Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Which 3M™ Transparency Film works best with my printer or copier?

A. 3M offers a variety of transparency film products for copiers, and inkjet and laser printers. For the product specially designed to work with your printer or copier, see the online 3M™ Transparency Film Compatibility Guide.

Q. How can I get the best possible images using 3M™ Transparency Film?

A. To get the best possible images, with 3M Transparency Film, consult your printer manual. When possible select transparency mode and best print quality.

Q. Is there are transparency product that I can use on both my inkjet printers and my copier or laser printers?

A. Yes, 3M™ Multipurpose CG6000 is this type of product. You use one side for inkjet printing and the other side for all types of printing.

Q. If I don’t use the printer manufacturer’s recommended transparency products, will I void the machine’s warranty?

A. Some manufacturers may imply that you have to use their transparency products with their machines. However, 3M guarantees that 3M transparency products will work in the recommended machines. To match your machine with a 3M transparency film, visit the online 3M™ Transparency Film Compatibility Guide.

Q. Can I use inkjet transparencies in my copier or laser printer?
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A. No. Inkjet transparencies accept images only from liquid-ink machines. And, copier and laser printer transparencies accept images only from toner-based machines. For copiers, laser and inkjet printers, we recommend 3M™ Multipurpose Transparency Film CG6000. This unique product uses one side for inkjet printing and the other side for all types of printing. CG6000 is for those who only want to stock one transparency type.

Q. Are 3M A4- or A3-sized transparency films available in the U.S.?

A. 3M A4- or A3-sized transparency films are not available in the U.S. To order these size transparencies, contact either of the following two companies: Vu-Color at 1-800-882 6567, or USI at 1-800-882-6567.

Q. Does 3M offer 11- x 17-inch transparencies?

A. 3M does not offer 11- x 17-inch transparencies. If you’d like to order this size transparency, contact either of the following two companies: Vu-Color at 1-800-882 6567, or USI at 1-800-882-6567.

Q. Can I write on transparencies with markers?

A. 3M offers permanent and non-permanent transparency markers. The non-permanent markers can be used on all 3M transparencies. Images made with these non-permanent markers can be erased easily with a damp cloth, except on inkjet transparencies, where the image will be permanent. The permanent markers can be used on all 3M transparencies, and, as the name implies, images made with these permanent markers can’t be erased.

Q. What is the difference between Highland Brand and 3M Brand?

A. These transparencies are both manufactured by 3M to the same specification in regard to performance. You will experience the same great image quality, and excellent feeding with both products. Cosmetics specifications of Highland are slightly wider than with 3M Brand products.

Q. Can I reuse already imaged transparencies, if I remove the images?

A. No, if you remove the images, you also remove the film coating at the same time. And, as a result, imaging problems will occur.

Q. What’s the material composition of 3M transparencies?

A. The material composition of the actual 3M transparency sheets is polyester (polyethylene terephthalate). This polyester film is coated with a patented solution, which is not disclosed.