

Use Information: This paragraph is informational only and is not exclusively definitive of the end use. For higher quality multicolor face and back offset printing of stationery, letterheads, certificates, citations, diplomas, etc. requiring execution with pen and ink, and suitable for processing in a laser printer. Printed matter may include text, line illustrations, and ruled forms. Allows for unique finishes for special print requirements.

Stock: Ground wood pulp, not to exceed 1%.
Note: Not less than 30% postconsumer fiber. Any percent over 30 percentage points, is encouraged, provided that the requirements of this Standard are met.

Basis weight: 17 by 22 inches, 500 sheets
(pounds) 24 28
A tolerance of ±5% shall be allowed.

Folding endurance: Average each direction
not less than (MIT double folds)..... 12 14

Opacity: Average not less than (percent) 89 90
No individual specimen shall average less
than (percent) 87 88

Ruling and writing quality: Lines ruled and characters
written with pen and ink shall be clear-cut and free from
excessive feathering.

Curl: Paper shall lie flat before and after processing
through a high-speed copier or laser printer with either no

tendency to curl or with a curl, which can be overcome
under reasonable working conditions.

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

Brightness: The white paper shall have a target brightness
of 88% 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.

For colored stock, paper shall match one of the
established color standards in Part 3 or match a color
sample supplied by the ordering agency. Colors shall not
fade or transfer (rub off) and shall appear even and
uniform on the surface of the sheet. The sheet shall not be
2-sided.

Finish: Paper shall have a smooth-finish or as specified
(linen, leatherette, felt, etc.).

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.