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Printing ribbons — Minimum markings to appear on containers

Rubans imprimants — Indications minimales à porter sur les boîtes d'emballage

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FOREWORD

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International Standard ISO 2258 was drawn up by Technical Committee ISO/TC 95, *Office machines*.

This second edition was submitted directly to the ISO Council, in accordance with clause 6.12.1 of the Directives for the technical work of ISO. It cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 2258-1972), which had been approved by the Member Bodies of the following countries :

Chile	Germany	South Africa, Rep. of
Denmark	Italy	Sweden
Egypt, Arab Rep. of	Japan	Switzerland
France	Korea, Rep. of	United Kingdom

The Member Bodies of the following countries had expressed disapproval of the document on technical grounds :

New Zealand
U.S.A.

This International Standard is intended to encourage manufacturers of printing ribbons to become accustomed to stating on packing units the principal characteristics of the ribbon(s) which they contain.

The particulars specified in clauses 2 and 3 give the only general information as to the essential characteristics of the ribbon which the user needs to know at the time of his purchase.

In the absence of precise specifications for test methods by which the stated characteristics can be verified, these particulars give no guarantee concerning the quality of the ribbons.

This second edition of ISO 2258 differs from the first edition (1972-07-01) in :

- the addition of the note under sub-clause 2.6;
- the deletion of footnote 1.

Printing ribbons — Minimum markings to appear on containers

1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard lays down rules with the essential object of facilitating the storage and distribution of printing ribbons on the premises of manufacturers, dealers and users.

It specifies the type and form of the minimum information to appear on containers used as a packaging unit for printing ribbons wound on spools or cores.

2 CONTAINERS USED FOR FABRIC PRINTING RIBBONS WOUND ON SPOOLS

The following minimum information shall be visible from the outside of the container :

2.1 Means of identification of the manufacturer or supplier.

2.2 Designation of the machines on which the ribbon can be used, by one or more of the following indications :

a) Types of machine.

Example : Typewriters, accounting machines.

b) Specific machine or machines on which the ribbon can be used.

c) When applicable, the group of machines.

Example : Group I . . .

2.3 Fabric used : cotton, silk, type of synthetic fabric.¹⁾

2.4 Ribbon dimensions, in the following order : nominal width; minimum length.

2.5 Colours :

— by spelling out in full

Example :

for single-coloured ribbons : black;

for two-coloured ribbons : black red;

— or by one or two colour marks.

The information "single colour" or "two colour" alone is insufficient.

2.6 Degree of inking :

- light;
- medium;
- heavy.

NOTE — In the case of ribbons used on high speed line printers and office machines for specialized purposes, the degree of inking may be replaced by particular specifications.

2.7 Type of ink.²⁾

2.8 Means of identifying the manufacturing batch.

3 CONTAINERS USED FOR PAPER OR PLASTIC PRINTING RIBBONS

The following minimum information shall be visible from the outside of the container :

3.1 Means of identification of the manufacturer or supplier.

3.2 Designation of the machines on which the ribbon can be used by one or more of the following indications :

a) Types of machine.

Example : Type writers, accounting machines.

b) Specific machine or machines on which the ribbon can be used.

c) When applicable, the group of machines.

Example : Group I . . .

3.3 Material used : paper or type of plastic.

3.4 Ribbon dimensions in the following order : nominal width; minimum length.

3.5 Colours :

— by spelling out in full;

— or by a colour mark.

3.6 Type of ink.²⁾

3.7 Means of identifying the manufacturing batch.

1) Certain countries may wish to indicate whether the ribbon has woven edges.

2) For example : correspondence ink, copying ink.