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## Wausau Astropaque®

Text and Cover Uncoated Paper  
Printing and Handling Hints

**Astropaque® Papers are easy to print on when following these simple hints. It is recommended to pre-test all printing procedures prior to press time to ensure the desired results are achieved.**

**Offset Inks:** Print Astropaque like any conventional uncoated paper. We recommend heat resistant, wax free ink if you plan to follow lithography with xerographic or laser printing technologies.

**Handling:** Keep Astropaque products wrapped until the moment of printing. It is essential to let the paper acclimatize, for a minimum of 24 hours – longer during cold weather – in the press room while still wrapped in mill packaging. Keep Astropaque products covered during drying, between passes and prior to any finishing work. Pressroom conditions should be as close as possible to 68 degrees, and 45-60% relative humidity.

**Varnish:** Varnish is optional as a surface protector.

**Folding and Scoring:** To properly score and fold Astropaque, use a 2 point rounded channel score. For the channel matrix, it is recommended to use a minimum width of 2.5 times the caliper of the sheet to be scored, plus 28/1000". Score with the grain, using a light letterpress score (not on-press litho-scoring). Fold into the bead of the score.

**Binding:** Astropaque is suitable for all standard binding processes. It is important to plan for proper grain direction in all binding applications. Grain direction should run parallel to the spine for optimum results.

**Other Techniques:** Thermography, embossing, die cutting and foil stamping work well on all weights

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*Note: The above recommendations are "hints" based on our knowledge and experience.*

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