DuPont™ Cyrel® DFM
Medium Durometer High Resolution Digital Plate for Cyrel® FAST

DuPont Packaging Graphics continues to be a global technology leader in the development and supply of flexographic printing systems. Our R&D team continues to develop innovative new solutions to help our customers expand their business by taking advantage of new and profitable opportunities in the growing flexographic packaging market. The DuPont Packaging Graphics portfolio of products includes DuPont™ Cyrel® brand photopolymer plates (analog and digital), Cyrel® platemaking equipment, Cyrel® round sleeves, Cyrel® plate mounting systems and the revolutionary Cyrel® FAST thermal system.

DuPont™ Cyrel® Plates: Higher quality at high speed

Cyrel® DFM is a medium durometer plate for the FAST thermal platemaking process designed to meet the needs of high quality flexo with fine halftone, linework and solids.

Applications
- Flexible packaging
- Tag and Label
- Envelopes
- Carrier bags
- Folding cartons
- Pre-print liner
- Beverage cartons

Product Features
- Extremely rapid access time—thanks to thermal plate processing without drying
- Excellent ink transfer permits superior printing uniformity
- Higher durability for long print runs
- High exposure resolution results in better quality reproduction
- Image relief is clean and sharp
- Exceptional thickness uniformity—No plate swelling during platemaking
- Less make ready time on press
- High resistance to ozone and white light results in excellent storage flexibility

Printing Ink and Solvent Compatibility
Cyrel® DFM offers excellent compatibility with UV, solvent-based and water-based inks

Platemaking
The Cyrel® FAST thermal developer allows the production of Cyrel® FAST finished plates in less than one hour, making it the ideal just-in-time platemaking system for a market that demands quick turnaround and high quality. The Cyrel® FAST thermal developer delivers outstanding plate quality and uniformity. This processor has the ability to produce a finished plate without solvent washout. The Cyrel® EC/LF for exposing and light-finishing plates is available to complement the Cyrel® FAST thermal developer.
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**Process of Use**
DuPont™ Cyrel® DFM is designed to work with Cyrel® FAST thermal platemaking. Expose the plate through the back to establish the floor and minimize sensitivity. Back exposure varies according to relief required. Remove the protective coversheet, and image the plate with the Cyrel® Digital Imager (CDI). Expose the front of the plate surface. Process the plate in the Cyrel® FAST thermal developer. Finish the plate in a light finisher to eliminate surface tackiness. Post-expose the plate to ensure complete polymerization.

**Mounting**
Microdot mounting devices are recommended for mounting Cyrel® DFM plates. The double sided adhesive should first be applied to the cylinder or sleeve—not the plate—to ensure easier and precise laydown. The polyester base will maintain accurate register even with large plates.

**Storage—Raw Material**
Store unexposed plates in a cool area (4–32°C, 40–90°F), away from direct sources of heat. Humidity control is not required. Cyrel® DFM is foam interleaved to provide maximum protection of the plate after manufacture and during transportation and storage. Plates should be stacked flat. Plates should not be exposed to direct sunlight or excessive white light. Continuous exposure to very high ozone concentrations should be avoided.

**Handling—Raw Material**
Like all photopolymer plates, Cyrel® DFM plates should be handled under UV free light; e.g., fluorescent tubes covered with amber sleeves.

**Storage—Finished Plates**
After printing, plates should be thoroughly cleaned with compatible solvent before storing. They may be stored on cylinders, sleeves or demounted and stored flat.

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<th>Technical Data</th>
<th>Cyrel® DFM 45 Thickness 0.045 inch</th>
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