

R/bak* Cushion Mounting Materials







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In the Long Run, the Difference is the Cushion.

Speed, quality and price – you know that's what your customers look for from a flexographic print run. And one of the most important factors in delivering all three is often overlooked: the cushion mounting tape.

A Unique Open-Cell Urethane Cushion

The key is our unique open-cell urethane technology. Our urethane cells "bounce back" to their original state instead of breaking down under the constant pounding of your presses. So the tape you remove in demount has the same qualities as the tape you mounted in set up. The result is millions of highquality impressions.

The Value of Consistency – Over Millions of Impressions

The consistent performance of R/bak **Tapes** means you can make millions of impressions at faster speeds without making adjustments. You save time, money and aggravation.

The Right Cushion for Each Job – from Solids to Screens

R/bak Series tapes deliver award-winning quality for all your flexographic print jobs. With three levels of compressibility, R/bak Series offers the right cushion for precise results across the board, from line to process.

Better Print Quality from Start to Finish

With R/bak Series cushion mounting tapes you can run even the largest jobs, knowing the results will be there. Because only the compressibility of R/bak open-cell urethane holds up to the rigors of flexographic printing.

Stop wasting time and money making on-press adjustments to achieve the results your customers demand. Instead, make a single business adjustment: change your tape to R/bak Series **a**nd deliver quality time and time again.

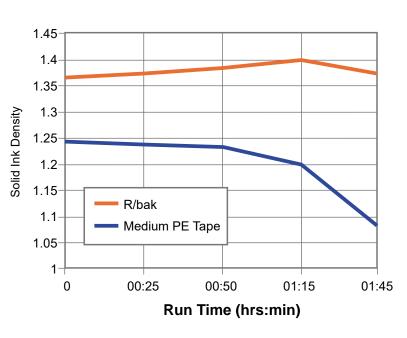


Initial print quality with R/bak Series



Initial print quality with medium PE tape.

As Run-time Increases, the Superior Quality of R/bak Remains Consistent.





R/bak Series print quality after 1 hour and 45 minutes, with no adjustments.



Medium PE tape print quality after 1 hour and 45 minutes, with no adjustments.

The Adhesive Difference.

All **R/bak** products utilize specially developed adhesive chemistry.

Improved solvent resistance – stand up to alcohols and acetates commonly used in printing

Easier handling – adhesive releases easily if contacted to itself

Complete removability – no adhesive transfer to plates or cylinders

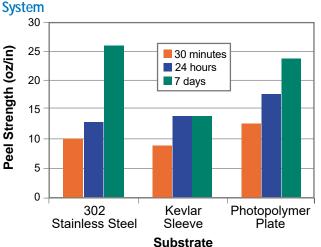


Plate-Side Adhesive Solvent Resistance

Performance

Excellent - no effect on PSA or

Good - moderate swelling of

adhesive, no effect on plate

Fair - minor swelling of adhesive,

some effect on plate hold-down ability

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Peel Strength of R/bak Adhesive

R/bak

Solvent

(20%) Isopropyl

Alcohol

n-propyl Alcohol

Ethyl Alcohol

80:20 Solution of

n-propyl Alcohol

and n-propyl Acetate

Methyl-ethyl Keytone

Toluene

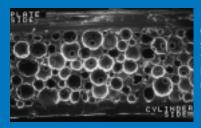
Water-Based Ink Cleanup

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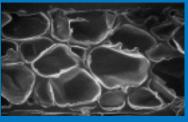
by taking a microscopic look at very small cells. Open-cell urethane bounces back over and over again so that the tape provides the same level of cushioning no matter how many times it is compressed. Closed-cell polyethylene breaks down in use, not bouncing back and resulting in loss of ink density.

The Science Behind the Art

of Better Flexographic Results.



Open-cell urethane structure (magnified 100 times) naturally bounces back to deliver consistent results.



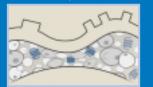
Closed-cell polyethylene's molecular structure (magnified 100 times) changes with repeated use and requires repeated adjustments.



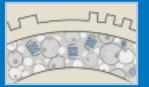
R/bak open-cell urethane foam



Closed-cell polyethylene foam



Open-cell structure "springs' recover after compression









"Balloons" or closed-cell structure ruptures under over-impression



Loss of impression force and reduced resiliency