Valspar Label Requirements

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does Valspar require a bar code label on every container?
A: Yes, Valspar wants a bar code label on each container shipped to our facilities including palletized bag material.   Items that are palletized and shrink wrapped should have an additional label on the shrink which will include the PO number. The PO number is not needed on the label for individual items.

Q: What size label can I use?
A: The minimum label size is 4x6 inches. We can accept labels larger then this as long as they meet our standards for layout and data content.

Q: What size should I make the individual bar codes on the label?
A: Make the bar codes as large as space allows. (The bigger the better.)

Q: What are application identifiers?
A: Application Identifiers let the application know what type of data is contained in the bar code being read. Valspar is using a very specific sub-set of the potential identifiers available. It is important to use the identifiers specified in the requirements document. Here is a web page that summarizes application Identifiers and their uses in this standard. http://www.barcodeisland.com/uccean128.phtml#AI8003

Q: Do I include the parenthesis or spaces around the identifier in the bar coded data?
A: No, the only data contained in the bar code is the application identifier and the value.

Q: Who is AccuGraphiX?
A: AccuGraphiX is a company based in California that will verify the quality of the bar code label you send to Valspar. They will make sure the labels scan and the layout matches the specification. They will provide help and feedback promptly as well as provide a level of expertise not available through Valspar.

Q: Can the Pallet Bar code label be placed inside the shrink-wrap?
A: No, Labels should be placed on the outside of the container and shipping material. Plastics and other covering will refract the light beam making the bar code scanner en-effective

Q: Can I use "Quantity" instead of "Net Weight"?
A: No, the material management system is expecting the Net Weight field on the label using an App. Identifier of 3200. The 32 represent "Net weight in pounds" and the "00" designates the decimal precision in the data. Ex. "3201" is net weight in pounds with a single decimal place

Q: Which Valspar plants require bar code labels on deliveries?
A: All Valspar facilities require bar code labels on materials.

Q: What symbology should be used for the barcodes?
A: Code 128