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ColorMates Cardstock

65 lb Cover Uncoated Paper
Printing and Handling Hints

ColorMates® 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 ColorMates 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 ColorMates 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 ColorMates 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 ColorMates cardstock, use a rounded channel score. 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 minimum score width of 1 point, with 2 points preferred. Fold into the bead of the score.

Binding: ColorMates cardstock 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.

Laser and inkjet guaranteed on 65 lb cover items within the limits of restrictions from the printer/copier manufacturer. Darker colors will give poor contrast, so plan for this ahead of time.

Other Techniques: Thermography, embossing, die cutting and foil stamping work well. ColorMates cardstock is particularly well suited to automated pattern cutting machines.

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

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