



Requirements for the artworks used for flexographic UV CMYK printing of sausage casings

1 Acceptable file formats

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*Raster images must be linked to design and submitted together with the artwork file.

2 Parameters of raster images used

File formats: TIF, PSD.

Graphic resolution: **300 dpi** (output with lineure of 133 lpi and resolution of 2540 dpi).

Minimum allowable raster percentage: **10%**.

Gradient fills (both vector and raster) must not 'zero out'; the upper limit of the halftone range is **90%**, the lower limit of the halftone range is **10%**.

3 Maximum number of print colors

From **1+0** to **6+6**

*Then white color is present, the total number of colors is reduced (i.e., White + CMYK = 5 colors)

* When full-bleed printing is used, the maximum print colors is **5+5**.

4 Geometric dimensions of artworkss

Image length: **400 mm**.

Maximum image width shall be:

- **6 mm** less than the flat width of the casing used;

- **8 mm** more than the flat width of the casing used (for full-bleed printing).

5 Process break*

It is advisable to include a process break between the print elements, while keeping the process break length to the minimum.

Length of a straight process break: not less than **0.5 mm**.

Length of a shaped process break: not less than **5 mm**.

*A process break is a transverse band on the image, which appears because of the need to fasten the end parts of the printing plate on the printing cylinder. This problem is encountered only when using the traditional photopolymer printing plates. When **CYLINDRICAL PLATES** (engraved) are used, there are no transverse bands across the image.

6 Requirements for white-colored elements

The presence of white color is obligatory for the artworks to be used for printing of colored casings. The casing color may be used is an additional design color.

Bright or dark casings must have double white color, because single white will not ensure the required whiteness, which would lead to wrong shades of all other colors.

7 Requirements for artwork elements

Minimum width of a separate line or dot printed in a single color:

- **0.2 mm** (positive print);

- **0.2 mm** (negative print).

Minimum width of a separate line or dot printed in two or more colors:

- **0.3 mm** (positive print);

- **0.3 mm** (negative print).

Minimum size of a 'positive' font printed in a single color: **3 pt**;

Minimum size of a 'negative' font printed in a single color: **4 pt**;

Minimum size of a font printed in two or more colors (positive/negative): **6 pt**.

*These requirements refer only to the elements that must be reproduced by printing without distortions or defects (the semantically charged elements).

*The artwork design must take into account the vertical misregister from **0.2 mm** for each color.

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