## 3M™ Gloss Wrap Overlaminate 8418G

## **Product Description**

- In comparison to Overlaminate 8518:
  - 1.2 mil cast vinyl film 0.8 mil thinner
  - Similar gloss
  - Lighter weight
- Highly conformable for compound curves
- Excellent clarity
- Expected performance life of six years (unwarranted period applied to a flat, vertical, outdoor surface)

### Recommended Types of Graphics and End Uses

- Vehicle wraps
- Fleet/vehicle
- Watercraft
- Transit
- Labels

#### Characteristics

These are the typical values for unprocessed product. Processing may change the values.

#### Performance Characteristics

Characteristic	Value			
Material	Vinyl			
Cast or non-Cast	Cast			
Thickness	1.2 mils			
Gloss	Gloss			
Liner	Polyester			
Lamination Temperature	50°F to +100°F (10°C to +38°C)			
In Use Temperature Range	-65°F to +200°F (-54°C to +93°C) (Though not extended for periods of time at the extremes.)			
Chemical Resistance	Resists mild alkalis, mild acids, and salt     Excellent resistance to water (does not include immersion)     Resists occasional fuel spills			
Flammability	View the ASTM E84 report at the online product catalog at 3M.com/graphics. For all other test reports call 1-800-328-3908.			

## Factors Affecting Graphic Performance Life

The actual performance life of a graphic is affected by:

- The combination of graphic materials used
- Complete ink drying or curing
- · Selection, condition, and preparation of the substrate
- Surface texture
- Application methods
- Angle and direction of sun exposure
- Environmental conditions
- Cleaning and maintenance methods

#### **Quick Links**

3M Graphics Warranties
Technical Information Selector
Safety Data Sheets (SDS)
Flammability
Videos

Some of these links lead to web-based resources that are not product-specific.



## **Graphics Manufacturing**



### /!\ CAUTION

Before using any equipment, always read the manufacturer's instructions for safe operation.

#### Completely Dry Graphics



#### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

Incomplete drying or curing can result in graphic failure including curling, increased shrinkage, and adhesion failure, which are not covered under any 3M Graphics warranty.

See the ink's 3M product and instruction bulletins for more details.

### Application and Installation

In addition to other 3M bulletins specified in this document, the following bulletins provide details users may need to successfully apply a graphic.

3M Instruction Bulletin 4.22 Lamination Basics for Inkjet Printed Graphics

## Maintenance and Cleaning

Use a cleaner designed for high-quality painted surfaces. The cleaner must be wet, non-abrasive, without solvents, and have a pH value between 3 and 11 (neither strongly acidic nor strongly alkaline). See 3M Instruction Bulletin 6.5 for details.

### Shelf Life, Storage, and Shipping

#### Shelf Life

The shelf life is **never more than three years** from the date of manufacture on the original box.

If you process the film, the shelf life is changed to one year from the processing date, but no later than three years from the manufacturing

## Storage Conditions

- 40°F to 100°F (4°C to 38°C)
- Out of sunlight
- Clean, dry area
- Original container
- Bring the film to room temperature before use

### Shipping Finished Graphics

Flat, or rolled printed side out on 5 in. (13 cm) or larger core. This helps prevent the application tape, if used, from popping off.

## Health and Safety



#### CAUTION

When handling any chemical products, read the manufacturers' container labels and the safety data sheets (SDS) for important health, safety, and environmental information. To obtain SDS for 3M products go to 3M.com/SDS. To request SDS by mail, or in case of an urgent situation, call 1-800-364-3577 or 1-651-737-6501.

When using any equipment, always follow the manufacturer's instructions for safe operation.

### Air Quality Regulations

State volatile organic compound (VOC) regulations may prohibit the use of certain chemicals with VOCs in graphic arts coatings and printing operations. For example, the California South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) prohibits the use of certain solvent-based solutions without a permit, while other California AQMDs prohibit the use of certain solutions without a permit or regulatory exemption. Users should check with their state's environmental authorities to determine whether use of this product may be restricted or prohibited.

## Warranty Information

The warranty coverage for eligible graphics is based on the user both reading and following all applicable and current 3M Graphics product and instruction bulletins. The warranty period for eligible graphics is as follows:

Base Film + 8418G	MCS™ Coverage		Performance Guarantee Coverage	
	Vehicle	Boat	Vehicle	Boat
IJ170Cv3 IJ175Cv3 IJ180Cv3 IJ180C IJ180-10 IJ180mC-10 IJ180mC-114 IJ180mC-120 SV480mC LX480mC	5 years	2 years	3 years	2 years

Additional information can be found at 3M.com/graphicswarranties.

- 3M Graphics Warranties Bulletin
  - This bulletin contains information on limitations and exceptions, and warranty period reductions for 3M Graphics Warranties. The warranty period may be reduced and stipulations may apply for certain constructions, applications, and graphic exposures as covered in this Bulletin.
- 3M Graphics Warranties Selector
  - Use this selector to search for your vertical warranty period by product type, ink type, film name, and/or ink/printer platform.
- U.S. Desert Southwest Region Map
  - Use this map of hot, arid desert areas to determine if you are subject to reduced warranted durabilities.

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The warranties set forth in this bulletin are made in lieu of all other express or implied warranties, including any implied warranty of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, or arising out of a course of dealing, custom, or usage of trade.

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