

Sublimation Transfer Paper

Supplier Vetting Checklist

Use this checklist before ordering from a new supplier, or before scaling up an order size with a supplier you haven't tested at volume yet.

1. Confirm It's True Sublimation Paper

- ☐ Supplier confirms the coating type and release properties in writing.
- ☐ Supplier confirms the paper is made for dye sublimation ink, not another transfer method.
- ☐ Product listing or spec sheet does not just say "transfer paper" with no further detail.

If a supplier cannot answer these questions clearly, treat that as a warning sign rather than a detail to skip.

2. Confirm Ink and Printer Compatibility

- ☐ Supplier has tested the paper with your ink brand, or a close equivalent.
- ☐ Supplier has tested the paper with a printer similar to yours (dedicated or converted).
- ☐ You have your current printer model, ink brand, and press settings written down for comparison.

3. Request a Sample or Small Test Batch

- ☐ Ordered a sample pack or the smallest available quantity before committing to bulk.
- ☐ Test print checked for color accuracy against your usual output.
- ☐ Test print checked for clean release from the paper backing.
- ☐ Test print checked for drying time compared to your current paper.

4. Check Supplier Reputation and Track Record

- ☐ Supplier responded to technical questions clearly and promptly.
- ☐ Reviews checked for specific, repeatable complaints (not just star ratings).
- ☐ No pattern of complaints about inconsistent batches or slow shipping.

5. Review Return and Replacement Policies

- ☐ Confirmed whether the supplier offers replacements, credit, or returns for a bad batch.
- ☐ Confirmed what proof or documentation the supplier requires for a claim.
- ☐ Policy details saved somewhere you can find them if a problem comes up later.

Batch and Order Log

Keep a simple record every time you order from a supplier, especially one you plan to reorder from.

Supplier	Order Date	Batch / Lot #	Test Result	Notes