



Frequently Asked Questions

What is SureGrip™?

SureGrip™ is a thermal laminating film from Protect-all that is designed to have superior adhesion to digital prints where fuser oils and other toner contaminants can cause adhesion problems.

Why do I need a special film for digital prints?

In the past, thermal lamination customers have had problems adhering standard laminating films to digital prints. Fuser oils and other toner additives often present in digital prints would interfere with the bond of standard co-polymer adhesives. SureGrip™ laminating film was formulated to combat this problem.

Do I need SureGrip™ for all digital prints?

No. In fact, many digital presses continue to use conventional ink systems. Others do not incorporate fuser oils or other additives to aid in the drying process. For these types of prints, traditional laminating film will work fine.

Does SureGrip™ process the same as standard laminating films?

Yes, SureGrip™ laminating films process at the same temperatures and tensions as our standard laminating films. There is no need to increase your temperature or nip pressure to achieve adequate bond.

How long should I wait before laminating my digital prints with SureGrip™?

While there is no substitution for allowing your prints adequate drying time, testing has shown that SureGrip™ can create an effective bond to digital outputs within 1 hour of printing. If your project requires a quick turnaround, SureGrip™ is your solution.

What if I use SureGrip™ on a project that does not require this special adhesive?

SureGrip™ will adhere to documents that are printed with conventional inks. However, the product was designed to interact with the additives found in certain toners. You will find that you will achieve better bond to digital prints with SureGrip™ and better bond to conventional inks with our standard lamination films.

Is SureGrip™ available on all products from Protect-all?

While SureGrip's™ adhesive technology can be incorporated into our full line of laminating films; it will only be readily available in the most common standard products. Custom runs can be made on specific products that are not stocked. Minimum quantities and full web utilization may apply.

Has SureGrip™ been evaluated on all digital ink technologies?

To date, SureGrip™ has shown promise on many digital prints, including Xerox, Canon, and Heidelberg. Though many customers have found success using SureGrip™, do not let this be a substitute for your own testing. The digital print market is evolving quickly, and new presses and ink formulations are introduced regularly. Ask your customer what type of press was used and make it a standard practice to always test the thermal laminate for adequate adhesion prior to running the job.

Will SureGrip™ look different than regular laminating films?

No. On a finished piece, your customer will see no difference between standard film and SureGrip™ film. With the exception of better bond!

Do I need SureGrip™ film on both sides of a print that is printed only one side?

No, if your digital project requires two-side lamination and is printed only one side, there is no need to use SureGrip™ on the backside. Use standard film on the back and SureGrip™ on the front.

Is SureGrip™ more expensive than regular films?

Yes, SureGrip's™ adhesive technology costs more than standard laminating films. The benefits of increased adhesion and quicker turnaround on laminating digital prints should far outweigh the additional expense.

How can I get some SureGrip™

Just call Protect-all and ask for a free 12" sample. When you find that SureGrip™ is a reliable solution for your laminated digital prints, you can call your Protect-all customer service representative or sales representative at any time to place an order.

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