

# Answers to Today's Most **FAQs**



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**FAQ:** What films are best for the production of hospital wristbands?

**Answer:** Wristbands need to be printable. Top coated PET films (2 to 7 mils), are common for laser printer applications. Top coated BOPP films (4 to 8 mils) are common for TT and DT applications. Use Tyvek for flexo and inkjet applications.

**FAQ:** How can I make a wrist band that is soft to the touch?

**Answer:** An aqueous soft feel coating can be added to a PET film for more comfort to the skin. Some synthetic films, such as Polytext, are soft feel to the skin by their nature.

**FAQ:** What film and adhesive combo would be best for something like test tubes?

**Answer:** Test tubes and specimen vials are made with low surface energy plastics. Keep this in mind when choosing the adhesive. It should also be glove friendly. Use a face stock that is durable, yet conformable, such as laser latex.

**FAQ:** What adhesives can I use for a label that is going to be in direct contact with skin?

**Answer:** For labels adhering directly to skin, it is important to select an adhesive that will not irritate the skin and is deemed to be skin safe. Several choices are available depending upon the application.

**FAQ:** What type and gauge film would I need for face shields?

**Answer:** A clear PET between 5mil and 10mils. Our most common is a 7 mil clear PET. This product can be sheeted to the size needed for the manufacturing process.

**FAQ:** Do I need any type of special adhesive for a blood bag label?

**Answer:** There are both permanent and removable adhesives qualified for blood bag applications. The adhesive should be compliant with FDA C.F.R Sec 175.105. A conformable face stock such as Latex is recommended.

**FAQ:** What adhesives do I use for food applications like bananas and tomatoes?

**Answer:** A direct food contact adhesive is required. 31 CFR 170.39 adhesives are available for use when a label is being directly applied to food.

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