# Product Bulletin 8548G/8549L

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# 8548G Gloss Wrap Overlaminate 8549L Luster Wrap Overlaminate

## **Product Description**

- Suitable for application surfaces that are flat, flat with rivets, corrugated, simple curves, compound curves, or deep channels and concave surfaces.
- Gloss and Luster high performance non-PVC
- Exceptional conformability and lifting resistance
- Less prone to scratching
- Superior UV protection
- Longer term vertical durability
- Horizontal warranty
- Expected performance life of 9 years (unwarranted period applied to a flat, vertical, outdoor surface)

## **Recommended Types of Graphics and End Uses**

- For inkjet printed films <u>3M™ Scotchcal™ Graphic Film w/ Comply™ Adhesive IJ170Cv;</u> <u>3M™ Controltac™ Graphic Film IJ180, with Comply™ Adhesive IJ180C and IJ180Cv3;</u> <u>3M™ Controltac™ Wrap Film w/ Comply™ Adhesive IJ380Cv3;</u> <u>3M™ Envision™ Print Wrap Film LX480Cv3/SV480Cv3</u>
- Fleet
- Vehicle Wraps
- Watercraft
- Transit
- Labels
- Thermoformable
- Signage
- Awning
- Smooth Walls/Textured Walls and Surfaces
- Windows and Glass

#### **Quick Links**

<u>3M Graphics Warranties</u> <u>Technical Information Selector</u> <u>Safety Data Sheets (SDS)</u> <u>Flammability (ASTM E84 Reports)</u> <u>Videos</u>

Some of these links lead to web-based resources that are not product-specific.



## **Characteristics**

These are typical values for unprocessed product. Processing may change the values.

### **Performance Characteristics**

Characteristic	Value
Material	Non-PVC
Cast or non-Cast	N/A
Thickness	2 mils
Gloss	8548G: Gloss 8549L: Luster
Liner	8548G: Polyester 8549L: Kraft paper
Lamination Temperature	50 to 100 °F (10 to +38 °C)
In Use Temperature Range	-65 to +225 °F (-54 to +107 °C)
Chemical Resistance	<ul> <li>Resists mild alkalis, mild acids, and salt</li> <li>Excellent resistance to water <i>(does not include immersion)</i></li> <li>Resists occasional fuel spills</li> </ul>
Flammability	ASTM E84 reports: <u>8548G</u> , or go to the On-line Product Catalog at <u>3Mgraphics.com</u> All other test reports: call 1-800-328-3908

## **Warranty Information**

All 3M graphic protection products are covered by the 3M Basic Product Warranty.

A warranty period may be offered based on the graphic construction and application details. Always refer to the 3M Product Bulletin for the 3M base film or flexible substrate you are using to determine if the graphic protection product you want to use is recommended and what, if any warranty period is offered.

### (i) IMPORTANT NOTE

Warranty information including limitations and exceptions and warranty periods for this product can be found at <u>3Mgraphics.com/</u><u>warranties</u>.

## Warranty Coverage Overview

The warranty coverage for eligible graphics is based on the user both reading and following all applicable and current 3M Graphics Product and Instruction Bulletins. The warranty period for eligible graphics is as stated in the 3M Graphics Warranties Matrices at the time that the film was purchased. Information found at <u>3Mgraphics.com/warranties</u> includes:

- <u>3M Graphics Warranties Bulletin</u>
  - This bulletin contains information on limitations and exceptions, and warranty period reductions for 3M Graphics Warranties. The warranty period may be reduced and stipulations may apply for certain constructions and applications, and graphic exposures as covered in this Bulletin.
- <u>3M Graphics Warranties Selector</u>
  - Use this selector to search for your vertical warranty period by product number, ink type, and ink/printer platform.
- U.S. Desert Southwest Region Map
  - Use this map of hot, arid desert areas to determine if you are subject to reduced warranted durabilities.

The warranties set forth in this Bulletin are made in lieu of all other express or implied warranties, including any implied warranty of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, or arising out of a course of dealing, custom, or usage of trade.

### **3M Basic Product Warranty**

3M Graphics Products are warranted to be free of defects in materials and manufacture at the time of shipment and to meet the specifications stated in its applicable 3M Graphics Product Bulletin and as further set forth in the <u>3M Graphics Warranties Bulletin</u>.

