

Commercial Solutions Division

3M™ Scotchcal™ Fluorescent Film

Series 3480

Product Description

3M™ Scotchcal™ Fluorescent Film Series 3480 are designed to be highly conspicuous under all daylight conditions and to provide the high attention value desired under conditions of poor visibility, particularly at dawn or dusk.

Product Line	Screen printing	3483	Yellow Orange, opaque, glossy, removable adhesive.
		3484	Red Orange, opaque, glossy, removable adhesive.
		3485	Saturn Yellow, opaque, glossy, removable adhesive.

Product Characteristics

These are indicative values for unprocessed products.
Contact your 3M representative for a custom specification.

Physical & Application

Material	cast vinyl	
Surface finish	glossy	
Thickness (film)	170 µm (0.170 mm)	
Adhesive type	solvent-based, pressure-sensitive	
Adhesive appearance	light brown	
Liner	Kraft paper	
Adhesion	11 N/25 mm	FTM 1: 180° peel, substrate: glass; cond: 24 h 23°C/50%RH
Application method	wet or dry	
Applied shrinkage	< 0.5 mm	FTM 14
Application temperature	+4°C	for flat surfaces
Service temperature (after application)	-34°C to +93°C	(not for extended periods of time at the extremes)
Surface type	flat	
Substrate type	aluminum, glass, PMMA, PC*, ABS, paint	

* Polycarbonate substrates may require oven drying before use due to outgassing of moisture from the polycarbonate causing the film to bubble. Refer to the manufacturers' instructions.

Graphic removal Fair to remove with heat and/or chemicals from supported substrates.

Important quality notice! 3480 Freshly applied film of this series might build haze or dark spots on its surface. This is a reversible process. It is caused by uneven UV-light radiation and will disappear with more sunlight exposure to the surface activating the fluorescent pigments.

No liability is given for ease or speed of removal of any graphic. Pay attention to adequate air and substrate temperature.

The values above are the results of illustrative lab test measurements and shall not be considered as a commitment from 3M.

Storage

Shelf life The shelf life is never more than 3 years from the date of manufacture on the original box. If you process the film, the shelf life is changed to 1 year from the processing date, but not later than the 3-year maximum from the manufacturing date.

Storage conditions +4°C to +40°C, out of sunlight, original container in clean and dry area.

The shelf life as defined above remains an indicative and maximum data, subject to many external and non-controllable factors. It may never be interpreted as warranty.

Flammability Flammability standards are different from country to country. Ask your local 3M contact for details, please.

Durability

The durabilities mentioned in the table below are the results of illustrative lab tests. The values show the best performance expected from these products, provided that the film will be processed and applied professionally according to 3M's recommendations.

The durability statements do not constitute warranties of quality, life and characteristics.

The durability of products is also influenced by:

- the type of substrate and thorough preparation of the surface (with 3M™ Surface Preparation System)
- application procedures
- environmental factors
- the method and the frequency of cleaning

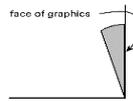
Unprocessed film The following durability data are given for unprocessed film only!

Climatic zones Graphic durability is largely determined by the climate and the angle of exposure. Find below a table showing the durability of a product according to the angle of exposure and the geographical location of the application.

- Zone 1 Northern Europe, Italy (north of Rome), Russia
- Zone 2 Mediterranean area without North Africa, South Africa
- Zone 3 Gulf area, Africa

Exposure types

Vertical:



The face of the graphic is $\pm 10^\circ$ from vertical.

Interior: Interior means an application inside a building without direct exposure to sunlight.

Vertical outdoor exposure

colors

Zone 1

3 years

Zone 2

2 years

Zone 3

2 years

Interior application

interior

Zone 1

3 years

Zone 2

3 years

Zone 3

3 years

3M™ Performance Guarantee and MCS™ Warranty

In addition, 3M provides a guarantee/warranty on a finished applied graphic within the framework of 3M™ Performance Guarantee and/or 3M™ MCS™ warranty programs.

For detailed graphic construction and application options along with specific Warranty periods, please see the Warranty matrices and Warranty information on [3M Graphic Solutions/Warranties](#).

Visit www.3mgraphics.com for getting more details about 3M's comprehensive graphic solutions.

Limitations of End Uses

3M specifically does not recommend or warrant the following uses, but please contact us to discuss your needs to recommend other products.

