

### TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

# GF 253 GRAPHITEX™ OPAQUE

6.0 MIL MATTE WHITE OPAQUE POLYESTER FABRIC CLEAR REPOSITIONABLE WALL ADHESIVE

GF 253 GraphiTex<sup>™</sup> Opaque is a 6.0 mil matte white polyester wall fabric with a subtle woven texture. GF 253 has special coatings to enhance opacity and provide superior hiding and cover for underlying paint and graphics in wall applications. The adhesive is designed for long term use on smooth painted drywall, is repositionable to ease installation, and remains cleanly removable for up to 1 year. The 90# tight release liner provides excellent stability for processing using solvent, latex and UV curable digital inks common to wide format digital printing systems.

PRODUCT NAME	253
FILM	
Film Type	White Coated Polyester Fabric
Film Thickness (mils/µm)	5.8 / 147 (+/- 10%)
Film Weight (gsm)	170
Gloss (60°)	≤20
Opacity (%)	99
Tensile Strength (lbs/in)	N/A
Elongation (%)	N/A
Dimensional Stability (FTM 14)	$MD \le 0.1 \text{ mm} / CD \le 0.05 \text{ mm}$
ADHESIVE	
Adhesive Type	Emulsion Acrylic
Adhesive Thickness (mils/µm)	1.0-1.2 / 25-30
Adhesive Color	Clear
Peel Strength on Stainless Steel (Ibs/in) / (N/25mm) 15 min	0.7 / 3.1
Peel Strength on Stainless Steel (Ibs/in) / (N/25mm) 24 hrs	1.0 / 4.4
LINER	
Liner Weight (#/gsm)	90 / 145
Liner Type	White 2-sided PE-Coated Kraft
Liner Thickness (mils/µm)	6.7 / 170
Release Force @ 300" / min (g/2")	60-120
PERFORMANCE GUIDANCE	
Application Temperature	$\geq$ +40 °F
Service Temperature	-40 °F to 180 °F
Shelf Life	1 year
Storage Temp / Rel. Humidity	70 °F / 50%
Outdoor Durability	N/A
Indoor Durability	*10 years
Removability	1 year
RATINGS & CERTIFICATIONS	
Flammability	ASTM E84 Class 1 or A (Rating Standard Test Method for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials)

\* Indoor durability of material under normal conditions.

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<ul> <li>WET APPLY</li> <li>DRY APPLY</li> </ul>	POP/RETAIL WALL WRAP	<ul> <li>SOLVENT</li> <li>ECO-SOLVENT</li> <li>LATEX</li> </ul>
• DRY APPLY O	) WRAP	
		• LATEX
O LAMINATING O		
	WINDOW	• UV CURABLE
O MOUNTING O	FLOOR	• SCREEN
• DIE CUTTABLE O	TRANSLUCENT	• OFFSET (UV CURABLE)
O HOT STAMP	FLEET	O OFFSET (CONVENTIONAL)
• THERMAL DIE	GENERAL SIGNAGE	
• FLATBED CUTTABLE •	INDOOR	
	OUTDOOR (SHORT TERM)	
	OUTDOOR (LONG TERM)	
SMOOTH PAINTED DRYWALL		

### FAQS

Can I use GF 253 on other surfaces?	GF 253 is designed for wall murals, decals and graphics for most types of smooth painted interior walls. This includes most flat, semigloss and gloss paint finishes. The surface must be smooth and clean prior to application. If applying to new paint consult the paint manufacturer for proper drying conditions before GF 253 installation. This product is not recommended for window or backlit applications.
How does GF 253 GraphiTex <sup>™</sup> Opaque compare to other opaque wall products on the market?	GF 253 is specially designed to have the highest hiding capability without sacrificing its bright white point. Thanks to its unique backside coating and formulated print coating it boasts 99% opacity so you won't see dark bands when overlapping panels, and your print will look great regardless of the underlying wall surface color. Furthermore, the adhesive bond to the fabric is excellent and won't rub off like other products, so it's more forgiving during installation and removal.
When paneling larger jobs, do I use overlaps or butt-seams with this product?	Installation methods vary by both installer and project, but we consider either method to be acceptable, and the thickness and rigidity of GF 253 GraphiTex <sup>™</sup> Opaque makes it easy to align panels. Butt seams are preferred, and you can expect little to no shrink with interior applica- tions. If overlapping, we recommend at least ½" to 1" for overlapping panels.

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