



PLASKOLITE

**TUFFAK®** polycarbonate

A new generation of  
engineered sheet products  
for signage

# TUFFAK SL and TUFFAK LD

Tradition of delivering the right elements  
for outstanding electric signage

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## 1) Three-dimensional depth

- » Thermoforming TUFFAK sheet adds dimension to enhance logos, letters, and message
- » Thinner deep draw areas retain strength

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## 2) Versatile sheet and reel sizes

- » A broad inventory of standard sheet and reels speeds delivery and facilitates production planning
- » Standard sign colors
- » Custom sizes can minimize material waste in high volume production jobs

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## 3) TUFFAK LD delivers uniform light diffusion for today's LED signage

- » Eliminates LED hot spots even in deep draw thermoformed areas that are often problematic for other materials
- » Allows shallow channel letter designs: exceptional light diffusion reduces light intensity variations (shadowing) even at smaller LED-diffuser sheet distances
- » Extensive standard color palette: color match technology consistently satisfies demanding corporate jobs
- » Delivers TUFFAK sheet's recognized performance on impact, temperature, and weather resistance
- » UL recognition: Meets the UL 879 standard for use in electric signs
- » UL 94 V-2 flammability rating 0.093" - 0.177"
- » UL 94 V-O flammability rating 0.236"

## Performance that protects the image

- » Weather resistance
  - UV protection technology provides long lasting outdoor life
  - Exceptional toughness properties provide windload and hail impact protection across a broad temperature range
- » Unsurpassed durability in production and use
  - TUFFAK sheet helps minimize breakage losses for high production yields and ensures on-schedule installation
- » Design versatility and dimensional stability
  - Allows closer placement of lighting sources to the sign face for more versatile and cost-effective designs
- » UL Listed: TUFFAK sign grades meet UL 879 criteria for use in electric signs
- » UL 94 HB flammability rating

# TUFFAK®

## TUFFAK NR

### Non-reflective, co-extruded sheet

Anti-glare surface treatment provides impact resistant solution to current users of non-glare acrylic.

Non-reflective coating is lighter than most matte finishes reducing "pixel" effect.

#### INTENDED MARKETS

- » TV enclosures
- » Digital displays
- » Menu boards
- » Graphic panels



## TUFFAK NR-C

### Non-reflective, coated sheet

Anti-glare surface with abrasion and chemical resistance.

#### INTENDED MARKETS

- » Digital displays
- » Outdoor menu boards
- » Ruggedized electronics for military, aerospace and consumer products

| Characteristics      | NR | NR-C |
|----------------------|----|------|
| Anti-glare           | ✓  | ✓    |
| Non-pixelating       | ✓  | ✓    |
| Economical           | ✓  |      |
| Outdoors suitable    | ✓  | ✓    |
| 2nd surface printing | ✓  | ✓    |
| Chemical resistant   |    | ✓    |
| Abrasion resistant   |    | ✓    |
| Formability          | ✓  |      |
| Cold bending         | ✓  |      |
| Gloss consistency    | ✓  |      |

| Specifications                    | NR non-reflective (coex)  | NR-C non-reflective, coated   |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Technology                        | Non-reflective coex layer | Non-reflective coated surface |
| Thickness range                   | 0.040" - 0.200"           | 0.060" - 0.500"               |
| Maximum width                     | 80.70"                    | 48.00"                        |
| Maximum length                    | 120.00"                   | 135.00"                       |
| Gloss level - 60°                 | Target 37 ±3              | Target 37 ±5                  |
| Non-glare layer                   | One side only             | One side only                 |
| Weathering                        | OK >3,500 hrs. Xenon      | OK >3,500 hrs. Xenon          |
| Haze (.0118" thick)               | 19 - 21                   | 19 - 21                       |
| Light transmission (0.118" thick) | 88 - 91                   | 88 - 91                       |
| Masking (non-reflective side)     | Adhesive-based            | Adhesive-based                |



