



OFFICIAL BALLOT PAPER

Overview

The purpose of security paper is to validate authenticity. To be truly effective, security paper must contain features that are very difficult to replicate, and are easily identified and verified by the untrained inspector. With Hart's proprietary Official Ballot Paper, you get the assurance that ballots cannot be easily duplicated by unofficial sources.

Optimum Security

The true watermark in Hart's Official Ballot Paper is legible from both the front and the back. This watermark is produced during the paper manufacturing process, not merely printed on the paper. The image of a true watermark cannot be copied or scanned to duplicate the same effect. This inability to be copied or scanned provides a high level of security against ballot counterfeiting.

This paper was developed for optimum security and performance for users of Hart's Ballot Now paper ballot system and eScan digital, ballot-imaging precinct scanner.

100% Compatible

Extensive testing has been done to ensure the paper's compatibility with the Hart Voting System equipment as well as the printers and scanners that Hart recommends. The Official Ballot watermark is readable in any orientation, making it easy for your staff to identify, whether at the polling place or the central elections office.

Official Ballot Paper can exclusively be purchased from Hart. This ballot paper is available for sale to our Ballot Now and eScan customers, or to certified printers contracting with those customers.



Hart's Official Ballot Paper features an exclusive watermark that offers increased security for your elections.

Better Performance

The paper's toner adhesion feature (a mill treatment that allows optimum binding of toner and paper fibers) and other rigid manufacturing requirements improve its digital printing, mailing, and scanning performance. This capability allows jurisdictions to print their own ballots, or have them printed by a third-party vendor. Scanning is made easier as well, the printing on the ballot will not lose its sharpness due to repeated folding or other rough handling.

Specifications

Basis Weight: 28# Bond

Finish: Smooth Xerography

Grain: Short

Sheffield: 100-120

Brightness: 91-94

Content: Virgin wood fiber, no recycled content

Florescent Level: 4%

Moisture Content: 4.5%

Packaging: Moisture resistant ream wrap

Trim: +/- .025"

Squareness: +/- .0075"

Toner Adhesion: Mill treatment which allows optimum binding of toner and paper fibers

Standard Sizes (inches): 8.5 x 11, 8.5 x 14, 8.5 x 17, 11 x 17
Custom cuts are available for stubs, if needed.