6400 Certified for Industrial Compost Great for cold/oil resistant conditions. Plant-made from cornstalks and manufactured in the mid-west.

#### **White Compostable Label Stickers for cold/oil resistant conditions**

Coated, water and oil resistant. Works well in cold/refrigerated and normal conditions. Can be used in Indirect Thermal Printer ASTM D6400 Certified compostable. Plant-made from cornstalks grown and manufactured in the mid-west.

#### **Tree-Free Labels**

Made from bamboo, bagasse and cotton-linters this uncoated stock lends itself to a 'natural' look

#### **Dissolvable Labels**

The labels are made of wood cellulose and cause no harm to the environment. Dissolve when submerged in water, in the rain or snow, leaving no residues.

#### **Recycled Paper Label Stickers**

Recycled Semi-gloss paper with 30% post-consumer waste. SFI Certified and PFEC Certified. Liner and Label are recyclable, Bisphenol Free, Phthalate Free, Latex Free and RoHs Compliant

#### **Kraft 100% Recycled Labels**

Made from 100% post consumer-waste. Label allows for short term reposition-ability and removable with hot water (depending on water temp, face, substrate and dwell time) Adhesive allows for immersion in water and ice



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## COMMON FILM FACE STOCKS:

### **Polyester (Mylar®):**

A rigid, durable, UV resistant film that doesn't tear easily unless nicked or cut.

### **Polyethylene:**

A conformable film material used for labeling bottles.

### **Layered Polyethylene (Valeron®):**

A unique type of layered polyethylene used in durable tag applications where high tear resistance is required.

### **Polyimide (Kapton®):**

High heat resistant films often used in circuit board applications.

### **Polypropylene (BOPP) (Kimdura®):**

The most commonly used, low cost film for short term, but durable applications.

### **Polystyrene:**

A more rigid, durable, brittle film. It is used commonly as a non-pressure sensitive direct food contact applications.

### **Polyolefin:**

Similar to polypropylene, but is more conformable and less durable. Often used where an extra level of conformability is required.

### **Polyolefin (Tyvek®):**

A spun bond tag material that won't easily tear and is very durable and light weight. Used for longer life tag applications.

### **Vinyl:**

A stretchy, conformable film that is often used for long term, outdoor applications.



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