





PP MONO-MATERIAL SOLUTIONS Selecting the right OPP films for your recyclable packaging

Improved flexible packaging recycling

Numerous flexible packaging applications use multi-material laminates which are considered non-recyclable in Europe and can be converted to mechanically recyclable solutions by using polypropylene (PP) films. PP resins are light weight due to a very low density (0.9g/cm³) and are naturally easy to recycle (no crosslinking, no gels, no strong discoloration) and very well suited for multiple re-extrusions, favoring its use in mechanical recycling operations.

OPP films provide the best balance of properties to maintain all the key essential packaging functions, such as stiffness, heat resistance, barrier, heat seal and optical properties. Specific OPP films are commercially available for the 3 main functionalities of flexible laminates: **PRINTABILITY, BARRIER** and **HEAT SEALABILITY**.

PRINTABLE WEBS

Replacing Paper or PET with OPP films

Some of the most demanding packaging formats and product segments are using paper, oriented PET films or other harder to recycle substrates in laminate forms. Papers and PET films are stiff, heat stable and tolerate high seal jaw temperatures allowing for a robust packaging operation.

To replace Paper or PET films, OPP films are available with a broad range of features. Commonly available in white or clear, matt or glossy, one or two-side processable, heat sealable or non-sealable, barrier or non-barrier formulations and typically compatible with most printing and lamination processes.



Paper can be substituted either with OPPalyte[™] white films (SHH) or Bicor[™] clear films with a matt-look (CSRM). Using non heat sealable matt OPP will help for packaging efficiency while providing a paper finish aspect.

Paper replacement with OPP films

PAPER LOOK ASPECT		OPP FILM	GAUGE (µm)	HEAT SEAL*	FILM DESIGN (OUT/IN)	KEY FEATURES
	MATT	CSRM	18, 25	NHS	Matt/TRT	Good jaw release
CLEAR	MATT	GNR	20, 30	HS	Matt/TRT	O/O seal and lap (O/I) seal to PP
REVERSE	PARTIAL MATT AND GLOSS	NNH	20	NHS	TRT/TRT	2-side treated; good jaw release
PRINT		MB666	20-40	HS	Acrylic/Acrylic	Aroma & MOH barrier
		MB866	21	HS	Acrylic/PVOH	High gas, aroma & MOH barrier
WHITE	PARTIAL MATT AND GLOSS	SHH	28, 40	HS	TRT/TRT	Two side treated
SURFACE		MW647	35-45	HS	Acrylic/Acrylic	High gloss; Aroma & MOH barrier
		MH647	42	HS	Acrylic/Acrylic	High gloss; Aroma & MOH barrier

* NHS= Non-Heat Sealable

Glossy or matt PET films can be replaced with Bicor™ clear OPP films (MB100, NND, NNH, CSRM) to deliver various functional features or visual aspects depending on the final use.

Optionally clear barrier OPP films (MB890, MB866, AO894) are also available in various gauges for two-ply applications using reverse printing. Alternatively, coated white barrier OPP films (MW647, MH647) provide outstanding glossy white aspect with excellent barriers to aroma and mineral oils.

PET replacement with OPP films

VISUAL ASPECT		BICOR FILM	GAUGE (µm)	HEAT SEAL*	BARRIER	FILM DESIGN (OUT/IN)	KEY FEATURES
	GLOSS	NND	12, 20, 25	NHS	-	NHS/TRT Non-sealable; Good	
		MB100	12	NHS	-	NHS/TRT	Improved heat resistance; High stiffness
		MR100	25	NHS	-	NHS/TRT	Tailored heat resistance for retort
		MR103	25	NHS	-	TRT/TRT	Tailored heat resistance for retort
		MB400	15-50	HS	-	HS/TRT	Lap Seals with CPP or Coex OPP
		GND	20, 25, 30	HS	-	HS/TRT	Lap Seals with CPP or Coex OPP
CLEAR REVERSE PRINT		MB666	20-40	HS	Aroma	Acrylic/Acrylic	High gloss, MOH barrier; O/O seals
		MB890	16	HS	Gas, aroma	HS/EVOH	MOH barrier; O/O & O/I seals (PP)
		MB866	21	HS	Gas, aroma	Acrylic/PVOH	MOH barrier; O/O seals (acrylic)
		AO894	16	HS	H ₂ O, gas, aroma	HS/AIOx	MOH barrier; Flexo print only
	Matt	CSRM	18, 25	NHS	-	NHS/TRT	Non-sealable; Good jaw release
		GNR	20, 30	HS	-	HS/TRT	Lap Seals with CPP or Coex OPP
	PARTIAL MATT & GLOSS	NNH	20	NHS	-	TRT/TRT	Two side treated; Good jaw release
		MB666	20-40	HS	Aroma	Acrylic/Acrylic	MOH barrier; O/O seals
		MB866	21	HS	Gas, Aroma	Acrylic/PVOH	MOH barrier; O/O seals (acrylic)

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To help replace PET films in more demanding applications, Jindal Films is developping improved heat resistance OPP films for general outer web applications (Bicor[™] MB100), or for more specific market segments where extra heat processing is used (Bicor[™] MR100) such as retort or sterilization.

Please contact us for more details on these developments.

