

# PERFORMANCE GUIDE

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## PRODUCT: PermaFlex<sup>®</sup> IP6100 Lustex<sup>®</sup>

**<u>PERMACOLOR</u>**<sup>®</sup>: The **Permacolor** system is a series of pressure sensitive products for mounting and overlaminating in the imaging industries. Pressure sensitive **Permacolor** provides fast, efficient processing through cold roll lamination techniques without the need for heat, drying or messy coating operations.

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**: The **PermaFlex**<sup>®</sup> **overlaminating films** is a family of relatively thick films that are coated with pressure sensitive adhesive on one side. These unique films can be laminated to either one or both sides of photographic prints, transparencies and digital images (inkjet, electrostatic, and thermal) to impart protection, surface texture and enough rigidity to eliminate the need for mounting to traditional flat substrates in many applications. These laminates also retain enough flexibility to allow images to be used in non-flat configurations such as on cylindrical displays. This feature also permits the laminates to be rolled for easy shipping or storage.

**IP6100** is a 10-mil film with a special "**Lustex**" surface. The low gloss texture helps eliminate glare and provides a very unique and pleasing viewing surface. This product can be used as an overlaminate for indoor as well as outdoor applications. **IP6100** not only provides protection from abrasion and moisture, it also helps retard color fade caused by ultra violet (UV) light exposure. **IP6100** exceeds industry standards for slip resistance, when tested according to ASTM D2047.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES	TYPICAL VALUES*	<u>TEST N</u>	IETHOD
<b>Thickness</b> , inches (μm)			ASTM-D645
Film plus adhesive	0.0115 (292)		
Flame Resistance - Surface Burnir	-		
Flame Spread	10		ASTM E-84
Smoke Developed	70		
ANSI	Class	A	
NFPA	Class	A	
UCB	Class	I	
Static Coefficient of Friction (S	lip Resistance)		ASTM C 1028
OSHA recommendations:			SGS US Testing Co.
Dry floors $\geq$ 0.5, Wet surfaces & H	andicap accessible routes	≥0.6, Ramps ≥0.8	
Dry leathe	r 0.65		
White light Transmission, %	92		MACtac CTM-67
(Note: Glass = 100)			
	40		
Gloss (60° angle)	13		ASTM D-523
Temperature Range Guidelines			
Application:	Above EO°E (10	°C) for best results	
End Use:	-20° to 200°F (-29° to 93	•	
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Adhesive pH	Neutral		TAPP-529
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Direct Food Contact	FDA conditions of Use B	through H 21 CFR	177.1580
		-	Subsections (a), (b) & (c)
Co-efficient of Expansion	1.7 X10 <sup>-5</sup> in/in/°C	ASTM D696	

**DURABILITY:** The durability of the film is 2-3 years in vertical (90±5°) applications outdoors and 5+ years indoors. While all Permacolor overlaminating films have UV resistance built in to help extend the life of your image, the durability of the image is mainly dependent upon the quality of the inks (see technical data sheets given by the ink manufacturers) and pressure sensitive media being used.

**SHELF LIFE**: Two years when stored at 75°F (24°C) and 50% relative humidity or less. Note: MACtac recommends that rolls be stored on end or suspended from the core.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ROLLING AND SHIPPING LAMINATED IMAGES:**

MACtac studies and field surveys with numerous customers using Permacolor<sup>®</sup> laminates in rolled-up graphic applications, leads to the following recommendations for rolling and shipping laminated images:

#### 1. **Prior to rolling graphics:**

a) A 2 - 4 hour wet-out period is strongly recommended for the adhesive system to build to ultimate adhesion. This will significantly improve your success with rolled-up graphics.

#### 2. For single-side laminated images:

- a) Roll laminated side out for shipping and storage.
- b) An inside roll diameter of 3 5 inches, minimum, is recommended for graphics with *less than 10 mil total graphic thickness* (includes imaged media and Permacolor overlaminates).
- C) For images with a *total thickness of 10 mils or greater* an inside roll diameter of 10 12 inches, minimum, is recommended.

#### 3. For images laminated on both front and back sides:

- a) Roll images with the thicker laminate to the outside for shipping and storage. For example: if your image has 5 or 10 mil polycarbonate on the front and 15 mil polycarbonate on the back (for additional stiffness), roll the graphic with the 15 mil PermaFlex<sup>®</sup> side out.
- b) All double laminated images should be rolled with an inside roll diameter of 10 12 inches minimum. Remember that a larger inside diameter is better.

Please keep in mind that this is a **recommendation**, individual experience should not be discounted. We recognize that different laminators and laminating methods may produce different results. The recommendations above represent our experience as having the "greatest" success in the field.

- 1) The user is responsible for determining the product's suitability, including adhesion and if needed, removal characteristics when used in applications other than listed specifically in this Performance Guide.
- 2) If there are any questions about applications, please contact your MACtac sales representative to discuss your requirements for recommendations.
- **3)** If this is a printed Performance Guide it is an uncontrolled document. Please check the MACtac website for the latest, most up-to-date version.

### \* Values given are typical and are not necessarily for use in specification. CALL 1-800-401-5005 for additional product information

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