

# Technical Bulletin

## 3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material

### Topic

Plasticizer migration in 3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material – 8710 Silver Transfer Film and Related Products.

### Products Affected

- 3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material – 8705 Silver Transfer Film Trim
- 3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material – 8710 Silver Transfer Film
- 3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material – 8711 Silver Graphic-Ready Transfer Film
- 3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material – 8725 Silver Transfer Film
- 3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material – 8725 Silver Linerless Transfer Film
- 3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material – 8730 Silver Transfer Film
- 3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material – 8850 Silver Pressure Sensitive Adhesive Film
- 3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material – 8720 Silver Footwear Film

### Background

Scotchlite reflective material – 8710 silver transfer film and the related products in the list above may not be compatible with some polyvinyl chloride (PVC, vinyl) films. Certain PVC films containing phosphate plasticizers at a specific level can make the reflective surface of the above 3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material products soft and sticky. This can become a problem when a garment is folded and stored in a warehouse. This migration is accelerated when exposed to heat (i.e. during storage or transportation).

Although plasticizer migration is common when working with PVC films, this issue has only been seen in PVC garments containing phosphate plasticizers. Phosphate plasticizers are commonly used in flame resistant PVC garments. We want to emphasize that our ongoing recommendation is that substrates be tested prior to production to ensure that the customer needs are fulfilled.

### Recommended Product Choices

We recommend the following Scotchlite reflective material when using fabrics showing this issue:

3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material	
Product Category	Recommended Products*
Transfer Film	3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material – 8726 Silver Transfer Film 3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material – 9720 Silver Industrial Wash Transfer Film
Fabrics & Trims	All products
Prismatic	3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material – Series 6100R High Gloss Trim 3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material – Series 7100 High Gloss Trim 3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material – Series 6200R High Gloss Film 3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material – Series 6600R High Gloss Chevron

\*Refer to the Technical Data Sheet for any specific needs (i.e. flame resistance).

## Quality Control

3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material is used in many different global applications. While it is our goal to have our product specifications represent our customers' key requirements at the time of design, it may not always be possible to anticipate every potential application.

Since some customers may detect small variations, depending on their applications and experience with the products affected, 3M recommends that each customer, in accordance with good manufacturing practices, establish an ongoing quality system. Customers should determine what their requirements are, what test methods to use, and then implement continuous testing throughout their production and on their finished garments.

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