# TUFFAK NR and NR-C

Non-reflective  
sheet applications



Menu boards



Medical monitors



Message centers



Heavy duty gauges



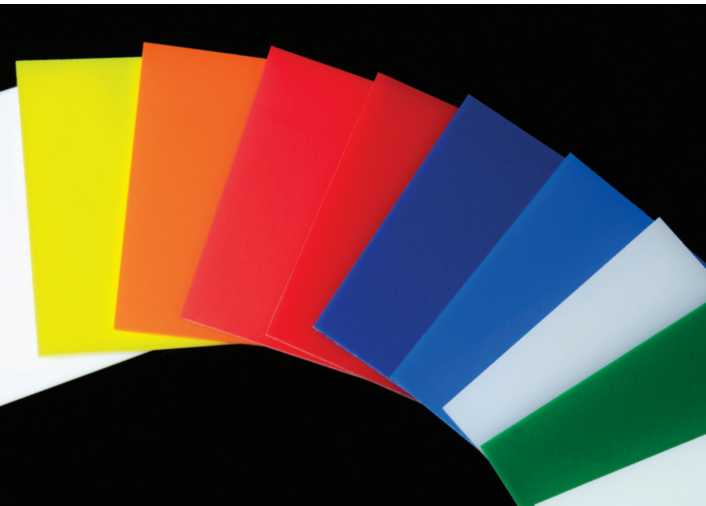
Outdoor signage



Fuel dispensers

# TUFFAK SL matte and TUFFAK AR

## Abrasion resistant • Glare reduction



### TUFFAK SL matte adds a design dimension to high performance signage

- » Non-glare finish on UV protected side
- » Same high performing physical properties as TUFFAK SL

### TUFFAK AR transparent sheet expands design and application options

- » Durable hard coated surface on one or two sides offers abrasion resistance for applications that need frequent cleaning and in high traffic areas
- » Anti-graffiti protection for indoor and outdoor kiosks/signs in airports, hotels, and other public facilities
- » Enhanced chemical resistance
- » UL 972 burglary resistant
- » UL 94 HB flammability rating
- » UL 94 V-0 > 0.394"

#### Temperature Resistance (ASTM D 648)

| Material       | Heat Deflection Temperature (°F)<br>@ 66 psi | Heat Deflection Temperature (°F)<br>@ 264 psi |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| TUFFAK         | 280                                          | 270                                           |
| Acrylic (PMMA) | 190                                          | 181                                           |

#### Impact Resistance (ASTM D 3763)

| Material        | Total Energy (ft.-lbs) |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| TUFFAK @ 0.125" | > 46                   |
| Acrylic (PMMA)  | 2                      |

Competitive PC



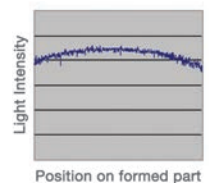
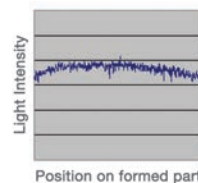
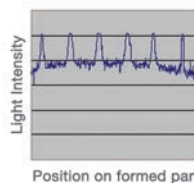
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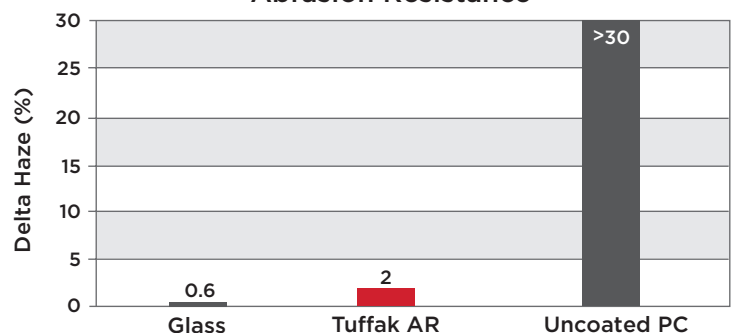
Images and graphs demonstrate TUFFAK LD's ability to completely eliminate LED hot spots, even when thinned by 50%.



Thermoformed polycarbonate domes are all photographed with the same backlighting LEDs. Peaks in the light intensity vs. position graph for the competitive PC show strong LED hot spots.

No peaks are present in the TUFFAK LD graphs.

#### Abrasion Resistance\*



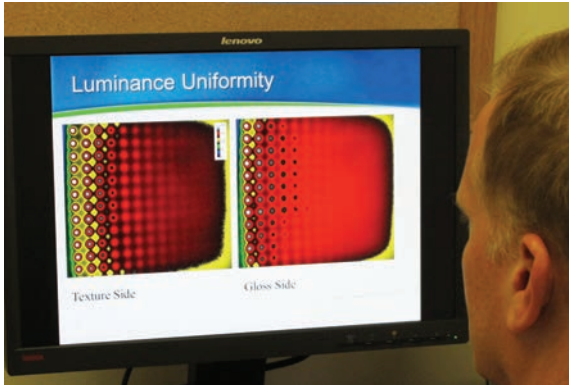
\*Taber Abrasion per ASTM D 1044, 100 cycles CS-10F wheel





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