

Use information: This paragraph is informational only and is not exclusively definitive of the end use.

For mimeographing. Circular letters, notices, office forms, etc., may be printed face and back. Printed matter may include text and line illustrations. For use when durability, above-average appearance, and semipermanence are required.

Stock: Not less than 25 pct cotton or linen fibers. Groundwood pulp, not to exceed 1 pct.

*Note:*¹ *Not less than 30 pct postconsumer recovered fiber. Any percent over 30 percentage points, is encouraged, provided that the requirements of this Standard are met.*

Grammage (g/m²) 75
 Basis weight: 17 by 22 inches, 500 sheets (pounds) 20
 A tolerance of ±5 pct shall be allowed.

Bursting strength: Average, not less than (kPa) 110
 Equivalent (lb/in²) 16

Opacity: Average, not less than (percent) 91
 No individual specimen shall average less than (percent) 89

Thickness: Average (mm) 0.125
 Equivalent (inch) 0.0050
 A tolerance of ±0.013 mm (0.0005 inch) shall be allowed.
 Paper shall be uniform and shall not vary more than 0.011 mm (0.0004 inch) from one edge to the other.

Oil penetration: Average, not to exceed (seconds) 50

Smoothness: Average, each side, not less than (units) .. 200

Writing quality: Characters written with ball point and felt tip pens shall be clear cut and free from excessive feathering.

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

Color: The paper in the order (or publication) shall be uniform with a target brightness of 80 pct. The color variation shall not exceed DE(CIELAB)=1.0.

Formation: Shall be uniform.

Cleanliness: The dirt count for each side of the paper shall not exceed 250 specks per square meter. No sample sheet (600 to 650 cm² in size) shall contain more than one defect with an equivalent area of 0.25 mm² or greater.

Sampling and testing: Shall be conducted in accordance with standards in Part 2, *Government Paper Specification Standards*.

Unless otherwise specified, the following is automatically waived when printing or duplicating is to be accomplished on commercial contract

Mimeograph quality: Shall be satisfactory at 1500 impressions.

Color: Shall match the Government's standard sample for color. A deviation of DE(CIELAB)=3.0 from the color standard is allowed.

Curl: Paper shall lie flat with either no tendency to curl or with a curl which can be overcome under reasonable working conditions.

Surface: Shall be free from lint, fuzz, or any particles which will pick, lift, fluff, or pile on the blanket under normal press conditions.

Size and trim: Sheets: Paper shall be furnished in the size(s) ordered and shall be flat, trimmed square of four sides with clean smooth edges, and evenly jogged. A tolerance of ±2 mm (1/16

inch) shall be allowed except for sheets 216 by 356 mm (8½ by 14 inches) or less; then a tolerance of ±1 mm (1/32 inch) shall be allowed. Successive sheets within any package shall not differ from each other by more than 0.5 mm (1/64 inch). Paper with the long dimension 813 mm (32 inches) or less shall be considered square if the variation does not exceed 1 mm (1/32 inch); over 813 mm (32 inches), 2 mm (1/16 inch).

Grain: Direction of the grain on flat paper shall be as ordered.

Pressroom conditions: The bulk of this paper will be used in air-conditioned pressrooms maintained at 24°C ±2°C and 45 pct ±8 pct relative humidity.

¹This requirement may be waived by the ordering agency when purchasing less than a *mill run* quantity and so stated in the procurement document. Note, recovered material (cotton/linen) is not a postconsumer recovered fiber.