

REFLECTID

Description

ReflectID retroreflective sheeting was specifically developed for use in reflective Car License Plates (CLP), and can also be used on motorcycle or truck license plates. Sheet is all-weather, bright, durable, flexible and impact resistant sheeting consisting of glass beads embedded with a transparent film. It is pre-coated with a permanent pressure sensitive adhesive protected by easily removable liner that will provide a secure bond for many years. After sheeting is applied to the base plates, it is embossed and printed with either a opaque ink or hot stamping foil to produce attractive license plates. If applied properly, sheeting and inks or hot stamping foil will result in a bright and highly legible license plate during the daytime and nighttime when viewed from the car. The combination of these qualities will contribute to traffic safety.

Physical data

The minimum retroreflective values of sheeting are given in Table-1 below. Measurements shall be conducted in accordance with ISO 7591 (Road vehicles - Retro-reflective registration plates for motor vehicles and trailers - Specification). The reflective value of series sheeting, totally wet by rain, will not be reduced by more than 10% of the values specified in Table-1 below. Rainfall performance measurement shall be conducted at 0°20' observation and 5° entrance angle in accordance with ISO 7591.

Table 1 Minimum values of retroreflectivity

Color	O.A	Entrance angle			Max.
		5°	30°	40°	
White	0°12'	45	18	8	250
	0°20'	30	12	6	
	1°30'	3.5	2	0.7	
Yellow	0°12'	30	12	5	250
	0°20'	20	8	4	
	0°30'	2.3	0.8	0.4	

Table 2 Typical value of retroreflectivity

Color & Item no.	O.A	Entrance angle		
		5°	30°	40°
White	0°12'	82	36	20
	0°20'	66	30	20
	1°30'	12	9.2	6.5
Yellow	0°12'	58	28	12
	0°20'	43	25	16
	0°30'	8.9	7.1	4.9

O.A.: Observation Angle

Table 3 Color limits (Daytime)

Color	1		2		3		4		Luminance factor
	x	y	x	y	x	y	x	y	
White	0.355	0.355	0.305	0.305	0.285	0.325	0.335	0.375	≥ 0.35
Yellow	0.465	0.534	0.427	0.483	0.487	0.423	0.545	0.454	≥ 0.27

Color coordinates of White and Yellow conforming to the color limits of Table-3 above. (The four pairs of chromaticity coordinates determine the acceptable color in terms of the CIE 1931 Standard Colorimetric System measured with CIE Standard Illuminant D65.)

Table 4 Physical Properties of the sheeting

Properties	Test Method	Results
Average thickness	Micrometer	160 μ m
Average gloss	Gloss meter	85 at 60°
Tensile strength	Instron tester	22.5 N/25 mm width
Average elongation	Instron tester	120%

Table 5 Chemical Tests Performance (After applied to aluminium plate)

Chemical composition	Test performed	Results
Water resistance	24 hours at 23±5°C, RH 10±5% → drying 48 hours	No defects
Average gloss	Wipe with heptane after smeared with a mixture of lubricating oil and graphite	No defects
Tensile strength	Immerse the sample for 1 min. in 70% n-heptane + 30% toluol.	No defects
Average elongation	According to ISO 7591, Item 15: Resistance to saline mist	No corrosion and no defects

Table 6 Physical properties of the sheeting (After applied to aluminium plate)

Type of test	Test method	Results
Temperature resistance	7 hours at 65±2°C, RH 10±5% → 1 hours at 23±5°C, RH 10±10% → 15 hours in -20°C	No peeling, cracking, blistering and discoloration
Adhesion	Peel sheeting after 1 hour, -20°C	Sheet can not peel without breaking
Impact resistance	Immediately after conditioned 1 hour at -20°C, drop 25mm diameter steel ball from 2m height to the sample rate	No further cracking and no separation cloud not be found around the hit mark
Flexibility	Bend the flat sample 90° along with the 50mm mandrel within 2 seconds at 23±5°C	No cracking

The test of Table-5 and Table-6 above are based on tests conducted on sheeting applied to chemically treated aluminum panels and conditioned for 24 hours at a temperature 23±2°C and 50±5% relative humidity before testing. All the aforementioned figures in the tables are based on our experience and actual measurements based on our own tests. However, these figures may not be guaranteed.

Effective performance life

Based on numerous tests and past experience, finished license plates of sheeting, applied on the treated aluminum plate and processed as recommended, will perform effectively without remarkable color fading, sheet peeling, blistering, or cracking, for:

- 5 to 7 years
- +10 years using L2 or L3 transparent protective UV laminate

Cleaning

During its lifetime the CLP may require cleaning at some stage. The CLP will probably have sand/grit within the surface dirt, therefore it is recommended that a low-pressure flow of water is used to help remove this loose dirt and sand/grit from the CLP first. Never use a strong jet of water. Rubbing the sand/grit into the CLP during the cleaning procedure may cause irreparable damage to the CLP material. Therefore, care must be taken during the cleaning process. A small solution of a mild detergent in clean warm water is recommended for cleaning the material surface. The detergent and cloth must be non-abrasive, free of any strong aromatic solvents or alcohols and be chemically neutral. Rinse the whole area thoroughly after washing and allow to dry naturally or use a lint free cloth. Tar or similar deposits can be removed by a light application of turpentine, following with the washing instructions above.

Storage

Retroreflective sheeting, inks, thinner, etc. should be stored between 15°C to 25°C, ideally with a relative humidity of 30% to 60%, and out of direct sunlight. Retroreflective sheeting and inks should be used within one year after purchased. Do not leave full or open rolls of material resting on hard surfaces; this may cause bruising to the retroreflective material, which may not be seen until exposed to a light source.

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