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With its Wove and Fabric finishes and 2 shades of white, Opale offers the smoothest contemporary papers for high-quality stationery.

For more elegance and distinction, Opale is also available watermarked

# **Printing Guidelines**

#### Screen Ruling

A screen of 133-150 lpi should be used. Finer screens up to a maximum of 200 lpi can give good results with careful ink density control. For dark 4 colour images with high ink density, under colour removal may be required depending on the visuals. This will also help reduce drying time.

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# Paper handling

To avoid marking and set-off when printing multiple colours,  $35\mu$  anti set-off spay for boards and  $20\mu$  for paper weights are recommended. Turn off the delivery stack jogger and restrict the delivery pile when printing boards. Always protect paper from environmental humidity and temperature changes by using stack cover or stretch wrap.

### Varnishing,

To achieve a gloss varnish, it is essential to pre-seal the surface. Silk screen matt UV varnish should be used first, followed by subsequent applications of gloss UV varnish to achieve the desired effect. Ensure suitable inks are used prior to varnishing and that the inks are completely dry before varnish application. Not recommended for paper weight.

#### Blind Embossing

All finishes can be blind embossed. For subsequent laser printing, we recommend a shallow emboss to allow good feeding and to avoid damaging the emboss.

#### Laser Cutting

While laser cutting is easy, some scorching will be apparent around the cut area. Laser cut papers are more prone to miss feeds and jams within office printing technologies.

#### Hot Foil Blocking

All finishes can be foil blocked. Foil blockers can recommend the best foil for the image and the paper choice.

## Folding and Creasing

To guarantee good result, prior creasing is recommended. Creases should be made parallel too the grain of the board. For best result, a creasing rule and matrix system should be used. Fold into the bead for prominent folds.











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Caliper (µm)	EN 20534	100	110	130	220	320
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Smoothness Beck TS/WS (s)	DIN 53107	70 / 75	70 / 75	70 / 75	40	40
Opacity (%)	DIN 53146	90	92	94.5	-	-
Cobb 10 TS/WS (g/m²)	DIN 53132	17				
Optical Brightness (%)	DIN 53145	114.5				

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