BARRIER WEBS

Replacing Alu Foil or vacuum coated PET with high barrier OPP films

For sensitive products, many barrier laminates still use thin Aluminum foils or vacuum coated PET films (clear coated or metallized) that are non-recyclable when combined with printable or sealable polyolefin films. Outstanding moisture, gas, aroma and mineral oil barriers can be delivered with specific OPP films, usually also resulting in improved mechanical properties such as puncture or flex-crack resistance.



Alu foil and Met-PET can be replaced with Metallyte[™] high barrier (MM288) or ultra-high barrier (MM883, MML883) OPP films - typically in 2-side processable form – or optionally with white metallized high barrier (MU842).

Aluminum Foil & Met-PET replacement with OPP films

BASE FILM ASPECT	METALLYTE FILM	LAMINATE TYPE	WVTR 38C 90%RH	OTR 23C 0%RH	Aroma & MO Barrier	TYPICAL MARKET SEGMENTS
	15MM288		0.1	25	+	Soluble drinks, instant coffee
CLEAR	16MM883	3-PLY	0.1	0.1	+++	Dry milk, roasted coffee
	18MML883		0.1	0.1	+++	Liquid Packaging
	28MU842		0.1	0.1	+++	Dry yeast
WHITE	35MU842	3-PLY	0.1	0.1	+++	Baby food
	28UBWES	2-PLY	0.1	0.1	+++	Dehydrated soups

For transparent applications, Alox-Lyte[™] films (AO894, AO893, AOL893) or Bicor[™] coated films (MB866, MB890) are suitable to either replace SiOx or AlOx vacuum coated PET films, or to shift thicker barrier layers (EVOH) from the coextruded PE or PP sealants to the middle or outer webs of laminates and results in improved PP mono-material composition that are recyclable.

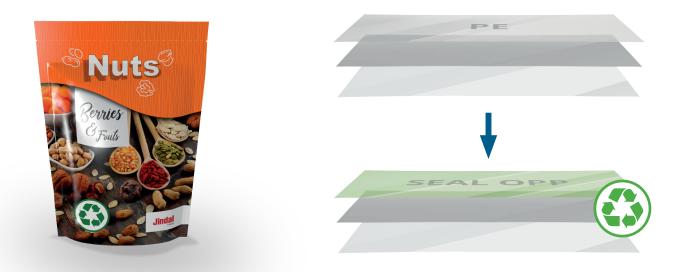
Clear Coated PET replacement with OPP films

BARRIER TECHNOLOGY	BARRIER OPP FILM	WVTR 38C 90%RH	OTR 23C 0%RH	Aroma & MO barrier	TYPICAL MARKET SEGMENTS		
ACRYLIC	20MB666	3.5 - 7	500-1000	+++	PET, Cellophane, PVdC-OPP, Paper replacement		
EVOH/PVOH	16MB890	F	0.5	+++	PVdC-OPP, EVOH coex PP or PE,		
	21MB866	5	0.5		Dry applications replacement		
	16AO894	0.7	0.5	+++	PET-AIOx, PET-SiOx, PET-PVdC, PVdC-OPP		
ALOX	16AO893	0.7	0.5		replacement		
	18AOL893	1.5	1.5	+++	Liquid Packaging		

HEAT SEAL WEBS

Replacing PE films with enhanced seal performance OPP films

Many demanding packaging applications – such as for powdered products or those using MAP - use blown or cast polyethylene heat seal films that contribute to strong pack integrity. Cast PP or enhanced seal OPP films can be used to shift the final laminate towards a PP mono-material composition, resulting in improved recyclability. OPP films provide enhanced mechanical properties (e.g. stiffness, puncture resistance) over blown or cast films, to help significantly down-gauge the sealant webs and provide additional features such as easy-tear from a notch or from a crimp-seal.



Jindal Films has developed specific **Bicor™** or **Metallyte™** films with higher seal performance to partially close the gap with PE-based sealants. The latest generation of **Bicor Ultra Seal films (MB344US)** delivers 6 times higher seal strength than most standard coex OPP films, with exceptional hot tack window and often with lower seal initiation temperatures (SIT) than most cast PP films.

MATERIAL REPLACEMENT	HEAT SEAL PERFORMANCE	OPP FILM	GAUGE (µm)	BASE FILM ASPECT	SIT (°C)	SEAL STRENGTH	WVTR 38C 90%RH	OTR 23C 0%RH
	Broad Seal Range (low SIT)	HLD	20, 25, 30	Clear	80	+		
		STD	28-50	White	80	+		
Standard OPP		SVD	28	White	100	Peelable		
Applications		MLB	20, 30	Metallised	85	++	0.3	40
		MM398	15	Metallised	85	++	0.3	50
		QFM	35	White / Metallised	85	+	0.2	30
Extrusion coated PE	Enhanced Seal	UBWES	28	White / Metallised	80	+++	0.1	0.1
PE & CPP	ULTRA SEAL	MB344US	40, 50	Clear	95	++++		

OPP films with improved seal performance

Please contact us for more details on these developments.



Jindal Films provides PP mono-material solutions with a broad range of films - printable, barrier and heat sealable - to help brand-owners and converters launch their multi-material flexible packaging laminates on a journey towards a more sustainable future, feeding the rPP recycling streams progressively being implemented across Europe.



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Please contact us for more details.

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