Technical Data Sheet

BRADY B-342 PERMASLEEVE MARKER

TDS No. B342
Effective Date: 12/01/2025

Description:
GENERAL
Print Technology: Thermal transfer
Material Type: Irradiated polyolefin heat shrink tubing (3:1 shrink ratio)

APPLICATIONS
Wire identification and insulation purposes

RECOMMENDED RIBBONS
Brady Series R6600 for thermal transfer printing best smear and chemical resistance
Brady Series R4300 for thermal transfer printing general purpose ribbon
Brady Series R6700 for thermal transfer printing- white on dark colored markers

REGULATORY/AGENCY APPROVALS
UL: B-342 is a UL Recognized Component to UL224 Extruded Insulated Tubing. See UL file E333786 for specific details.

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SPECIAL FEATURES
B342 PermaSleeve™ Markers are made from heat shrinkable tubing that is qualified to SAE AS23053/5 (Class 4).

B-342 PermaSleeve™ Markers meet the mark permanence requirements of AS-81531 and AS-5942 when printed with the Brady Series R6600, R4300, R6700 series thermal transfer ribbons and with laser marking."

The operating temperature range is -55°C (-67°F) to +135°C (+275°F).

A minimum recovery temperature of 150°C (302°F) is recommended for B-342 PermaSleeve® markers.

B342 is available in white, yellow, black, red, orange, green, blue, violet, pink, gray, and brown.

B-342 can also be printed using laser marking method. Laser marking has very good environmental, abrasion, and chemical resistance.

Details:

MARKER SIZE		RANGE OF WIRE DIAMETER ((in)	RANGE OF WIRE DIAMETER ((mm)
3/32"	PS-094, 3PS094, 3UPS-094	0.023 - 0.080	0.58 - 2.03
1/8"	PS-125, 3PS-125, 3UPS-125	0.046 0.110	1.17 - 2.79
3/16"	PS-187, 3PS-187, 3UPS-187	0.062 0.150	1.57 - 3.81
1/4"	PS-250, 3PS-250, 3UPS-250	0.094 0.215	2.39 - 5.46
3/8"	PS-375, 3PS-375, 3UPS-375	0.125 0.320	3.18 - 8.13
1/2"	PS-500, 3PS-500, 3UPS-500	0.187 0.450	4.75 - 11.43
3/4"	PS-750, 3PS-750	0.250 0.700	6.35 - 17.78
1"	PS-1000, 3PS-1000	0.375 0.950	9.53 24.13
1 1/2"	PS-1500, 3PS-1500	0.500 - 1.450	12.7 36.83

Shrink Method: Any industrial grade heat gun may be used to shrink B-342 PermaSleeve® Markers.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES	TEST METHODS	AVERAGE RESULTS
Surface Flammability of Materials Using a Radiant Heat Energy Source Tested at an outside laboratory White Tubing only	ASTM E162 Common Maximum - 35	Flame Spread Index (Is) (rounded average result of 4 tests) White - 5
Specific Optical Density of Smoke (Ds) Tested at an outside laboratory White tubing only	ASTM E662 Common Maximum Flaming and Nonflaming Mode at 1.5 minutes - 100 Flaming and Nonflaming Mode at 4.0 minutes - 200	Specific Optical Density (Ds) (average of 3 tests) White: Flaming Mode at 1.5 minutes - 50 Flaming Mode at 4.0 minutes - 141 Nonflaming Mode at 1.5 minutes - 0 Nonflaming Mode at 4.0 minutes - 3

B342 white, yellow and other colors tested/printed with R4300 and R6600 Series thermal transfer ribbons. B342 black samples tested printed with R6700 white thermal transfer ribbon. B-342 white samples were also laser marked with a 10-watt fiber laser. Results are the same with all processes and ribbons unless stated otherwise. White, yellow, and black data listed below; other color data available upon request.

