

Commercial Solutions Division

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Product Description

3M™ Scotchcal™ Graphic Film Series 5525C SE and 3M™ Scotchcal™ Graphic Film Series 5525 SE are designed for medium term window and backlit applications.

Product variants with Comply™ adhesive also have air release channels for fast and easy, bubble-free graphic installations.

Product Line	Window decoration	5525 SE-324	sandblast finish, translucent, matte, removable adhesive.
		5525C SE-324	sandblast finish, translucent, matte, removable adhesive with Comply™.
		5525 SE-314	haze finish, translucent, matte, removable adhesive.
		5525C SE-314	haze finish, translucent, matte, removable adhesive with Comply™.

Product Characteristics

These are indicative values for unprocessed products. Contact your 3M representative for a custom specification.

Physical & Application	Material	calendered vinyl (polymeric)	
	Surface finish	matte	
	Thickness (film)	80 µm (0.08 mm)	
	Adhesive type	solvent acrylic, pressure-sensitive	
		In addition: product variants with Comply™ adhesive have air release channels	
	Adhesive appearance	clear	
	Liner	Kraft paper	
		versions with Comply:	double-sided Polyethylene coated paper
	Adhesion	approx. 12 N/25 mm	FTM 1: 180° peel, substrate: glass; cond: 24 h 23°C/50%RH
	Application method	wet or dry	
		versions with Comply:	dry only!
	Applied shrinkage	< 0.4 mm	FTM 14
	Application temperature (minimum air and substrate)	+10°C	for flat surfaces
	Service temperature (after application)	-40°C to +80°C	(not for extended periods of time at the extremes)
	Surface type	flat	
	Substrate type	glass, PMMA, PC*, PETG*, ABS	
		*Might require drying with heat before use	
	Graphic removal	Hard to remove from supported substrates.	

The values above are the results of illustrative lab test measurements and shall not be considered as a commitment from 3M.

Storage	Shelf life	Use within two years from the date of manufacture on the sealed original box. Use within one year after opening the box.
	Storage conditions	+4°C to +40°C, out of sunlight, original container in clean and dry area.

The shelf life as defined above remains an indicative and maximum data, subject to many external and non-controllable factors. It may never be interpreted as warranty.

Flammability	DIN 4102 Part 1 - Fire Behavior of Building Materials and Building Components - Building Materials, Requirements and Tests. Achieved level: B1.
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Durability

The durabilities mentioned in the table below are the results of illustrative lab tests. The values show the best performance expected from these products, provided that the film will be processed and applied professionally according to 3M's recommendations.

The durability statements do not constitute warranties of quality, life and characteristics.

The durability of products is also influenced by:

- the type of substrate and thorough preparation of the surface (with 3M™ Surface Preparation System)
- application procedures
- environmental factors
- the method and the frequency of cleaning

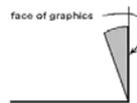
Unprocessed film The following durability data are given for unprocessed film only!

Climatic zones Graphic durability is largely determined by the climate and the angle of exposure. Find below a table showing the durability of a product according to the angle of exposure and the geographical location of the application.

- Zone 1 Northern Europe, Italy (north of Rome), Russia
- Zone 2 Mediterranean area without North Africa, South Africa
- Zone 3 Gulf area, Africa

Exposure types

Vertical:



The face of the graphic is ±10° from vertical.

Interior:

Interior means an application inside a building without direct exposure to sunlight.

Vertical outdoor exposure

transparent

Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
4 years	3 years	2 years

Interior application

interior

Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
5 years	5 years	5 years

3M™ Performance Guarantee and MCS™ Warranty

In addition, 3M provides a guarantee/warranty on a finished applied graphic within the framework of 3M™ Performance Guarantee and/or 3M™ MCS™ warranty programs. For detailed graphic construction and application options along with specific Warranty periods, please see the Warranty matrices and Warranty information on [3M Graphic Solutions/Warranties](#). Visit www.3mgraphics.com for getting more details about 3M's comprehensive graphic solutions.

Limitations of End Uses

Graphics applied to

3M specifically does not recommend or warrant the following uses, but please contact us to discuss your needs to recommend other products.

- flexible substrates incl. 3M™ Panagraphics™ III Wide Width Flexible Substrate.
- low surface energy substrates or substrates with low surface energy coating.
- other than flat surfaces.
- painted or unpainted rough wallboards, gypsum boards and wallpapers.
- stainless steel.
- substrates with tendency of outgassing.
- surfaces that are not clean and smooth.

