

Description

ORALITE® 5500 Engineer Grade are weatherproof, self-adhesive retroreflective films with excellent corrosion and solvent resistance. The product was especially developed for the manufacture of traffic control, guidance, information and warning signs as well as for reflective lettering, numbers and symbols, which are intended for long term outdoor use.

Product Construction

ORALITE® 5500 Engineer Grade is composed of an alkyd resin film. Its retroreflective system consists of catadioptric glass beads which are embedded in a transparent layer of plastic material.

Retroreflectivity

ORALITE® 5500 Engineer Grade comply with EN12899-1 (RA1; design A) and ASTM D4956-09 (Type I sheeting). The required minimum retroreflection values are shown in Tables 1 and 2 respectively.

When using ORALITE® 5500 Engineer Grade, the relevant national specifications have to be complied with. ORAFOL recommends you obtain the current requirements from your local authority and ensure product conformance with such requirements. Please contact ORAFOL for further information.

Colour

ORALITE® 5500 Engineer Grade is available in white (010), yellow (020), red (030), orange (035), blue (050), green (060), brown (080) and black (070). The colours at daylight comply with the specifications of this class (RA1; design A).

Adhesive

Solvent polyacrylate, permanent adhesive specially formulated for the application on metallic surfaces such as aluminium and zinc coated steel plate. The adhesive is protected by a release liner made of PE coated silicone paper, 145 g/m².

Printing

ORALITE® 5500 Engineer Grade is suitable for screen printing. ORALITE® screen printing inks series 5010 and 5018 are recommended. A transparent coating is not necessary. Please refer to the Practical Information #4.2 published by ORAFOL for full instructions.

Application

ORALITE® reflective films series 5500 Engineer Grade were especially developed for traffic control and lettering applications. Please refer to the Practical Information #4.2 published by ORAFOL for full instructions. For other applications the user is fully responsible for evaluating the suitability of the product, and for any risks associated with that use. Please contact your ORAFOL Reflective Solutions Division representative for advice.

Note: The batch traceability according to ISO 9001 is possible on the basis of the roll number.

Physical and Chemical Properties

Thickness* (without protective paper and adhesive)	110 micrometer
Temperature resistance**	adhered to aluminium, -56°C to +82°C (-68°F to 180° F)
Salt-water resistance (DIN 50021)	adhered to aluminium, after 100h at 23°C (74°F), no variation
Resistance to solvents and chemicals	with expert application resistant to most oils, grease, fuels, aliphatic solvents, weak acids, salts and alkalis
Resistance to cleaning agents	adhered to aluminium, 8h in suds (0,5% household cleaning agents) at room temperature and 65°C, no variation
Adhesive power* (FINAT-TM1 after 24h, stainless steel)	15 N/25 mm (25 mm = 0.98 in) (film tear)
Shelf life***	2 years
Application temperature	> +10°C
Service life by specialist application under vertical outdoor exposure (standard central European climate)	7 years (not printed)

* average ** standard central European climate *** in original packaging, at 20°C and 50% relative humidity

Product Data

Retroreflectivity for new sheeting (cd/lx/m²) as per EN12899-1:2007 and ASTM D4956-09:

Table 1 – Specific coefficient of retroreflection (EN 12899-1:2007 RA1; design A)									
Observation angle	0.2°			0.33°			2°		
	5°	30°	40°	5°	30°	40°	5°	30°	40°
white (010)	70	30	10	50	24	9	5	2.5	1.5
yellow (020)	50	22	7	35	16	6	3	1.5	1
red (030)	14.5	6	2	10	4	1.8	1	0.5	0.5
orange (035)	25	10	2.2	20	8	2.2	1.2	0.5	#
blue (050)	4	1.7	0.5	2	1	#	#	#	#
green (060)	9	3.5	1.5	7	3	1.2	0.5	0.3	0.2
brown (080)	1	0.3	#	0.6	0.2	#	#	#	#
black * (070)	25	10		20	8				

Value greater than zero but not significant or applicable

* Not EN12899-1 requirement

Table 2 – Specific coefficient of retroreflection (ASTM D4956-09 Type I sheeting)

Observation angle	0.2°		0.5°	
Entrance angle	-4°	30°	-4°	30°
white (010)	70	30	30	15
yellow (020)	50	22	25	13
red (030)	14	6	7.5	3
orange (035)	25	7	13	4
blue (050)	4	1.7	2	0.8
green (060)	9	3.5	4.5	2.2
brown (080)	1	0.3	0.3	0.2

Colour specification limits for new sheeting:

Table 3 – Chromaticity coordinates (EN12899-1:2007 Class CR2)

Colours	1		2		3		4		Luminance factor β
	X	y	X	y	X	y	X	y	
white (010)	0.305	0.315	0.335	0.345	0.325	0.355	0.295	0.325	≥ 0.35
yellow (020)	0.494	0.505	0.470	0.480	0.493	0.457	0.522	0.477	≥ 0.27
red (030)	0.735	0.265	0.700	0.250	0.610	0.340	0.660	0.340	≥ 0.05
orange (035)	0.610	0.390	0.535	0.375	0.506	0.404	0.570	0.429	≥ 0.17
blue (050)	0.130	0.086	0.160	0.086	0.160	0.120	0.130	0.120	≥ 0.01
green (060)	0.110	0.415	0.150	0.415	0.150	0.455	0.110	0.455	≥ 0.04
brown (080)	0.455	0.397	0.523	0.429	0.479	0.373	0.558	0.394	$0.03 \leq \beta \leq 0.09$
black (070)	Black is the colour at daylight. When illuminated in darkness, it appears silver to silver-grey.								

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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