PERFORMANCE PROPERTIES	TEST METHODS	AVERAGE RESULTS
High Service Temperatures	5 minutes at 500°F (260°C) 24 hours at 350°F (180°C) 1000 hours at 267°F (130°C)	White: Slight tube darkening and yellowing Yellow: Moderate tube darkening. Black: No visible effect to tubing White and yellow: Slight tube darkening. White and yellow: Moderate tube darkening. No visible change to printing in above conditions (R4300, R6600, R6700, and laser marking)
Low Service Temperature	1000 hours at 94°F (-70°C)	No visible effect
Weatherability	ASTM G155 Cycle 1 1000 hours in Xenon Arc Weatherometer	White: Slight tube yellowing Yellow: No visible effect No visible change to printing
UV Light Resistance	ASTM G155 Cycle 1 dry 1000 hours	White: Moderate tube yellowing Yellow: No visible effect No visible change to printing
Humidity Resistance	1000 hours at 100°F/95% R.H.	No visible effect
Salt Fog	1000 hours in 5% Salt Fog Chamber per ASTM B117	No visible effect
Dielectric Strength	ASTM D2671 (after unrestricted shrink)	500 volts/mil minimum
Flammability	ASTM D2671, Procedure B	Self-extinguishing within 60 seconds
Print Adherence per SAEAS81531 (Sec 3.4.2)	Samples tested after unrestricted shrink at 200°C for 3 minutes 20 eraser rubs with hard hand pressure	Print is still easily legible on sleeves printed with all ribbons and laser marking.
Solvent Resistance	MILSTD202 method 215K with Change 1, 3 cycles of 3-minute immersions in specified fluids followed by toothbrush rub after each immersion B342 white printed with R4300 and R6600, tested after unrestricted shrink at 200°C for 3 minutes	White and Yellow: No visible effect Black: No visible effect to tubing, Solution 1 had Moderate print fade, print legible (R6700), Solution 2 had Slight print fade, print legible (R6700), Solution 3 & 4 had no visible effect (R6700)

B342 white, yellow and other colors were thermal transfer printed using the Brady Series R4300 ribbon and shrunk on appropriate size wires. Test conducted at room temperature after 24-hour dwell. Testing consisted of 5 cycles of 10-minute immersions in the specified chemical reagent followed by 30-minute recovery periods. Samples rubbed with cotton swab after final immersion.

CHEMICAL REAGENT	SUBJECTIVE OBSERVATION OF VISUAL CHANGE	
	TUBING AND PRINTING WITHOUT SWAB RUB	PRINTING WITH SWAB RUB
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	No visible effect	Severe print fade, print legible

Isopropyl Alcohol	No visible effect	Severe print fade, print legible
JP-8 Jet Fuel	No visible effect	Severe print fade, print legible
Kerosene	No visible effect	Severe print fade, print legible
Mil 5606 Oil	Tubing stained red, no visible effect on printing	Severe print fade, print legible
Mil 7808 Oil	No visible effect	Severe print fade, print legible
Speedi Kut Cutting Oil 332	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
Gasoline	No visible effect	Severe print fade, print legible
Rust Veto® 377	Tubing stained orange, no visible effect on printing	Severe print fade, print legible
Skydrol® 500B-4	No visible effect	Severe print fade, print legible
Propylene Glycol	No visible effect	Slight print fade, print legible
Super Agitene®	No visible effect	Severe print fade, print legible
BIOACT® EC-7R™ Terpene Cleaner	No visible effect	Severe print fade, print legible
Deionized Water	No visible effect	No visible effect
3% Alconox® Detergent	No visible effect	Slight print fade, print legible
5% Salt Water Solution	No visible effect	Slight print fade, print legible

B-342 white and yellow were thermal transfer printed using the Brady Series R6600 ribbon and shrunk on appropriate size wires. Test conducted at room temperature after 24-hour dwell. Testing consisted of 5 cycles of 10-minute immersions in the specified chemical reagent followed by 30-minute recovery periods. Samples rubbed with cotton swab after final immersion.