- Graphic removal from Graphics subjected to Important Notice
- signs or existing graphics that must remain intact.
 - gasoline vapors or spills.
 - 3M Commercial Solutions products are not tested against automotive manufacturer specifications!
 - Application between two sheets of glass is not recommended!
 - Versions with Comply™ are not suitable for electrocut graphics!
 - To avoid color variations all pieces of applied film of one colored area should be processed out of one lot of material.

Special Information

Spectral tau value. According to DIN 5033, part 3 and 7; Ultascan XE, light source diffuse/8°, observer 10°, D65

Typical values for unprocessed product. Not for use in custom specification!

Translucency values	SC5525 SE-314	87% ± 2%
	SC5525 SE-324	69% ± 2%
	SC5525C SE-314	81% ± 2%
	SC5525C SE-324	73% ± 2%

Piezo Ink Jet All variants of films series 5525 SE are piezo inkjet printable. The graphics manufacturer must test, approve and accept all responsibility for satisfactory use.

Graphics Manufacturing

Flat, or rolled film side out on 130 mm (5 inch) or larger core. These methods help to prevent the liner from wrinkling or application tape, if used, from popping off.

Shipping finished graphics

Converting Information

Based upon cutting evaluations the minimum height for text is 25 mm using upper and lowercase Helvetica Medium. The stroke width should not be lower than 1 mm.

Electronic Cutting The variable characteristics of electronically controlled cutting equipment require users to verify their specific requirements.

Sharpness of knife blade Dull blades impart a serrated look to the edge of the cut film.

Weight of knife blade The ideal weight slightly scores the liner. Too little weight does not cut completely through the film and the adhesive. Excessive weight cuts the liner and causes the blade to drag, accelerating wear and creating a serrated cut edge on the film.

Weeding The excess film should be weed (removed) as soon after cutting as practical. This is to minimize the effect of possible adhesive flow.

Temperature and relative humidity Temperature and relative humidity are minor considerations, but avoid extreme or rapid fluctuating conditions.

Roll storage Store the film in the same environment as the cutting equipment.

Further information For more details refer to our instruction bulletin 4.1 'Sheeting, Scoring, Film Cutting', please.

[>Instruction Bulletin 4.1'Sheeting, Scoring, Film cutting'<](#)

Application

See product bulletin ATR 'application tape recommendations' for information about selection and use of suitable application tapes for this product, please.

[> Product Bulletin Application Tape Recommendations <](#)

Refer to Instruction Bulletin 5.1 'select and prepare substrates for graphic application', for general application information.

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Maintenance and Cleaning

Use a cleaner designed for high-quality painted surfaces. The cleaner must be wet, non-abrasive, without strong solvents, and have a pH value between 3 and 11 (neither strongly acidic nor strongly alkaline).

Refer to Instruction Bulletin 6.5 'storage, handling, maintenance and removal of films and sheetings', for general maintenance and cleaning information.

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Important Safety Remark

Application to glass

The application of colored or printed film onto glass with sunlight exposure can lead to glass breakage through thermal expansion of the glass. The local conditions must be examined for the danger of glass break by uneven heat absorption through sun exposure. Type of glass (insulation glass, float glass, LSG, toughened safety glass, semi-tempered glass, etc.), glass dimension, joint condition, flexibility of the sealant, quality of the edge finishing, geographical orientation and partial shadow during sun exposure are the determining factors. Light color designs and application on the outside of the window are to be preferred. A free non-applied framework of 4 mm around the entire window front can help to dissipate the absorbed warmth. According to common knowledge a thermal crack can occur at temperature differences of approx. 130°C (toughened safety glass), approx. 40°C (float glass) or approx. 110°C (semi-tempered glass). Coldest place is usually under the framework in the embedded joined window part, the warmest place is typically on the darkest place in the format. Because of the many above mentioned factors, glass breakage cannot be fully predicted, therefore 3M does not accept liability for glass breakage when using this film for window graphics.

Remarks

- This bulletin provides technical information only.
- Important notice** All questions of warranty and liability relating to this product are governed by the terms and conditions of the sale, subject, where applicable, to the prevailing law.
- Before using, the user must determine the suitability of the product for its required or intended use, and the user assumes all risk and liability whatsoever in connection therewith.
- As outdoor graphics age, natural weathering occurs causing a gradual reduction in gloss, slight color changes, some lifting of the graphic at the edges or around rivets, and ultimately a minor amount of cracking.
- These changes are not evidence of product failure and are not covered by a 3M warranty.
- Additional information** Visit the web site of your local subsidiary at www.3Mgraphics.com for getting:
- more details about 3M™ MCS™ Warranty and 3M™ Performance Guarantee
 - additional instruction bulletins
 - a complete product overview about materials 3M is offering



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