

**Thermal Transfer Printable Polyimide
LIGHT ORANGE**

Description: POLYONICS XF-503 is a special 1 mil (25µ) polyimide film with a high-temperature permanent pressure sensitive acrylic adhesive and a high opacity, semi-gloss, light orange tinted topcoat specifically designed for thermal transfer printing. Using a 1 mil vs. a 2 mil polyimide film base offers polyimide thermal performance at less cost.

Properties: The XF-503 topcoat, in combination with the appropriate thermal transfer ribbon, passes the requirements of **MIL-STD-202G, Notice 12, Method 215K** and **MIL-STD-883E, Notice 4, Method 2015.13**. The print resists smearing, even when the board and label are directly removed from a reflow or wave solder environment. Preheating the labeled product can further enhance print permanence in the case of extreme solvent and/or abrasion exposure, although this is not typically required for board processing applications.

Applications:

- POLYONICS XF-503 is specifically designed for high-temperature-lead-free solder applications.
- It is the ideal label to withstand surface mount board processes, on either the top or bottom side of the board. It can also be used on the top side of the board in mixed processes, and is recommended for the bottom side which is directly exposed to the wave solder environment.
- 1 mil polyimide is perfect in applications where low profile labeling is required such as silk screening or stacking.
- XF-503 is particularly useful in manufacturing processes where dimensional stability of the label is critical.
- IC labeling for work in process, permanent ID & warranty labeling
- Product ID, asset tracking
- Color coding for RoHS manufacturing process line differentiation
- Color coding sub-assemblies
- Anywhere a label will be exposed to extreme temperatures

Special Considerations:

- The surface that you want to label should be clean, dry and free of any surface contamination, such as dust, oil or rust. Isopropyl alcohol would be a recommend solvent to clean the surface.
- When you apply the label, you must use firm pressure to increase the physical contact of the adhesive with the surface of the product.
- Pressure sensitive adhesives will provide stronger bonds to a warm surface, as compared to a colder one. The adhesive will 'flow' more readily, increasing the surface area and increasing the adhesion peel strength.
- The XF-503 top coat & print should not be contacted while exposed to elevated temperature.
- All values shown are averages and should not be used for specification purposes. Adhesion and tack values have a 15% tolerance allotted to the above values stated.
- Test data and test results contained in this document are for general information only and shall not be relied upon by POLYONICS customers for designs and specifications, or be relied on as meeting specified performance criteria.
- Customers desiring to develop specifications or performance criteria for specific product applications should contact Polyonics for further information



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Technical Data

Properties	Test Method	Average Results	
		USA Units	SI Units
Thickness	ASTM D1000		
-Face sheet		0.0015 inch	0.038 mm
-Adhesive		0.0010 inch	0.025 mm
-Total		0.0025 inch	0.064 mm
Adhesion	Polyonics 80313		
-Stainless Steel	20 minute dwell	≥ 27 oz/in	30N/100 mm
	24 hour dwell	≥ 30 oz/in	33N/100 mm
Tack	Polyonics 80155		
		≥ 1000 g/in	
Temperature Rating:	Long term	100 hours at 302°F (125°C)	
	Operating	5 minutes at 500°F (260°C)	
	Short term	90 seconds at 572°F (300°C)	
Shelf Life	1 year below 80°F (27°C) and 60% R.H.		
UL File #	PGJI2.MH19503		
UL tested ribbons	Ricoh B110CR, C, Armor AXR7+, 8, Union Chemcar US300, Sony 4070, JPP1, DNP R510		

Color may fade when exposed to elevated temperatures

Durability Testing

Properties	Test Method	Test Environment	PCS ¹	Read Rate ²
Heat/ Chemical Resistance	Polyonics 80386	Control 70°C, 5 min	99%	100%
		Kyzen Corp. Aquanox SSA 30% aqueous, 70°C 5 min.	99%	100%
		Re-Entry KNI 2000 Terpene, 70°C, 5 min.	100%	99%
		Alpha Metals Inc. EC-7R Terpene, 70°C, 5 min.	98%	100%
		Alpha Metals Inc. 2110 Saponifier 10% aqueous 70°C, 5 min.	97%	100%
		Isopropanol 99%, 70°, 5 min.	99%	100%
		Kyzen XJN+ 30%, 70°C, 5 min.	99%	100%

Chemical Testing

Properties	Test Method	Test Fluid	Results
Chemical Resistance	MIL-STD-202G, Notice 12, Method 215K MIL-STD-883E, Notice 4, Method 2015.13	Solvent A- 1 part IPA, 3 parts Mineral Spirits	No visible effect
		Solvent B- 1,1,1 Trichloroethane	Solvent deleted per notice 12
		Solvent C- Terpene Defluxer	No visible effect
		Solvent D- Saponifier	No visible effect

Polyonics Material Compliance

RoHS- Restriction of Hazardous Substances (EU Directive 2002/95/EC)	Limits set forth in Directive 2005/618/EC amending Directive 2002/95/EC
REACH- Registration Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals (EU Directive 1907/2006/EC)	Limits set forth in Directive 1907/2006/EC Article 7 (2)
Halogens- Restriction use of Halogen (IEC 61249-2-21)	Limits set forth in International Electrochemical Commission



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- All SI units are mathematically derived from U.S. conventional units.
- Labels printed with a recommended thermal transfer ribbon using a Zebra 90Xi printer. Labels printed with 3:1 ratio barcodes with 6 mil X dimension bars. Labels exposed to indicated environments:
- ¹PCS - Print Contrast Signal. PCS determined with Quick Check 650, 0.005" aperture, 660 nm wavelength.
- Quick Check 650 manufactured by Photographic Sciences Corp.
- ²Read rate determined using PSC 850 laser scanner

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References:

ASTM: American Society for Testing and Materials (U.S.A.)

SI: International Systems of Units.



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