

Use Information: This paragraph is informational only and is not exclusively definitive of the end use. For minimum quality face and back offset printing of books, pamphlets, catalog, folders, circulars, open forms, etc. of a non-permanent nature. Printed forms are suitable for execution with ball point and felt tip pens. Low brightness may be specified. May contain foreign or “dirt” particles embedded in the surface of the paper. Printed mater may include text and line illustrations.

Stock: ¹ Not less than 100% total recovered fiber of which 50% shall be postconsumer fiber. Any percent over 50 percentage points, is encouraged, provided that the requirements of this Standard are met.

Basis weight: 25 by 38 inches, 500 sheets
(pounds) 40² 45² 50² 60 70 80 100
A tolerance of ±5% shall be allowed.

Bursting strength:
Average, not less than (lb/in²) 12 13 15 18 21 24 30

Opacity: Average, not less than (percent) 87 88 90 92 94 95 96
No individual specimen shall average less than (percent) 86 87 88 90 92 93 94

Thickness: Average (mils) 3.0 3.5 4.0 4.8 5.6 6.4 8.8
A tolerance of ±0.0005 inch shall be allowed. Paper shall be uniform and shall not vary more than 0.0004 inch from edge to edge.

General appearance: Paper shall conform to the standard sample(s) established by the Government.

Brightness: Shall target 81% or as specified.

Color: The paper in the order (or publication) shall be uniform and the color variation shall not exceed DE(CIELAB) = 1.0.

Finish and formation: Shall be uniform.

Cleanliness: The dirt count for each side of the paper shall not exceed 650 specks per square meter. No sample sheet (600 to 650 cm² in size) shall contain more than one defect with equivalent area of 0.25 mm² or greater.

Testing: Shall be conducted in accordance with methods in part 2, *Government Paper Specification Standards*. The acceptance criteria Part 4 shall apply.

¹Alternatively, the ordering agency may specify an environmentally-preferable stock by adding the language to the solicitation and/or adjusting the **Stock** requirement.

²These weights are typically not available in less than mill run quantities.