CHEMICAL REAGENT	SUBJECTIVE OBSERVATION OF VISUAL CHANGE	
	TUBING AND PRINTING WITHOUT SWAB RUB	PRINTING WITH SWAB RUB
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
Isopropyl Alcohol	No visible effect	No visible effect
JP8 Jet Fuel	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
Kerosene	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
Mil 5606 Oil	Tubing stained red on edges, no visible effect on printing	Slight print fade, print legible
Mil 7808 Oil	No visible effect	No visible effect
Speedi Kut Cutting Oil 332	No visible effect	No visible effect
Gasoline	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
Rust Veto® 377	Tubing stained orange, no visible effect on printing	Slight print fade, print legible
Skydrol® 500B4	No visible effect	Slight print fade, print legible
Propylene Glycol	No visible effect	No visible effect
Super Agitene®	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
BIOACT® EC7R™ Terpene Cleaner	No visible effect	Severe print fade, print just legible
Deionized Water	No visible effect	No visible effect
3% Alconox® Detergent	No visible effect	No visible effect
5% Salt Water Solution	No visible effect	No visible effect

B342 black samples were thermal transfer printed using the Brady Series R6700 white ribbon and shrunk on appropriate size wires. Test conducted at room temperature after 24-hour dwell. Testing consisted of 5 cycles of 10-minute immersions in the specified chemical reagent followed by 30-minute recovery periods. Samples rubbed with a cotton swab after final immersion.

CHEMICAL REAGENT	SUBJECTIVE OBSERVATION OF VISUAL CHANGE	
	TUBING AND PRINTING WITHOUT SWAB RUB	PRINTING WITH SWAB RUB
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	No visible effect	No visible effect
Isopropyl Alcohol	No visible effect	No visible effect
JP-8 Jet Fuel	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
Kerosene	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
Mil 5606 Oil	No visible effect	Slight print fade, print legible
Mil 7808 Oil	No visible effect	No visible effect
Speedi Kut Cutting Oil 332	No visible effect	No visible effect
Gasoline	No visible effect	Severe print fade, print legible
Rust Veto® 377	No visible effect	No visible effect
Skydrol® 500B4	No visible effect	No visible effect
Propylene Glycol	No visible effect	No visible effect
Super Agitene®	No visible effect	Slight print fade, print legible
BIOACT® EC7R™ Terpene Cleaner	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
Deionized Water	No visible effect	No visible effect

3% Alconox® Detergent	No visible effect	No visible effect
5% Salt Water Solution	No visible effect	No visible effect

B342 white samples were laser marked with a 10-watt fiber laser and shrunk on appropriate size wires. Test conducted at room temperature after 24-hour dwell. Testing consisted of 5 cycles of 10-minute immersions in the specified chemical reagent followed by 30-minute recovery periods. Samples rubbed with cotton swab after final immersion.

CHEMICAL REAGENT	SUBJECTIVE OBSERVATION OF VISUAL CHANGE	
	TUBING AND PRINTING WITHOUT SWAB RUB	PRINTING WITH SWAB RUB
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	No visible effect	No visible effect
Isopropyl Alcohol	No visible effect	No visible effect
JP8 Jet Fuel	No visible effect	No visible effect
Kerosene	No visible effect	No visible effect
Mil 5606 Oil	Tubing stained red, no visible effect on laser marking	No visible effect
Mil 7808 Oil	No visible effect	No visible effect
Speedi Kut Cutting Oil 332	No visible effect	No visible effect
Gasoline	No visible effect	No visible effect
Rust Veto® 377	Tubing stained orange, no visible effect on laser marking	No visible effect
Skydrol® 500B-4	No visible effect	No visible effect
Propylene Glycol	No visible effect	No visible effect
Super Agitene®	No visible effect	No visible effect
BIOACT® EC7R™ Terpene Cleaner	No visible effect	No visible effect
Deionized Water	No visible effect	No visible effect
3% Alconox® Detergent	No visible effect	No visible effect
5% Salt Water Solution	No visible effect	No visible effect

Shelf Life:
Shelf life is five years from the date of receipt for this product as long as this product is stored in its original packaging in an environment at 32-95 degrees F (035 degrees C) per SAE AS23053/5. It remains the responsibility of the user to assess the risk of using this product. We encourage customers to develop testing protocols that will qualify a product's fitness for use in their actual applications.

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