### **Limited Remedy**

The limited remedy applicable to each warranty is addressed in the 3M Graphics Warranties Bulletin found at <u>3MGraphics.com/warranties</u>.

### **Limitation of Liability**

Except to the extent prohibited by law, 3M SHALL NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE LIABLE TO PURCHASER OR USER FOR ANY DIRECT (EXCEPT FOR THE LIMITED REMEDY PROVIDED HEREIN), INDIRECT, SPECIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, LABOR, NON-3M MATERIAL CHARGES, LOSS OF PROFITS, REVENUE, BUSINESS, OPPORTUNITY, OR GOODWILL) RESULTING FROM OR IN ANY WAY RELATED TO 3M'S GRAPHICS PRODUCTS, SERVICES, OR THIS BULLETIN. This limitation of liability applies regardless of the legal or equitable theory under which such losses or damages are sought.

### **Warranty Period Matrices**

See the 3M Graphics Warranties Matrices at <u>3MGraphics.com/warranties</u>, for vertical warranty period information specific to your film.

### **Additional Limitations**

See the 3M Graphics Warranties Bulletin at <u>3MGraphics.com/warranties</u>, for terms, additional limitations of your warranty, if any, information on reduced warranties for different exposures, and limitations of liability.

## **Health and Safety**



When handling any chemical products, read the manufacturers' container labels and the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for important health, safety and environmental information. To obtain SDS sheets for 3M products go to <u>3M.com/SDS</u>, or by mail or in case of an emergency, call 1-800-364-3577 or 1-651-737-6501.

When using any equipment, always follow the manufacturers' instructions for safe operation.

### **Air Quality Regulations**

State Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) regulations may prohibit the use of certain chemicals with VOC's in graphic arts coatings and printing operations. For example, the California South Coast Air Quality Management District prohibits use of certain solvent-based solutions without a permit and other California AQMD's prohibit use of certain solutions without a permit or regulatory exemption. Check with your State environmental authorities to determine whether use of this solution may be restricted or prohibited.

# Factors that Affect Graphic Performance Life

The actual performance life of a graphic is affected by:

- the combinations of graphics materials used.
- complete ink drying or curing.
- selection, condition and preparation of the substrate.
- surface texture.
- application methods.
- angle and direction of sun exposure.
- environmental conditions.
- cleaning or maintenance methods.

## **Graphics Manufacturing**

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Before using any equipment, always read the manufacturer's instructions for safe operation.

#### **Completely Dry Graphics**

#### (i) IMPORTANT NOTE

Incomplete drying can result in graphic failure including curling, increased shrinkage and adhesion failure, which are not covered under any 3M Graphic Warranty.

See the ink's 3M Product and Instruction Bulletin for more details.

### **Graphic Protection**

Graphic protection may improve the appearance, performance and durability of the graphic. See the <u>3M Graphics Market Product Catalog</u>, for more information.

## **Application Tapes**

There are two types of application tapes. See <u>3M Instruction Bulletin AT-1</u> to determine what application tape is recommended for your film or finished graphic.

#### **Premasking Tape**

Increases stiffness during application while preventing stretching and damage. Use when little or no liner is exposed. See <u>3M Instruction Bulletin</u> <u>4.3</u> for complete details.

#### **Prespacing Tape**

Holds cut and weeded letters or graphics in place during application and after removing the film liner, while preventing stretching and damage. Use when large amounts of liner are exposed. See <u>3M Instruction Bulletin 4.3</u> for complete details.

## **Application and Installation**

In addition to other 3M Bulletins specified in this document, the following Bulletins provide details that you may need to successfully apply a graphic.

• <u>3M Instruction Bulletin 4.22</u>. Lamination Basics for Inkjet Printed Graphics.

## **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). See <u>3M Instruction Bulletin 6.5</u> for details.

## Shelf Life, Storage and Shipping

#### Shelf Life

The shelf life is never more than 3 years from the date of manufacture on the original box.

If you process the film, the shelf life is changed to **1 year** from the processing date, but not later than the 3 year maximum from the manufacturing date.

#### **Storage Conditions**

- 40° to 100°F (4° to 38°C)
- Out of sunlight
- Clean, dry area
- Original container
- Bring the film to room temperature before use

#### **Shipping Finished Graphics**

Flat, or rolled printed side out on 6 inch (15 cm) or larger core. This helps prevent the application tape, if used, from popping off.

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