Graphics applied to

- flexible substrates incl. 3M™ Envision™ Flexible Substrate FS-1 and 3M™ Panagraphics™ III Wide Width Flexible Substrate.
- low surface energy substrates or substrates with low surface energy coating.
- other than flat surfaces.
- painted or unpainted rough wallboards, gypsum boards and wallpapers.
- stainless steel.
- substrates with tendency of outgassing.
- surfaces that are not clean and smooth.
- surfaces with poor paint to substrate adhesion.

Graphic removal from

- signs or existing graphics that must remain intact.

Graphics subjected to

- gasoline vapors or spills.

Important Notice

- 3M Commercial Solutions products are not tested against automotive manufacturer specifications!
- Non vertical applications will have a significant decrease in durability!

Graphics Manufacturing

When to use an overprint clear or overlaminate

Graphic protection can improve the appearance, performance and durability of printed graphics. Any printed graphic exposed to abrasive conditions (including vehicles), harsh cleaners or chemicals must include graphic protection in order to be warranted.

See instruction bulletin GPO 'graphic protection options' for further information about selection and use of protective overlaminates and printable clears.

[> Product Bulletin Graphic Protection Options <](#)

Shipping finished graphics

Flat, or rolled film side out on 130 mm (5 inch) or larger core. These methods help to prevent the liner from wrinkling or application tape, if used, from popping off.

Converting Information

Screen Printing

Formulations and processing conditions can affect ink durability. Refer to the 3M Product and Instruction Bulletins for your ink for limitations and proper usage. Graphic protection can improve the appearance, performance and durability of your graphic.

A clear coat also prevents chalking on unprinted films. Use equipment designed to handle high viscosity materials and make sure the coating is evenly applied to the specifications given in the clear's Instruction Bulletin.

Abrasion and Loss of Gloss

Abrasion damage and loss of gloss are not covered by any 3M warranty. This is considered normal wear and tear.

Application

See product bulletin ATR 'application tape recommendations' for information about selection and use of suitable application tapes for this product, please.

[> Product Bulletin Application Tape Recommendations <](#)

Refer to Instruction Bulletin 5.1 'select and prepare substrates for graphic application', for general application information.

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Maintenance and Cleaning

Use a cleaner designed for high-quality painted surfaces. The cleaner must be wet, non-abrasive, without strong solvents, and have a pH value between 3 and 11 (neither strongly acidic nor strongly alkaline).

Refer to Instruction Bulletin 6.5 'storage, handling, maintenance and removal of films and sheetings', for general maintenance and cleaning information.

[>Instruction Bulletin 6.5 'Storage, Handling, Maintenance and Removal of Films and Sheetings'<](#)

Important Safety Remark

Application to glass

The application of colored or printed film onto glass with sunlight exposure can lead to glass breakage through thermal expansion of the glass. The local conditions must be examined for the danger of glass break by uneven heat absorption through sun exposure. Type of glass (insulation glass, float glass, LSG, toughened safety glass, semi-tempered glass, etc.), glass dimension, joint condition, flexibility of the sealant, quality of the edge finishing, geographical orientation and partial shadow during sun exposure are the determining factors. Light color designs and application on the outside of the window are to be preferred. A free non-applied framework of 4 mm around the entire window front can help to dissipate the absorbed warmth. According to common knowledge a thermal crack can occur at temperature differences of approx. 130°C (toughened safety glass), approx. 40°C (float glass) or approx. 110°C (semi-tempered glass). Coldest place is usually under the framework in the embedded joined window part, the warmest place is typically on the darkest place in the format. Because of the many above mentioned factors, glass breakage cannot be fully predicted, therefore 3M does not accept liability for glass breakage when using this film for window graphics.

Remarks

- This bulletin provides technical information only.
- Important notice** All questions of warranty and liability relating to this product are governed by the terms and conditions of the sale, subject, where applicable, to the prevailing law.
- Before using, the user must determine the suitability of the product for its required or intended use, and the user assumes all risk and liability whatsoever in connection therewith.
- As outdoor graphics age, natural weathering occurs causing a gradual reduction in gloss, slight color changes, some lifting of the graphic at the edges or around rivets, and ultimately a minor amount of cracking.
- These changes are not evidence of product failure and are not covered by a 3M warranty.
- Additional information** Visit the web site of your local subsidiary at www.3Mgraphics.com for getting:
- more details about 3M™ MCS™ Warranty and 3M™ Performance Guarantee
 - additional instruction bulletins
 - a complete product overview about materials 3M is offering

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