

8518 Gloss Overlaminates

8519 Luster Overlaminates

8520 Matte Overlaminates

8914 Optically Clear Overlaminates

8915 Ultra-Matte Overlaminates

8528 Gloss Overlaminates

Product Description

- **8518, 8519, 8520:** resists fuel vapors, highly conformable
- **8518:** provides a wet paint look
- **8914:** optically clear, conformable, and primarily used to protect perforated window graphic films and prevent moisture and contaminants from collecting in the film's perforations
- **8915:** Ultra-matte, reduces glare
- **8528:** Excellent UV protection, longer term vertical durability, horizontal warranty
- **8518, 8519, 8520, 8914, 8915:** Expected performance life of eight years (unwarranted period applied to a flat, vertical, outdoor surfaces)
- **8528:** Expected performance life of nine years (unwarranted period applied to a flat, vertical, outdoor surfaces)
- **8520** is UL Classified for slip resistance in accordance with UL 410 (File SA11595).

Recommended Types of Graphics and End Uses

- **8518, 8519, 8520:** Fleet/vehicle, vehicle wraps, watercraft, transit, labels, thermoformable graphics, smooth walls
- **8518, 8914:** Windows and glass
- **8915:** Fleet/vehicle, vehicle wraps, watercraft, transit, signage, smooth walls
- **8528:** Fleet/vehicle, vehicle wraps, transit, smooth walls, windows, and glass
- Floor graphics (**8520 only**)

Characteristics

These are the typical values for unprocessed product. Processing may change the values.

Performance Characteristics

Characteristic	Value
Material	Cast vinyl
Thickness	2 mils
Gloss (60° gloss angle)	8518, 8914, 8528: Gloss >80 8519: Luster >70 8520: Matte <30 8915: Ultra-matte <10
Liner	8518, 8914, 8528: Polyester 8519, 8520, 8915: Kraft paper
Lamination Temperature	60°F to 100°F (16°C to 38°C)
In Use Temperature Range	-65°F to 200°F (-54°C to 93°C)
Chemical Resistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resists mild alkalis, mild acids, and salt • Excellent resistance to water (<i>does not include immersion</i>) • Resists occasional fuel spills
Flammability	ASTM E84 reports: 8518 , 8519 , 8520 , and 8528 , or go to the online product catalog at 3Mgraphics.com . For all other test reports call 1-800-328-3908.

Factors Affecting Graphic Performance Life

The actual performance life of a graphic is affected by:

- Selection and preparation of the substrate
- Application methods
- Cleaning or maintenance methods
- Exposure conditions
- Cabinet design and maintenance
- Lamp selection and intensity

Graphics Manufacturing

CAUTION

Before using any equipment, always read the manufacturer's instructions for safe operation.

Completely Dry Graphics

NOTE

Incomplete drying or curing can result in graphic failure including curling, increased shrinkage, and adhesion failure, which are not covered under any 3M Graphics warranty.

See the ink's 3M product and instruction bulletins for more details.

Application Tapes

There are two types of application tapes. See [3M Instruction Bulletin Application: 3M™ Application Tapes for Graphic Films](#) to determine what application tape is recommended for your 3M Graphics Products. Finished graphics eligible for any 3M warranty must be constructed using approved 3M Graphics Products. See the [3M Graphics Warranty Bulletin](#) for more details.

Premasking Tape

Premasking tape increases stiffness during application while preventing stretching and damage. Use when little or no liner is exposed. See [3M Instruction Bulletin Application: 3M™ Application Tapes for Graphic Films](#) for complete details.

Prespacing Tape

Prespacing tape holds cut and weeded letters or graphics in place during application and after removal of the film liner, while preventing stretching and damage. Use when large amounts of liner are exposed. See [3M Instruction Bulletin Application: 3M™ Application Tapes for Graphic Films](#) for complete details.

Maintenance and Cleaning

Use a cleaner designed for high-quality painted surfaces. The cleaner must be wet, non-abrasive, without solvents, and have a pH value between 3 and 11 (neither strongly acidic nor strongly alkaline). See [3M Instruction Bulletin Maintenance](#) for details.

Shelf Life, Storage, and Shipping

Shelf Life

The shelf life is **never more than three years** from the date of manufacture on the original box.

Processing the film changes its shelf life to **one year** from the processing date, but no more than three years from the manufacturing date.

Storage Conditions

- 40°F to 100°F (4°C to 38°C)
- Out of sunlight
- Clean, dry area
- Original container
- Bring the film to room temperature before use

Shipping Finished Graphics

Flat, or rolled printed side out on a 6 in. (15 cm) or larger core. This helps prevent the application tape, if used, from popping off.

3M Related Literature

In addition to other 3M bulletins specified in this document, the following bulletins provide details users may need to successfully apply a graphic.

- [3M Instruction Bulletin Production: Lamination](#)
- [3M Instruction Bulletin Application: Backlit Signage](#)

Health and Safety

Chemicals

When handling any chemical products, read the manufacturers' container labels and the safety data sheets (SDS) for important health, safety, and environmental information.

[Follow this link to obtain SDS sheets for 3M products.](#)

[Follow this link to obtain information about substances of very high concern \(SVHC\) for EU products.](#)

Tools and Equipment Usage

When using any equipment, always follow the manufacturer's instructions for safe operation.

Air Quality Regulations

Country, state, or regional volatile organic compound (VOC) regulations may prohibit the use of certain chemicals with VOCs in graphic arts coatings and printing operations. Check with local environmental authorities to determine whether use of this product may be restricted or prohibited.

Warranty Information

Warranty Coverage Overview

The warranty coverage for eligible graphics is based on the user both reading and following all applicable and current 3M Graphics product and instruction bulletins. The warranty period for eligible graphics is as stated in the 3M Graphics Warranties Matrices at the time the film was purchased. Information found at [3M.com/graphicswarranties](https://www.3m.com/graphicswarranties) includes:

- [3M Graphics Warranties Bulletin](#)
 - This bulletin contains information on limitations, exceptions, and warranty period reductions for 3M Graphics warranties. The warranty period may be reduced and stipulations may apply for certain constructions, applications, and graphic exposures as covered in this bulletin.
- [3M Graphics Warranties Selector](#)
 - Use this selector to search for your warranty coverage by 3M Graphics Product(s), Inks, Printer, Application(s), and Exposure.
- [3M™ Global Geographical Zones](#)
 - Use this map to identify your warranty zone and determine if you are subject to reduced warranted durabilities.

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