



SPECIFICATION INFORMATION VERTICAL FORMING GRADE VGP (VF-3) PLASTIC LAMINATE

1. PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

NEVAMAR® Laminated Plastic Vertical Forming Grade VF-3 (VGP).

2. MANUFACTURER

NEVAMAR DECORATIVE SURFACES

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3. PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Basic Uses: NEVAMAR brand laminate VF-3 (VGP) Vertical Forming Grade is manufactured for application to interior vertical surfaces where a simple directional radius is required or where a decorative wear and stain resistive surface is required. It offers an attractive edge free appearance. Vertical applications include wall panels, cabinet doors, case good fronts and sides, store fixtures, fascia, trims and furniture.

Limitations: NEVAMAR vertical surfacing laminate is not recommended for exterior use or direct application over gypsum wallboard, concrete walls or plastered walls. Fabrication should not be done below the temperature of 65°F (18°C). Do not use in areas exposed to temperatures exceeding 275°F (135°C). Postforming grade laminates cannot be formed to a compound corner.

Typical minimum radii are:

VF-3 Grade* 3/16" (4.8 mm) inside radius-surface in compression.

1/4" (6.4 mm) outside radius-surface in tension

*Shop applied heated to 325°F (163°C) – 350°F (177°C). Note – when edge banding, it is recommended that the laminate extend at least 3" (76.2 mm) beyond the radius edge.

Composition and Materials: NEVAMAR laminate is manufactured by pressing melamine resin impregnated decorative paper over layers of phenolic resin impregnated kraft paper at pressures approximating 1200 lbs. per square inch at temperatures not exceeding 300°F (148°C). The back is sanded to maintain a uniform thickness and to facilitate bonding.

Nevamar Armored Protection™ Surface: Most textured finish items are produced with Nevamar's exclusive Armored Protection™ Surface and have all the properties of conventional laminate. But it also has superior abrasion and scuff resistance due to a very thin deposit of microscopic particles of aluminum oxide on the conventional melamine layer. Armored Protection™ Surface laminate has significantly better wear value than the NEMA standard for laminates. It also offers superior resistance to scuffing and abrasion and resists gloss change during use. Therefore, Armored Protection™ Surface laminates tend to retain a "brand new" appearance during most of their useful life. All other properties meet the normal NEMA test requirements. Consult your local NEVAMAR representative or distributor for a brochure which fully explains the benefits of this remarkable surface.

Sheet Sizes:

Widths – 48" (1219 mm), 60" (1524 mm)

Lengths – 96" (2438 mm), 120" (3048 mm), 144" (3658 mm)

These are nominal dimensions obtainable from oversized sheets.

Thickness: 0.028" (± .004); 0.7 mm (± .10)

Finishes: Typically, Nevamar high pressure laminates are stocked in textured (T) finish. Some stock line items come standard in another finish as indicated in the product guide. Other finish options are available upon request under made-to-order guidelines. Available finishes are shown in Table I. Contact your NEVAMAR representative or distributor on all other finish options.

Applicable Standards: (Meets performance standards of the following) ANSI (American National Standard Institute)/NEMA (National Electrical Manufacturers Association) Publication LD 3 current edition. Federal Specification LP508H, Mil Spec. P. 17171E (ships), NSF-35.



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4. TECHNICAL DATA

NEVAMAR brand laminate VF-3 (VGP) Vertical Forming Grade is manufactured to meet or exceed the requirements of ANSI/NEMA publication LD 3 current edition. (American National Standard Performance Standards for Fabricated High Pressure Decorative Laminate Countertops ANSI A 161 2-1998 (Sponsored by National Association of Plastic Fabricators)).

5. INSTALLATION

Methods: NEVAMAR forming laminates should be fabricated using approved methods by bonding it to a core material such as laminate grade plywood, particleboard, MDF, or metal using adhesives and techniques as recommended by reliable adhesive manufacturers.

6. AVAILABILITY AND COST

Availability: NEVAMAR laminate sheets are available throughout the country from stocking distributors. These distributors are supported with NEVAMAR Customer Service Centers located in major trading centers.

Cost: Varies according to locale, quantity, grade, pattern and finish. NEVAMAR sales representatives or distributors will aid in quoting local prices.

7. MAINTENANCE

Surfaces of NEVAMAR laminate may be cleaned with a damp cloth and ordinary soap or household ammoniated liquid detergent. Abrasive cleaners or cleaners containing five percent or more of chlorine bleach solution should not be used. Stubborn stains may require use of organic solvents such as alcohol, acetone, ketone (MEK), lacquer thinner or paint solvent. (NOTE: Although these solvents will not harm NEVAMAR, they will attack the contact adhesive at the glue line around the edges and are flammable.) Complete care instructions available upon request.

8. LIMITATION OF WARRANTY AND LIABILITY

- (a) We warrant solely to the original Buyer that the Products will be free from defects in materials and workmanship, when given normal, proper and intended usage, for a period of one year from the date of sale to the Buyer.
- (b) At our expense, we agree to repair or replace at our option all defective Products not performing substantially in accordance with applicable Product specifications, provided that Buyer has given us written notice of such warranty claim within the one year warranty period. If we are unable, after reasonable efforts, to repair or replace such defective Product, Buyer's sole remedy shall be the refund of an amount not to exceed the actual payments received by us for such Product. All replaced items shall become our property.
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9. TECHNICAL SERVICES

Nevamar maintains trained sales personnel servicing all sections of the country. Consult local telephone yellow page directory under "Plastic High Pressure Laminates" or contact Nevamar Decorative Surfaces, One Nevamar Place, Hampton, South Carolina 29924. Phone: (803) 943-7200 or (800) 638-4380
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TABLE-1		
CATEGORY	AVAILABLE FINISH	FINISH OPTIONS
Patterns	Textured/Gloss/Hi-Luster	For details on all other finish options, contact Nevamar
Woodgrains	Textured /Polished Velvet/Velvet	
Matrix	Textured	
Solid Colors	Textured	

FINISH	GLOSS* READING	DESCRIPTION OF FINISH
Crystal	6-16	Dimensional high light reflectivity
Gloss (Solid Colors)	85-100	High gloss
Hi-Luster	30-40	Finely textured, highly reflective gloss
Polished velvet	25-35	A semi-gloss minutely grained finish
Textured	5-20	Low sheen matte
Velvet	10-20	A smooth finely grained finish

*Gardner 60° Gloss Meter

TABLE-2 TEST VALUES		
TEST	NEMA REQUIREMENTS	TYPICAL NEVAMAR VALUES
Wear Resistance: Wear Value (cycles)	400 min.	1000 cycles typical on Armored Protection™ textured finish
Impact Resistance: (Inch drop)	20 inches	40 inches
Dart Impact Resistance	200 mm	450 mm
Dimensional Change % MD, Max. % CD, Max.	1.1% 1.4%	0.35% 0.75%
Room Temp. Dimensional Stability % MD, Max. % CD, Max.	1.0% 1.3%	0.3% 0.6%
Resistance to Boiling Water	Slight Effect	Slight Effect
Resistance to High Temperature	Slight Effect	No Effect
Radiant Heat Resistance	80 sec. min.	250 seconds
Stain Resistance	Unaffected by reagents I-10; moderate II-15	Unaffected by reagents I-15
Light Resistance	Slight Effect	No Effect
Cleanability	20 max.	7-10
Formability	1/2" radius	1/4"
Blistering	40 seconds	52 seconds