

# BRADY B-492 FREEZERBONDZ WHITE POLYESTER THERMAL PRINTABLE LABEL STOCK

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## **Description:**

GENERAL Print Technology: Thermal transfer Material Type: Polyester Finish: White film with white thermal transfer printable topcoat Adhesive: Permanent acrylic

#### APPLICATIONS

B-492 Freezerbondz<sup>™</sup> markers are designed for use in laboratory identification such as vials, centrifuge tubes, test tubes, straws, and slides.

#### **RECOMMENDED RIBBONS**

Brady R6400 Brady series R4300 (alternate)\*

Please note that testing described in this Technical Data Sheet was performed on materials printed with the R6400 ribbon. \*Note: R4300 ribbon may be used if chemical resistance is not required with Ethanol, Toluene and Xylene.

#### SPECIAL FEATURES

B-492 Freezerbondz<sup>™</sup> markers can be applied to frozen surfaces including glass and polypropylene stored in liquid nitrogen. B-492 offers excellent print smudge resistance, solvent resistance when using the R6400 Riboon, and excellentlow temperature performance. B-492 performs well in common laboratory environments such as liquid nitrogen and autoclave applications.

### **Details:**

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES	TEST METHODS	AVERAGE RESULTS
Thickness	ASTM D 1000	0.0032 inch (0.081 mm)
	-Total (excluding liner)	
Adhesion	ASTM D 1000	
-Glass	20 minute dwell	14 oz/inch (15.4 N/100 mm)
	24 hour dwell	18 oz/inch (19.9 N/100 mm)
-Polypropylene	20 minute dwell 24 hour dwell	17 oz/inch (17.5 N/100 mm) 18 oz/inch (20.2 N/100 mm)
-Stainless steel	20 minute dwell 24 hour dwell	15 oz/inch (16.6 N/100 mm) 22 oz/inch (24.4 N/100 mm)

### ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE PROPERTIES - LABEL APPLIED TO ROOM TEMPERATURE SURFACE

B-492 samples were printed with Series R6400 ribbon on Bradyprinter™ THT Model 300X-Plus thermal transfer printer. Printed B-492 samples were laminated at room temperature to surfaces listed below and allowed to dwell 24 hours at room temperature prior to exposure to the indidcated environments. Labels applied with three applications (gapped, overlapped [with 1/8" overlap], longitudinal to 1.5 mL Eppendorf tubes, 5 mL Cryogenic vials, 15 mL and 50 mL Polypropylene tubes, 15 mL Glass tubes, Plasitc Whirl-pak bags and straws.

**NOTE:** Testing was completed on the following surfaces; Cardboard, Aluminum and Stainless steel boxes<sup>1</sup>; Polycarbonate boxes <sup>2</sup>; Eppendorf 1.5mL tube and tube tops<sup>1</sup>, Cryogenic vials 5mL<sup>2</sup>, 50mL Polypropylene tubes<sup>1</sup>, 15mL Polypropylene tubes<sup>3</sup>, 15mL Glass tubes<sup>1</sup>, Plastic bags (Whirl-pak)<sup>4</sup> and Straws<sup>5</sup>

ENVIRONMENT	TEST METHOD	TYPICAL RESULTS		
High Service Temperature	30 days at elevated temperatures	Moderate discoloration at 266°F (130°C), no visible effect to print. Severe yellowing at 266°F (130°C), label still functional.		
Liquid Nitrogen	3 cycles of 4 hours at -320°F (-196°C) and 20 hours at room temperature	Glass test tube 1/8" overlap, gapped, longitudinal Polypropylene centrifuge tube 1/8" overlap, gapped, longitudinal Glass microscope slide Straws; Large & Small Plastic Whirl-Pak bags Flat polypropylene Aluminum foil		
Freezer	3 cycles of 16 hours at -112°F (-80°C) and 8 hours at room temperature			
Liquid Nitrogen to boiling water	1 hour at -320°F (-196°C) then placed in boiling water 212°F (100°C) for 10 minutes	<ul> <li>Glass test tube 1/8" overlap, gapped, overlapped</li> <li>Polypropylene centrifuge tube, gapped</li> <li>Polypropylene centrifuge tube, 1/8" overlapped, longitudinal</li> <li>Glass microscope slide</li> <li>Flat polypropylene</li> <li>Aluminum foil</li> </ul>		
Freezer to boiling water	1 hour at -112°F (-80°C) then placed in boiling water 212°F (100°C) for 10 minutes	Glass test tube 1/8" overlap, gapped, longitudinal Polypropylene centrifuge tube, gapped Polypropylene centrifuge tube, longitudinal, 1/8" overlap Glass microscope slide Flat polypropylene		

 $\sqrt{}$  = Label suitable for application; no visible effect, label remains adhered to test surface

Label may work in application; test results were mixed

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

<sup>1</sup>Metal surfaces should be labeled at room temperature only.

### ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANACE PROPERTIES - LABEL APPLIED TO COLD SURFACE

B-492 samples were printed with Series R6400 ribbon on Bradyprinter<sup>™</sup> THT Model 300X-Plus thermal transfer printer. Surfaces listed below were stored for 24 hours in either liquid nitrogen at -320°F (-196°C) or in a freezer at -112°F (-80°C). Printed B-492 samples were then laminated immediately after removal of the surfaces from liquid nitrogen or freezer. Samples were allowed to dwell 24 hours at room temperature prior to exposure to the indicated environments. Labels were applied with three applications (gapped, overlapped [with 1/8" overlap], longitudinal) to glass test tubes (1.1 cm outer diameter) and polypropylene centrifuge tubes (5 ml capacity).

ENVIRONMENT	TEST METHOD	TYPICAL RESULTS
Liquid Nitrogen		✓Glass test tube, 1/8" overlap, gapped,
		longitudinal
		Polypropylene centrifuge tube, 1/8"
		overlap
		Glass microscope slide

		◆Flat polypropylene
		◆Plastic Whirl-Pak bags
		✓Straws; Large & Small
		Aluminum foil
Freezer	3 cycles of 16 hours at -112°F (-80°C) and 8 hours at room temperature	Glass test tube, gapped Glass test tube, longitudinal, 1/8" overlap
		<ul> <li>✓Polypropylene centrifuge tube, gapped,</li> <li>◆Polypropylene centrifuge tube, 1/8"</li> <li>overlap, longitudinal</li> </ul>
		◆Plastic Whirl-Pak bags
		✓Straws; Large & Small
		✓Glass microscope slide ✓Flat polypropylene
		✓Aluminum foil
Liquid Nitrogen to boiling water	1 hour at -320°F (-196°C) then placed in boiling water 212°F (100°C) for 10 minutes	✓Glass test tube, gapped Glass test tube, 1/8" overlap, longitudinal
		<ul> <li>✓Polypropylene centrifuge tube 1/8" overlap</li> <li>◆Glass microscope slide</li> </ul>
		◆Flat polypropylene
		✓Aluminum foil
Freezer to boiling water	1 hour at -112°F (-80°C) then placed in boiling water 212°F (100°C) for 10 minutes	<ul> <li>✓Glass test tube, gapped</li> <li>◆Glass test tube, 1/8" overlap, longitudinal</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>✓ Polypropylene centrifuge tube 1/8" overlap</li> <li>✓ Glass microscope slide</li> <li>✓ Flat polypropylene</li> </ul>
		✓Aluminum foil

## **PERFORMANCE PROPERTIES - CHEMICAL**

Flat samples of B-492 were printed with Series R6400 ribbon on Bradyprinter™ THT Model 300X-Plus thermal transfer printer. Printed samples were laminated and allowed to dwell 24 hours prior to testing. Test conducted at room temperature. Samples immersed in test solvents for 15 minutes. The samples were removed and rubbed 10 times with a cotton swab saturated with the test fluid. The rating scale below show the effect to the quality of the print for each sample.

CHEMICAL REAGENT	R6400 Ribbon	R6400 Ribbon	R6400 Ribbon	R4300 Ribbon	R4300 Ribbon	R4300 Ribbon
	EFFECT TO PRINT / TOPCOAT WITH RUB	EFFECT TO PRINT / TOPCOAT WITHOUT RUB	EFFECT TO LABEL STOCK	EFFECT TO PRINT / TOPCOAT WITH RUB	EFFECT TO PRINT / TOPCOAT WITHOUT RUB	EFFECT TO LABEL STOCK
Ethanol	1	1	No visible effect	2	1	Slight print removal
Toluene	1	1	Slight edge infiltration or lifting	4	1	Severe print removal/smear
Isopropanol	1	1	Slight edge infiltration or lifting	2	1	Slight print smear/removal
Xylene	1	1	Slight edge infiltration or lifting	4	1	Severe print smear/removal
Dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO)	1	1	No visible effect	2	1	Slight print smear/removal
50% Acetic Acid	1	1	No visible effect	1	1	No visible effect
10% Sodium Hydroxide	4	4	Topcoat delams from label	4	4	No visible effect
10% Clorox® Bleach Solution	1	1	No visible effect	1	1	No visible effect

### **Rating Scale Topcoat & Print**

1 = no visible effect

2 = slight smear or print removal, detectable but minimal smear

3 = moderate smear or print removal (print still legible) lifting

4 = severe smear or print removal (print illegible or just barely legible

5 = complete print and/or topcoat removal

Storage Stability:

Product testing, customer feedback, and history of simialr products, support a customer performance expectation of at least **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 degrees F ( $27^{\circ}C$ ) and 60% RH. We are confident that our product will perform well beyond this time frame. However, it remains the responsibility of the user to assess the risk of using such product. We encourage customers to develop punctional testing protocols that will qualify a product's fitness for use, in their actual applications.

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- S. I.: International System of Units
- <sup>1</sup> = VWR International
- <sup>2</sup> = Nalgene®
- <sup>3</sup> = Becton Dickinson Labware- Blue Max<sup>TM</sup>Jr.
- 4 = Nasco

5 = Pentatration inovation (Small straw #13441/0280), (Large straw #19042/0010)

All S.I. Units (metric) are mathematically derived from the U.S. Conventional Units

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**Rating Scale - Adhesive** 

1 = no visible effect

- 2 = slight effect, slight edge infitration or lifting 3 = moderate effect, severe edge infiltration or
- 4 = severe effect, severe edge infiltration 5 = label removed

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