# **PRODUCT DATA SHEET**

# Avery Dennison® SignFlex<sup>™</sup>

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#### Introduction

Avery Dennison SignFlex<sup>TM</sup> is especially developed to adhere to flexible substrates like tarpaulins. The adhesive is designed to have a permanent ultimate adhesion onto the substrate. SignFlex<sup>TM</sup> comes in 1.23m width and is available in 6 different colors. The films are printable and can be protected with a suitable SignFlex<sup>TM</sup> DOL overlaminate.

## Description

Facefilm:75 micron premium cast vinylAdhesive:permanent on plasticised PVC based tarpaulins onlyBacking paper:one side coated white kraft paper, 140 g/m²

## Conversion

Avery Dennison SignFlex<sup>™</sup> offers excellent weeding and cutting performance on a wide range of computer signmaking equipment. Avery Dennison SignFlex<sup>™</sup> White can be printed with Latex, UV, solvent or Eco-solvent inks; an overlaminate is recommended to protect the print.

#### Features

- Six high gloss standard colours are available to mark trailer curtains and banners.
- Exceptional flexibility
- Outstanding durability and outdoor performance.
- Excellent layflatness and stability during cutting and weeding
- High adhesion to a wide variety of plasticised PVC substrates.
- Easy application, no drying time required compared to other application methods
- Wet application method allows for repositioning during the first minutes of application.
- Excellent dimensional stability during use and application.

#### **Recommendations for use**

Avery Dennison SignFlex<sup>™</sup> is especially designed for lettering, decorations and graphics on tarpaulin and banner material

Wet application allows for a repositioning of the decals at the start of the application.

Avery Dennison Application Paper and Tapes can be used to transfer the plotted material evenly onto the desired substrate.

For further recommendations on converting and application please check T.B 3.7



## **PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS**

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## Avery Dennison<sup>®</sup> SignFlex<sup>™</sup>

Physical properties		
Features	Test method <sup>1</sup>	Results
Caliper, facefilm	ISO 534	75 micron
Caliper, facefilm + adhesive	ISO 534	125 micron
Gloss	ISO 2813, 20°	> 50%
Dimensional stability	FTM14	0,20 mm. max
Elongation at break	DIN 53445	>130%
Adhesion, initial	FINAT FTM-1, stainless steel	75 N/m
Adhesion, ultimate	FINAT FTM-1, stainless steel	145 N/m
Flammability		self-extinguishing
Accelerated ageing	SAE J 1960, 2000h exposure	No negative impact on film
		performance
Shelf life	Stored at 22° C/50-55 % RH	2 years
Durability <sup>2</sup>	Vertical exposure	
All Colours unprinted		5 years
Temperature range		
Features		Results
Application temperature		Minimum: +10° C
Temperature range		-40° to + 60°C
Chemical resistance		
Features	Test method <sup>1</sup>	Results
Humidity resistance	200 hours exposure	No effect
Saltspray resistance	120 hours exposure to corrosion	No effect
Water resistance	48 hours immersion	No effect

**NOTE:** Materials have to be properly dried before further processing, for example laminating, varnishing or application. The residual solvents could change the products' specific features.

For good print and converting result we recommend to let the rolls acclimatize in the print/lamination room at least 24h before printing or converting. Too much temperature or humidity deviation between material and room climate can cause layflatness and/or printability issues.

Generally, constant material storage conditions of ideally 20°C (+/-2°C) /50% RH (+/- 5%), without too big climate deviations, will support a more robust and stable printing/converting process. For further details, please refer to TB 1.11.

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#### 1) Test methods

More information about our test methods can be found on our website.

#### 2) Durability

The durability is based on middle European exposure conditions. Actual performance life will depend on substrate preparation, exposure conditions and maintenance of the marking. For instance, in the case of signs facing south; in areas of long high temperature exposure such as southern European countries; in industrially polluted areas or high altitudes, exterior performance will be decreased. Printed materials should be protected by the Signflex<sup>™</sup> DOL overlaminate. For more detailed informations please refer to the Instructional Bulletin 1.30 EU Durability of Avery Dennison Graphics Films.

