

**Product Information Sheet**  
**B-427 Lab**  
**Effective Date: 1/23/19**

**B-427 THERMAL TRANSFER PRINTABLE TRANSLUCENT VINYL TAPE**

This Product Information Sheet is focused on the suitability of B-427 for laboratory applications. For additional data regarding B-427 performance please refer to B-427 Technical Data Sheet.

**Description:**

**GENERAL**

**Print Technology:** Thermal transfer

**Material Type:** Translucent vinyl

**Finish:** Translucent film with matte white printable zone coated ink

**Adhesive:** Permanent acrylic

**APPLICATIONS**

Laboratory identification such as vials, centrifuge tubes, test tubes, straws, well plates and slides

**RECOMMENDED RIBBONS**

Brady Series R4300

Brady Series R4500 (colors – red, blue, green)

Brady Series R6200 (alternate)\*

\*B-427 can be printed with Brady Series R6200 ribbon; please note that testing described in this product information sheet was performed on materials printed with the Brady Series R4300 series ribbon.

**REGULATORY APPROVALS**

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

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**SPECIAL FEATURES**

B-427 can be offered with a completely white thermal transfer printable overcoat for use as a flat label, or in a self-laminating format, which has a white thermal transfer printable zone and a translucent overlaminating area. This material has good clarity and conformability.

**Details:**

Note: All values shown are averages and should not be used for specification purposes. Test data and test results contained in this document are for general information only and shall not be relied upon by Brady customers for designs and specifications, or be relied on as meeting specified performance criteria. Customers desiring to develop specifications or performance criteria for specific product applications should contact Brady for further information.

<b>PHYSICAL PROPERTIES</b>	<b>TEST METHODS</b>	<b>AVERAGE RESULTS</b>
Thickness	ASTM D1000 -Total (excluding liner)	0.0040 inch (0.102 mm)
Adhesion to: -Stainless Steel	ASTM D1000 20 minute dwell 24 hour dwell	38 oz/inch (42 N/100 mm) 49 oz/inch (54 N/100 mm)
-Polypropylene	20 minute dwell 24 hour dwell	25 oz/inch (28 N/100 mm) 33 oz/inch (36 N/100 mm)

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES	TEST METHODS	AVERAGE RESULTS
-Glass	20 minute dwell 24 hour dwell	25 oz/inch (27 N/100 mm) 46 oz/inch (50 N/100 mm)

PERFORMANCE PROPERTIES	LAB SIMULATED ENVIRONMENT
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Performance properties tested on B-427 printed with the Brady Series R4300 ribbon. Printed samples were laminated to glass microscope slides, glass test tubes (1.1 cm outer diameter) and polypropylene centrifuge tubes (1.1 cm inner diameter, 1.5 ml capacity) and allowed to dwell 24 hours before exposure to the indicated environments.

ENVIRONMENT	TEST METHOD		TYPICAL RESULTS
High Service Temperature**	30 days at various temperatures		No visible effect at 60°C (140°F). Slight discoloration at 70°C (158°C). Moderate discoloration but functional up to 90°C (194°F)
Pressure Cooker	3 cycles of 1 hour in 121°C (250°F) 15 psi pressure cooker/23 hour room temperature	◆ ◆ ◆	Glass test tube Polypropylene centrifuge tube Glass microscope slide
Liquid Nitrogen	3 cycles of 4 hours at -196°C (-320°F)/8 hours at room temperature	✗ ✓ ✗ ✓	Glass test tube Polypropylene centrifuge tube Glass microscope slide Aluminum Foil
Freezer	3 cycles of 16 hours at -70°C (-94°F)/ 8 hours at room temperature cycles	✓ ✓ ✓	Glass test tube Polypropylene centrifuge tube Glass microscope slide
Liquid Nitrogen to boiling water***	1 hour at -196°C (-320°F) then placed in boiling water 100°C (212°F) for 10 minutes	✗ ✓ ✗ ✓	Glass test tube Polypropylene centrifuge tube Glass microscope slide Aluminum Foil
Freezer to boiling water	1 hour at -70°C (-94°F) then placed in boiling water 100°C (212°F)	✓ ✓ ✗	Glass test tube Polypropylene centrifuge tube Glass microscope slide

\*\* Samples for this testing were placed on glass panels and glass test tubes

\*\*\* Also tested labels on aluminum foil

✓ Label suitable for application; no visible effect, label remains adhered to test surface

◆ Label may work in application; test results were mixed

✗ Label not recommended for application; label came off either during testing or after test surface was removed from environment.

PERFORMANCE PROPERTIES	CHEMICAL RESISTANCE
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Flat and self-laminating samples of B-427 were printed with the Brady Series R4300 ribbon. Printed samples were laminated to glass microscope slides and test tubes and allowed to dwell 24 hours prior to testing. Test conducted at room temperature. Samples were immersed in the test solvent for 15 minutes. The samples were removed and rubbed 10 times with a cotton swab



saturated with the test fluid. The rating scale below shows the effect to the quality of the print for each sample.

CHEMICAL REAGENT	SUBJECTIVE OBSERVATION OF VISUAL CHANGE				
	EFFECTS TO LABEL STOCK		EFFECTS TO PRINTED IMAGE		
	FLAT	WRAPPED	WITHOUT RUB	WITH RUB	
FLAT				WRAPPED	
Ethanol	No visible effect	No visible effect	1	1	1
Toluene	Label came off test surface	Label unwrapped from test tube	X	X	X
Isopropanol	No visible effect	No visible effect	1	1	1
Xylene	Label came off test surface	Label unwrapped from test tube	X	X	X
Dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO)	Label is distorted	Moderate unwrap; label is distorted	X	X	1
Methylene Chloride	Label came off test surface	Label unwrapped from test tube	X	X	X
50% Acetic Acid	No visible effect	No visible effect	1	1	1
10 % Hydrochloric Acid	No visible effect	No visible effect	1	1	1
10 % Sodium Hydroxide	No visible effect	No visible effect	1	1	1
10% Chlorox Solution	No visible effect	No visible effect	1	1	1

B-427 is not recommended for use in harsh organic solvents such as toluene, chloroform, xylene, DMSO or methylene chloride.

**Rating Scale:**

- 1=no visible effect
- 2=slight smear or print removal, detectable but minimal smear
- 3=moderate smear or print removal (print still legible)
- 4=severe smear or print removal (print illegible or just barely legible)
- 5=complete print and/or topcoat removal
- NP=print removed prior to rub

**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.

**References:**

ASTM: American Society for Testing and Materials (U.S.A.)  
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