

**Technical Data Sheet**

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**BRADY B-342 PERMASLEEVE MARKER****Description:**

B-342 PermaSleeve™ Markers are heat shrinkable (3:1 shrink ratio), flexible polyolefin sleeves used for wire identification and insulation purposes.

B-342 PermaSleeve™ Markers are supplied roll form in a flattened format on a carrier designed for use with both dot matrix and thermal transfer printers. B-342 is available in white, yellow, black and other colors.

The Brady R5000 Series high performance ribbon is recommended for best dot matrix print performance. The Brady R4300 Series black ribbon is recommended for best **thermal** transfer print performance.

The Brady R4502S silver ribbon is recommended for **thermal** transfer printing of black markers.

B-342 PermaSleeve™ Markers meet the material and physical property requirements of MIL-DTL-23053/5C (class 1) for Insulation Sleeving, and MIL-M-81531 for Marking of Electrical Insulating Materials when printed with R5000 dot matrix and R4300 and R4502S (for black sleeves only) **thermal** transfer ribbons.

**Details:**

MARKER SIZE		RANGE OF WIRE DIAMETER (in)	RANGE OF WIRE DIAMETER (mm)
3/32"	3PS-094	0.023 - 0.080	0.58 - 2.03
1/8"	3PS-125	0.046 - 0.110	1.17 - 2.79
3/16"	3PS-187	0.062 - 0.150	1.57 - 3.81
1/4"	3PS-250	0.094 - 0.215	2.39 - 5.46
3/8"	3PS-375	0.125 - 0.320	3.18 - 8.13
1/2"	3PS-500	0.187 - 0.450	4.75 - 11.43

Shrink Method: Any industrial grade heat gun may be used to shrink B-342 PermaSleeve™ Markers.

B-342 white and yellow samples tested printed with R5000 Series dot matrix and R4300 Series **thermal** transfer ribbons. B-342 black samples tested printed with R4502S silver **thermal** transfer ribbon. Results the same with all ribbons unless stated otherwise.

PERFORMANCE PROPERTIES	TEST METHODS	AVERAGE RESULTS
High Service Temperatures	5 minutes at 500°F (260°C) 24 hours at 350°F (180°C) 1000 hours at 267°F (130°C)	Slight tubing discoloration, no visible effect to printing
Low Service Temperature	1000 hours at -40°F (-40°C)	No visible effect
Weatherability	ASTM G 26 1000 hours in Xenon Arc Weatherometer	Slight discoloration (white), moderate tubing fade (yellow), very slight print fade, no visible effect to black marker
UV Light Resistance	1000 hours in UV Sunlighter™ 100	Slight discoloration (white), slight tubing fade (yellow), very slight print fade, no visible effect to black marker
Humidity Resistance	1000 hours at 100°F/95% R.H.	No visible effect
Salt Fog	1000 hours at 5% Salt Spray	No visible effect
Dielectric Strength	ASTM D 2671 (after unrestricted shrink)	500 volts/mil minimum
Flammability	Fed. STD-228, Method 5221 (Tubing shrunk on metal rod)	Self-extinguishing within 60 seconds
Marking Permanence MIL-M-81531 20 erasure rubs  MIL-STD-202, Method 215J Solution A Solution C Solution D	Samples tested heat shrunk 20 eraser rubs with hard hand pressure  3 cycles of 3 minute immersions in specified fluids followed by toothbrush rub after each immersion	Print still easily legible  Print still easily legible in all three test fluids

Solution A: 1 part isopropyl alcohol, 3 parts mineral spirits

Solution B: deleted from MIL-STD-202, Method 215J

Solution C: BIOACT® EC-7R™ terpene defluxer

Solution D: 42 parts water, 1 part propylene glycol monomethyl ether, 1 part monoethanolamine at 70°C

PERFORMANCE PROPERTY	CHEMICAL RESISTANCE
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B-342 white samples were dot matrix printed using Brady R5000 Series ribbon and shrunk on appropriate size wires. Test conducted at room temperature after 24 hour dwell. Testing consisted of 5 cycles of 10 minute immersions in the specified chemical reagent followed by 30 minute recovery periods. Samples rubbed with cotton swab after final immersion.

CHEMICAL REAGENT	SUBJECTIVE OBSERVATION OF VISUAL CHANGE	
	TUBING AND PRINTING WITHOUT SWAB RUB	PRINTING WITH SWAB RUB
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	No visible effect	Severe print fade, barely legible
Isopropyl Alcohol	No visible effect	Slight print fade
JP-8 Jet Fuel	No visible effect	Slight print fade
Kerosene	No visible effect	Slight print fade
Mil 5606 Oil	Tubing stained red, no visible effect on printing	Slight print fade
Mil 7808 Oil	No visible effect	Slight print fade
Speedi Kut Cutting Oil 332	No visible effect	Slight print fade
Gasoline	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
Rust Veto® 377	Tubing stained orange, no visible effect on printing	Moderate print fade, print legible
Skydrol® 500B-4	No visible effect	Severe print fade, barely legible
Propylene Glycol	No visible effect	Slight print fade
Super Agitene®	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
BIOACT® EC-7R™ Terpene Cleaner	No visible effect	Severe print fade, barely legible
Deionized Water	No visible effect	No visible effect
3% Alconox® Detergent	No visible effect	No visible effect
5% Salt Water Solution	No visible effect	No visible effect

B-342 white samples were **thermal** transfer printed using R4300 Series ribbon and shrunk on appropriate size wires. Test conducted at room temperature after 24 hour dwell. Testing consisted of 5 cycles of 10 minute immersions in the specified chemical reagent followed by 30 minute recovery periods. Samples rubbed with cotton swab after final immersion.

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Isopropyl Alcohol	No visible effect	Slight print fade
JP-8 Jet Fuel	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
Kerosene	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
Mil 5606 Oil	Tubing stained red, no visible effect on printing	Moderate print fade, print legible
Mil 7808 Oil	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
Speedi Kut Cutting Oil 332	No visible effect	No visible effect
Gasoline	No visible effect	Severe print fade, barely legible
Rust Veto® 377	Tubing stained orange, no visible effect on printing	Moderate print fade, print legible
Skydrol® 500B-4	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
Propylene Glycol	No visible effect	Slight print fade
Super Agitene®	No visible effect	Slight print fade
BIOACT® EC-7R™ Terpene Cleaner	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
Deionized Water	No visible effect	No visible effect
3% Alconox® Detergent	No visible effect	No visible effect
5% Salt Water Solution	No visible effect	No visible effect

**B-342** black samples were **thermal** transfer printed using R4502S silver ribbon and shrunk on appropriate size wires. Test conducted at room temperature after 24 hour dwell. Testing consisted of 5 cycles of 10 minute immersions in the specified chemical reagent followed by 30 minute recovery periods. Samples rubbed with cotton swab after final immersion.

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Isopropyl Alcohol	No visible effect	No visible effect
JP-8 Jet Fuel	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
Kerosene	No visible effect	Moderate print fade, print legible
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Speedi Kut Cutting Oil 332	No visible effect	Slight print fade
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