# **3M** Polyester Label Material 7874EC

## **Product Data Sheet**

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| Product Description                                   | 3M <sup>™</sup> Polyester Label Material 7874EC is a 50 micron, white polyester<br>labelstock with a matt print receptive topcoat, and is designed for<br>thermal transfer printing. The TT3 topcoat offers excellent image<br>durability in harsh environments. This product utilizes 3M <sup>™</sup> Adhesive<br>350E, designed to provide excellent adhesion to high and low surface<br>energy plastics, metals, painted metals and powder coatings.<br>7874EC 3M TT3 MW PET50-350E/46-65DWG |  |  |
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| Product Descriptor / Dispatch<br>Labelling            |   |  |  |
| Physical Properties<br>Not for specification purposes | Facestock   | 56 micron matt white topcoated polyester                             |  |
| (Calipers are nominal values)                         | Adhesive  | 46 micron 350E acrylic   |  |
|   | Liner   | 56 micron, 62 g/m <sup>2</sup> white densified double-sided glassine |  |
| Key Features  | <ul> <li>TT3 topcoat offers high abrasion resistance combined with<br/>excellent resistance of the thermal transfer image when export<br/>to aggressive chemicals such as brake fluid.</li> </ul>   |  |  |
|   | <ul> <li>TT3 topcoat provides a durable image in many applications<br/>without need of a protective overlaminate.</li> </ul>  |  |  |
|   | <ul> <li>Polyester facestock provides durability in harsh environments.</li> </ul>  |  |  |

- 350E is 3M's most universal labelstock adhesive and offers excellent adhesion, even on low surface energy substrates, combined with excellent temperature and chemical resistance.
- 46 micron adhesive coat weight gives excellent adhesion to textured surfaces
- Densified double-sided glassine liner for consistent die cutting. The double-side liner improves ease of dispensing.
- UL and cUL recognized (File Number MH18072)

| Application Ideas | Barcode labels and rating plates                                 |
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| •                 | Property identification and asset labeling in harsh environments |
| •                 | Warning, instruction, and service labels for durable goods.      |

#### **Performance Characteristics**

Not for specification purposes

Standard Test Conditions are 23°C and 50% Relative Humidity

180° Peel Adhesion tested using FINAT Test Procedure FTM 1 (300mm/min) 90°Peel Adhesion tested using FINAT Test Procedure FTM 2 (300mm/min)

| Adhesion        | 20 Minutes at<br>Standard Conditions |                    | 72 Hours at<br>Standard Conditions |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                 | 180º Peel<br>N/25mm                  | 90º Peel<br>N/25mm | 180º Peel<br>N/25mm                | 90º Peel<br>N/25mm |
| Stainless Steel | 18.9                                 | 17.8               | 26.9                               | 24.3               |
| ABS             | 17.2                                 | 15.8               | 22.8                               | 18.1               |
| Polycarbonate   | 18.2                                 | 17.3               | 23.7                               | 18.5               |
| Polypropylene   | 18.7                                 | 16.7               | 20.7                               | 18.2               |

| Adhesion        | 72 Hours at 70⁰C |          | 72 Hours at - 40ºC |          |
|-----------------|------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|
|                 | 180º Peel        | 90º Peel | 180º Peel          | 90º Peel |
|                 | N/25mm           | N/25mm   | N/25mm             | N/25mm   |
| Stainless Steel | 26.4             | 25.9     | 25.4               | 25.8     |
| ABS             | 20.8             | 14.8     | 21.0               | 21.9     |
| Polycarbonate   | 21.6             | 20.1     | 22.2               | 20.8     |
| Polypropylene   | 15.4             | 11.8     | 20.4               | 20.0     |

| Adhesion        | 72 Hours at<br>40⁰C and 95% RH |        |  |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------|--|
|                 | 180º Peel 90º Peel             |        |  |
|                 | N/25mm                         | N/25mm |  |
| Stainless Steel | 26.0                           | 27.6   |  |
| ABS             | 18.8                           | 20.9   |  |
| Polycarbonate   | 18.9                           | 15.6   |  |
| Polypropylene   | 20.5                           | 20.3   |  |

Liner Release tested using FINAT Test Procedures FTM 3 (180° removal of liner from face material at 300mm/min) FTM 4 (180° removal of liner from face material at 10m/min)

| Liner Release | Rate of<br>Removal | Release<br>Force | Units   |
|---------------|--------------------|------------------|---------|
| FTM 3         | 300 mm per min     | 18.9             | cN/50mm |
| FTM 4         | 10 m per min       | 9.0              | cN/25mm |

Temperature resistance of label applied to stainless steel.

| Other substrates should be tested as | per | r applica | ition |
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| Service Temperature                | -40 to 150⁰C |
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| Minimum Application<br>Temperature | 5°C          |

| <b>Printing:</b><br>Facestock is topcoated for improved ink receptivity and is designed for<br>thermal transfer printing. The topcoat provides improved ink<br>anchorage for standard roll-processing methods including flexography,<br>letterpress, and screen-printing. Thermal transfer printing with resin<br>ribbons is recommended for optimum durability.  |
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| <b>Die Cutting:</b><br>Rotary die cutting is recommended. Fanfolding of labels is not<br>recommended. Small labels should be evaluated carefully. Winding<br>tensions should be kept at a minimum to help prevent the adhesive<br>from oozing.  |
| <b>Packaging:</b><br>Finished labels should be stored in plastic bags.  |
| For maximum bond strength, the surface should be clean and dry.<br>Isopropyl alcohol is a typical cleaning solvent.   |
| <b>NOTE:</b> When using solvents, read and follow the manufacturer's precautions and directions for use.  |
| For best bonding conditions, application surface should be at room temperature or higher. Low temperature surfaces, below 5°C can cause the adhesive to become so firm that it will not develop maximum contact with the substrate. Higher initial bonds can be achieved through increased rubdown pressure.  |
| Store at standard room temperature conditions of 21°C and 50% relative humidity.  |
| 24 months from date of dispatch by 3M when stored in the original packaging at 21 $\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}$ & 50 % relative humidity  |
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Values presented have been determined by standard test methods and are average values not to be used for specification purposes.

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