



**Description:**

POLYONICS XF-525 is a polyimide film with a high-temperature permanent pressure sensitive acrylic adhesive and a high opacity, light green tinted topcoat specifically designed for barcode or alphanumeric identification of printed circuit boards, or related electronic components using thermal transfer printing.

**Properties:**

The XF-525 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-525 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 that is directly exposed to the wave solder environment.
- XF-525 is particularly useful in manufacturing processes where dimensional stability of the label is critical.
- Color coding for RoHS manufacturing process line differentiation
- Color coding sub-assemblies
- IC labeling for work in process, permanent ID & warranty labeling
- Product ID, asset tracking
- Anywhere a label will be exposed to extreme temperatures
- Designed to work in automatic label application equipment

**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-525 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



**Polyonics Material Specifications**

Properties	Test Method	Average Results	
		USA Units	SI Units
<b>Thickness</b>	<b>ASTM D1000</b>		
<b>-Face sheet</b>		0.0024 inch	0.061 mm
<b>-Adhesive</b>		0.0020 inch	0.050 mm
<b>-Total</b>		0.0044 inch	0.111 mm
<b>Adhesion</b>	<b>Polyonics</b>		
<b>-Stainless Steel</b>	<b>20 minute dwell</b>	≥ 35 oz/in	38N/100 mm
	<b>24 hour dwell</b>	≥ 40 oz/in	44N/100 mm
<b>Tack</b>	<b>Polyonics 80155</b>		
		≥ 1200 g/in	
<b>Temperature Rating:</b>	-40 to 550°F (-40 to 287°C)		
<b>Shelf Life</b>	<b>1 year below 80°F (27°C) and 60% R.H.</b>		
<b>UL File #</b>	PGJ12.MH19503		
<b>UL Tested Ribbons</b>	Ricoh B110CR, C, Armor AXR7+, 8, Sony 4070, JPP1, Union Chemcar US300, DNP R510		

**Durability Testing**

Properties	Test Method	Test Environment	PCS <sup>1</sup>	Read Rate <sup>2</sup>
<b>Heat/Chemical Resistance</b>	<b>Polyonics 80386</b>	Control 70°C, 5 min.	99%	100%
		Kyzen Corp. Aquanox SSA 30% aqueous, 70°C, 5 min.	100%	99%
		Re-Entry KNI 2000 Terpene, 70°C, 5 min	98%	100%
		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°C, 5 min.	99%	100%
		Kyzen XJN+, 30% 70°C, 5min.	99%	100%

**Chemical Testing**

Properties	Test Method	Test Fluid	Results
<b>Chemical Resistance</b>	<b>MIL-STD-202G, Notice 12, Method 215K MIL-STD-883E, Notice 4, Method 2015.13</b>		
		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**

<b>RoHS- Restriction of Hazardous Substances (EU Directive 2002/95/EC)</b>	Limits set forth in Directive 2005/618/EC amending Directive 2002/95/EC
<b>REACH- Registration Evaluation and Authorization of Chemicals (EU Directive 1907/2006/EC)</b>	Limits set forth in Directive 1907/2006/EC Article 7 (2)
<b>Halogens- Restriction use of Halogen (IEC 61249-2-21)</b>	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 recommended thermal transfer ribbon. Labels printed with 6.7 mil X dimension bars at 2:5 ratio. Labels exposed to indicated environments
- <sup>1</sup>PCS - Print Contrast Signal. PCS determined with Quick Check 650, 0.005" aperture, 660 nm wave length.
- Quick Check 650 manufactured by: Photographic Sciences Corp.
- <sup>2</sup> Read 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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