

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 brochures, programs, covers for books, periodicals, etc. Printed matter may include text, line illustrations, and halftones up to 150-line screen and solid reverses.

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: 20 by 26 inches,
500 sheets (pounds) 50 ² 65 80 100
A tolerance of ±5% shall be allowed.

Bursting strength: Average
not less than (lb/in²) 30 40 50 60

Tearing strength: Average
each direction not less than
(grams) 100 130 160 180

Opacity: For white only,
average not less than
(percent) 94 95 96 97
No individual specimen shall
average less than (percent) 92 93 94 95

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

Brightness: The white paper shall have a target brightness of 83% or as specified.

Color: ² 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 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

OPTION

Alkaline paper. This option is for products requiring above average permanence. Replace / add the following properties.

Stock: 100% bleached chemical wood pulp.
Note: Not less than 30% postconsumer fiber. Any percent over 30 percentage points, is encouraged, provided that the requirements of this Standard are met.

Acidity: pH value by cold extraction shall be not less than 7.0. The paper shall contain not less than 2% calcium carbonate.

Note: Any deviation in this requirement is sufficient cause for rejection of the paper

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

¹ The GPO stocks these colors (vermillion red, canary yellow, sun orange, killarney green, victoria green, dutch blue, venice blue, peach tan, pecan brown, saddle tan, brown, light gray or sand gray). Exact matches to these colors are available in mill run quantities.

² This weight is typically not available in less than mill run quantities.