

**BRADY B-486A THERMAL TRANSFER PRINTABLE METALLIZED POLYESTER LABEL STOCK**

TDS No. B-486A  
Effective Date: 01/22/2019

**Description:**

**GENERAL**

**Print Technology:** Thermal Transfer

**Material Type:** Metallized Polyester

**Finish:** Matte, light gray appearance

**Adhesive:** Permanent rubber-based

**APPLICATIONS**

Rating and serial plates that utilize barcodes, alphanumerics, graphic symbols and logos and require nameplate-like quality.

**RECOMMENDED RIBBONS**

Brady Series R4300

Brady Series R6200 (alternate)

**REGULATORY/AGENCY APPROVALS**

**UL:** B-486A is a UL Recognized Component to UL969 Labeling and Marking Standard when printed with the Brady Series R4300 Ribbon. See UL file MH17154 for specific details. UL information can be accessed online at [UL.com](http://UL.com) in the UL Product iQ area.

**CSA:** B-486 is CSA Accepted when printed with the Brady Series R4300 or the Brady Series R6200 ribbons. See CSA file 041833 for specific details. CSA information can be accessed online at [directories.csa-international.org](http://directories.csa-international.org).

For information on the Weee-RoHS compliance status for a Brady Product go to one of the following websites:

In Canada: [www.bradycanada.ca/weee-rohs](http://www.bradycanada.ca/weee-rohs)

In Europe: [www.bradyeurope.com/rohs](http://www.bradyeurope.com/rohs)

In Japan: [www.bradycorp.co.jp/products/labelsuse/rohs](http://www.bradycorp.co.jp/products/labelsuse/rohs)

All other regions: [www.bradycorp.com/weee-rohs](http://www.bradycorp.com/weee-rohs)

**SPECIAL FEATURES**

B-486A is designed for high adhesion to textured metals, powder coated surfaces and low surface energy plastics. B-486A can withstand numerous solvents and variable temperatures when applied to various surfaces.

**Details:**

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES	TEST METHODS	AVERAGE RESULTS
Thickness	ASTM D 1000 -Total (excluding liner)	0.0053 inch (0.135 mm)
Adhesion to:	ASTM D 1000	
-Stainless Steel	20 minute dwell 24 hour dwell	128 oz/in (140 N/100 mm) 146 oz/in (160 N/100 mm)
-Textured ABS	20 minute dwell 24 hour dwell	45 oz/in (49 N/100 mm) 43 oz/in (47 N/100 mm)
-Polypropylene	20 minute dwell 24 hour dwell	80 oz/in (88 N/100 mm) 108 oz/in (119 N/100 mm)
-Painted Enamel	20 minute dwell 24 hour dwell	133 oz/in (146 N/100 mm) 142 oz/in (156 N/100 mm)
-Powder Coated Metal	20 minute dwell 24 hour dwell	78 oz/in (86 N/100 mm) 78 oz/in (86 N/100 mm)

Tack	ASTM D 2979 Polyken™ Probe Tack 0.5 second dwell	Greater than 24.7 oz (700 g)
Tensile Strength and Elongation	ASTM D 1000 -Machine Direction	59 lbs/in (1033 N/100mm), 5%

Performance properties were tested on B-486A using the Brady Series R4300 and the Brady Series R6200 ribbons. Printed samples of B-486A were laminated to aluminum before exposure to the indicated environmental condition. Results are the same for both ribbons unless noted otherwise.

PERFORMANCE PROPERTIES	TEST METHODS	TYPICAL RESULTS
Long Term High Service Temperature	30 days at 248F (120C)	No visible effect
Long Term Low Service Temperature	30 days at -40F (-40C)	No visible effect
Humidity Resistance	30 days at 100F (37C), 95% R.H.	No visible effect
UV Light Resistance	30 days in UV Sunlighter™ 100	No visible effect
Weatherability	ASTM G155, Cycle 1 30 days in Xenon Arc Weatherometer	No visible effect
Salt Fog Resistance	ASTM B 117 30 days in 5% salt fog solution chamber	No visible effect
Abrasion Resistance	Taber Abraser, CS-10 grinding wheels, (Fed.Std.191A, Method 5306) 500g/arm, 100 cycles	Print still legible after 100 cycles

PERFORMANCE PROPERTY	CHEMICAL RESISTANCE
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Samples were printed with the Brady Series R4300 ribbon laminated to flat aluminum panels and allowed to dwell 24 hours prior to test. Testing consisted of 5 cycles of 10 minute immersions in the specified chemical followed by 30 minute recovery periods. After the final immersion the flat samples were rubbed 10 times with cotton swabs. Testing was conducted at room temperature.

CHEMICAL REAGENT	SUBJECTIVE OBSERVATION OF VISUAL CHANGE	
	EFFECT TO LABEL STOCK	R4300
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	No visible effect	Slight smear when rubbed
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	No visible effect	Moderate smear when rubbed
Toluene	No visible effect	Moderate smear when rubbed
Freon® TMS	No visible effect	Slight smear when rubbed
Isopropyl Alcohol	No visible effect	No visible effect
Mineral Spirits	No visible effect	Slight smear when rubbed
JP-8 Jet Fuel	No visible effect	Moderate smear when rubbed
ASTM #3 Oil	No visible effect	No visible effect
Mil 5606 Oil	No visible effect	No visible effect
Skydrol® 500B-4	No visible effect	Slight smear when rubbed
Super Agitene®	No visible effect	No visible effect

Deionized Water	No visible effect	No visible effect
3% Alconox® Detergent	No visible effect	No visible effect
10% Sodium Hydroxide Solution	No visible effect	No visible effect
10% Sulfuric Acid Solution	No visible effect	No visible effect

Samples were printed with the Brady Series R6200 ribbon, laminated to flat aluminum panels and allowed to dwell 24 hours prior to test. Testing consisted of 5 cycles of 10 minute immersions in the specified chemical followed by 30 minute recovery periods. After the final immersion the flat samples were rubbed 10 times with cotton swabs. Testing was conducted at room temperature.

CHEMICAL REAGENT	SUBJECTIVE OBSERVATION OF VISUAL CHANGE	
	EFFECT TO LABEL STOCK	R6200
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	No visible effect	Slight smear when rubbed
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	No visible effect	Slight smear when rubbed
Toluene	No visible effect	Moderate smear when rubbed
Freon® TMS	No visible effect	Moderate smear when rubbed
Isopropyl Alcohol	No visible effect	No visible effect
Mineral Spirits	No visible effect	No visible effect
JP-8 Jet Fuel	No visible effect	No visible effect
ASTM #3 Oil	No visible effect	No visible effect
Mil 5606 Oil	No visible effect	No visible effect
Skydrol® 500B-4	No visible effect	Slight smear when rubbed
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Deionized Water	No visible effect	No visible effect
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#### **Shelf Life:**

Shelf life is two years from the date of receipt for this product as long as this product is stored in its original packaging in an environment below 80° F (27° C) and 60% RH. It remains the responsibility of the user to assess the risk of using this product. We encourage customers to develop testing protocols that will qualify a product's fitness for use in their actual application.

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CSA: Canadian Standards Association

SAE: Society of Automotive Engineers (U.S.A.)

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