



# 3M™ Scotchcal™ Graphic Film

Series IJ40

# 3M™ Controllac™ Print Film

Series 40C

## Product Bulletin

### Product Description

These polymeric calendered films offer great versatility making them perfect for indoor and outdoor signs and fleet graphics.

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

Product Line	Screen and inkjet printing		
	IJ40-10		white, opaque, glossy, permanent adhesive (grey).
	IJ40-10T		white, opaque, glossy, permanent adhesive (clear).
	IJ40-10R		white, opaque, glossy, removable adhesive (grey).
	IJ40-20		white, opaque, matte, permanent adhesive (grey).
	IJ40-20R		white, opaque, matte, removable adhesive (grey).
	40C-10		white, opaque, glossy, permanent adhesive (grey) with Comply™.
	40C-10R		white, opaque, glossy, removable adhesive (grey) with Comply™.
	40C-20		white, opaque, matte, permanent adhesive (grey) with Comply™.
	40C-20R		white, opaque, matte, removable adhesive (grey) with Comply™.
	IJ40-114		transparent, glossy, permanent adhesive.
	IJ40-124		transparent, matte, permanent adhesive.
	IJ40-124R		transparent, matte, removable adhesive.

### Product Characteristics

#### Physical & Application

These are typical values for unprocessed products.

Contact your 3M representative for a custom specification.

Material	calendered vinyl (polymeric)
Surface finish	glossy and matte (see product line)
Thickness (film)	75 µm (0.075 mm)
Adhesive type	solvent acrylic, pressure-sensitive
Adhesive appearance	In addition: product variants with Comply™ adhesive have air release channels grey, except for transparent versions; some white films with clear adhesive available (indicated with letter 'T') versions with Comply: grey
Liner	back-sided Polyethylene coated paper versions with Comply: double-sided Polyethylene coated paper
Adhesion	approx. 16 N/25 mm FTM 1: 180° peel, substrate: glass; cond: 24 h 23°C/50%RH
Application method	wet or dry removable films of series approx. 6 N/25 mm versions with Comply: dry only!
Applied shrinkage	< 0.4 mm FTM 14

Application temperature minimum (air and substrate) +10°C for flat surfaces  
+10°C for curved to corrugated surfaces with and without rivets

Service temperature after application -50°C to +90°C

Surface type flat to simple curved  
Substrate type aluminum, glass, PMMA, PC\*, ABS, paint

\*Might require drying with heat before use

Graphic removal Removable without heat and/or chemicals from supported substrates.

Statement given for removable versions only!

No liability is given for ease or speed of removal of any graphic. Pay attention to adequate air and substrate temperature.

## 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.

## Flammability

Flammability standards are different from country to country. Ask your local 3M contact for details, please.

## Durability

Unprocessed film

The following durability data are given for unprocessed film only!

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.

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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  $\pm 10^\circ$  from vertical.

Non-vertical:



The face of the graphic is greater than  $10^\circ$  from vertical and greater than  $5^\circ$  from horizontal.

Interior:

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

Vertical outdoor exposure	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
white	7 years	6 years	4 years
transparent	5 years	4 years	3 years
Non-vertical outdoor exposure	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
white	3.5 years	3 years	2 years
transparent	2.5 years	2 years	1.5 years
Interior application	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
interior	7 years	7 years	7 years

## Limitations of End Uses

Graphics applied to

- flexible substrates incl. 3M™ Panagraphics™ III Wide Width Flexible Substrate.
- low surface energy substrates or substrates with low surface energy coating.
- other than flat or simply curved surfaces.
- painted or unpainted wallboards, gypsum boards and wallpapers.
- stainless steel.
- surfaces that are not clean and smooth.
- surfaces with poor paint to substrate adhesion.

Graphic removal from

- signs or existing graphics that must remain intact.

Graphics subjected to

- gasoline vapors or spills.

Important Notice

- 3M Commercial Solutions products are not tested against automotive manufacturer specifications!
- Due to increasing winding-tension towards the roll core, surface impressions might occur with rolls of a length of more than 200 m.

## Graphics Manufacturing

Graphic protection can improve the appearance, performance and durability of printed graphics. Any printed graphic exposed to abrasive conditions (including vehicles), harsh cleaners or chemicals must include graphic protection in order to be warranted.

When to use an overprint clear or overlamine

See instruction bulletin GPO 'graphic protection options' for further information about selection and use of protective overlaminates and printable clears.

[> Product Bulletin Graphic Protection Options <](#)

Shipping finished graphics

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.

## Converting Information Inkjet Printing

Adequately Dry Graphics

A too high total physical ink amount on the film results in media characteristic changes, inadequate drying, overlaminate lifting, and/or poor graphic performance. The maximum recommended total ink coverage for this film is 270%.

Inadequate drying can result in graphic failure including curling, increased shrinkage and adhesion failure, which are not covered under warranty. Build enough time into your process to ensure adequate drying of the graphic.

Poorly dried film becomes soft and stretchy, and the adhesive becomes too aggressive. 3M recommends at least a minimum drying time of 24 hrs before further processing. Dry the graphic unrolled or at least as a loose wound roll standing upright.

## Converting Information

Formulations and processing conditions can affect ink durability. Refer to the 3M Product and Instruction Bulletins for your ink for limitations and proper usage. Graphic protection can improve the appearance, performance and durability of your graphic.

## Screen Printing

A clear coat also prevents chalking on unprinted films. Use equipment designed to handle high viscosity materials and make sure the coating is evenly applied to the specifications given in the clear's Instruction Bulletin.

Abrasion and  
Loss of Gloss

Abrasion damage and loss of gloss are not covered by any 3M warranty. This is considered normal wear and tear.

## 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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## Remarks

Important notice

This bulletin provides technical information only.

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.

Additional Information

Visit the web site of your local subsidiary at [www.3Mgraphics.com](http://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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