

**Use Information:** This paragraph is informational only and is not exclusively definitive of the end use. For high quality multicolor face and back offset printing of reply cards, covers for book, periodicals, etc. The 60-lb stock is not suitable for use as a reply card. Printed matter may include text, line illustrations, halftones up to 200-line screen. and solids

**Stock:** Free from ground wood or unbleached pulp.  
*Note: Not less than 10% postconsumer fiber. Any percent over 10 percentage points, is encouraged, provided that the requirements of this Standard are met.*

**Acidity:** pH value of the coating shall average not less than 6.5

**Basis weight:** 20 by 26 inches,  
500 sheets (pounds) ..... 60<sup>1</sup> 80 100 120  
A tolerance of  $\pm 5\%$  shall be allowed.

**Bursting strength:** Average not less than (lb/in<sup>2</sup>) ..... 40 50 60 70

**Tearing strength:** Average each direction not less than (grams) ..... 80 100 120 140

**Opacity:** Average not less than (percent) ..... 96 96 97 98  
No individual specimen shall average less than (percent) ..... 94 94 95 96

**Gloss (75°):** Average each side not less than (percent)..... 50

**Smoothness of coating:** Average, each side not to exceed (Sheffield units) ..... 110

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

**Brightness:** Shall not less than target 85% 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.

**Formation:** Coating shall be uniform; shall be uniformly applied; shall not be gritty, mottled, stippled, or ribbed in appearance; and shall not exhibit cracks or flake off.

**Cleanliness:** The dirt count for each side of the paper shall not exceed 50 specks per square meter. No sample sheet (600 to 650 cm<sup>2</sup> in size) shall contain more than one defect with equivalent area of 0.25 mm<sup>2</sup> or greater.

**Testing:** Shall be conducted in accordance with methods in part 2, *Government Paper Specification Standards*. The acceptance criteria Part 4 does not apply.

<sup>1</sup> The caliper for this weight stock may not meet USPS requirement; weight not readily available commercially.