

Digi-Temp® EZ

Reversible Thermochromic Single Color Liquid Crystal Thermometers

Reversible Temperature Indicators

What They Are:

These self-adhesive labels consist of a series of temperature sensitive elements containing microencapsulated **Thermochromic Liquid Crystal**, TLC, coated on a black backing. Each element changes color distinctly as its rated temperature is reached and maintained. The color changes are reversible meaning that the reflected color will turn black as the temperature is reversed. Thermochromic Single Color Change (EZ) Labels can be ascending (SCA) or descending (SCB), that is, change from black to a color as temperature increases or black to a color as the temperature decreases.

How the Digi-Temp EZ labels work:

The temperature-sensitive elements contain TLC molecules that are very sensitive to temperature and change their arrangement in response to changes in temperature. This change in molecular geometry affects the way in which the TLC interacts with light, resulting in a change in the color of each temperature event.

When the rated temperature of an indicator is reached, the TLC changes its form from reflecting (color) to non-reflecting (black) or vice versa. This causes the color-change at the temperature event to occur.

Label Construction:

Component: Polyester film	<u>Thickness</u> >75, 125, 175µ	Polyester Film
Graphic Print Liquid Crystal Ink Black Backing	(Depending on label type) 10-20µ 10-50µ 10-20µ	Black Graphic — Print
Adhesive & carrier	150-180µ	Black Backing — White
Release Liner	75µ	Adhesive — and Carrier Print
		Liquid Crystal Inks
		Release
		Liner

Above values are general guides using the standard products as a representative example.



Adhesive Tape	Double-coated Adhesive Tape	
Covering Film	Polyester 5 mil stock	
Color Change Material	Non-toxic mixture of liquid crystal esters	
Accuracy	-30°C to -4°C +/- 2°C -3°C to 50°C +/- 1°C 51°C to 90°C: +/- 2°C	
Guarantee	12 months from invoice date when stored at room temperature (i.e. 21°C (70°F) & 50% relative humidity).	

Reading Digi-Temp EZ Labels:

The correct temperature is indicated by the event on the TLC thermometer that turns color. For SCAs the highest event that turns color indicates the correct temperature. For SCBs the lowest event that turns color indicates the correct temperature.

Custom Products:

In addition to the standard **Digi-Temp EZ** labels which cover the temperature range of -30 to 90°C, a full custom manufacturing service is available with a temperature range of -30 to 90°C. Products can be manufactured to meet customers' precise requirements of, for example, size, shape, color, temperature range, number of temperature elements, and/or graphic printing (custom logos). Please ask for details.