

EPSON Professional Media

Somerset® Velvet for Epson

For use with

EPSON Stylus® Pro 7000	EPSON Stylus Pro 9500
EPSON Stylus Pro 7500	EPSON Stylus Pro 9600 ¹
EPSON Stylus Pro 7600 ¹	EPSON Stylus Pro 10000 ²
EPSON Stylus Pro 9000	

Product Information

Somerset has always been the first paper choice among serious artists and printmakers. Ever since the 1700s and the days of handmade paper, Somerset has enjoyed a reputation for quality that has continued to grow through the years. Now Epson brings you this old world paper, with an ink jet coating, to meet the quality requirements of the most demanding printmaker. Somerset Velvet for Epson is a 100% cotton, acid-free paper that delivers long-lasting prints when printed with EPSON Archival™ or UltraChrome™ Ink.

Like all of Epson's innovative media, Somerset Velvet is engineered to give you the highest resolution and color saturation possible. Epson's printer driver software actually optimizes the amount of ink released onto the page, based on the type of paper used. As always, EPSON supplies guarantee EPSON quality.

¹ Photographic dye version and UltraChrome ink version
² Photographic dye version and archival ink version



Features/Benefits

- Acid free to preserve fine art and photos
- 100% cotton rag for long term durability
- Radiant white surface for vivid color reproduction
- Rich black images for prints with exceptional contrast
- Velvet surface for rich details and accurate reproduction
- 505 g/m2 basis weight for museum quality appearance (sheets)
- 255 g/m2 basis weight on rolls for versatility
- Enhanced 1440 dpi printing for high-quality output
- Dries instantly for easy handling with Epson inks

Feature Checklist

Feature	Performance	Additional Comments
Indoor/outdoor usage	Indoor only	
Lightfastness	Over 100 years Over 50 years 5 years	EPSON Archival Ink UltraChrome Ink Photographic Dye Ink
Archivability	Excellent	Lightfastness ratings are based on accelerated testing of prints on specialty media, displayed indoors, under glass. Lightfastness only estimates the life of the ink, not the media
Resistance to water	Good	Buffered cotton base ensures archivability.
Ink drying	Immediate (less than 30 seconds)	Bleeding does occur with incidental water contact. However, try to prevent exposure to moisture.
Handling	Use gloves	Ink is dry to the touch after printing. However, it takes 24 hours before it cures and becomes durable.
Mounting	Recommended	Use gloves when handling the paper to avoid smudges and fingerprints on the printing surface.
Lamination	Not recommended	Use rag board or other high quality, acid free mounting materials.
		if a protective coating is desired, use a fast-drying, acrylic spray with a UV absorbent.

NOTE: Actual print stability and longevity will vary according to image, display conditions, light intensity, humidity, atmospheric conditions, and post-printing treatments. Epson does not guarantee stability or longevity. For maximum print life, display all prints under glass or lamination or properly store them.

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Technical Specifications	<i>Rolls</i>	<i>Sheets</i>
Basis weight	255 g/m ²	505 g/m ²
Thickness	19 mil	36 mil
ISO brightness	96%	96%
Opacity	95%	99%
Hot lamination	No	No
Base material	100% Cotton rag	100% Cotton rag
Surface finish	Velvet	Velvet
Core size	3"	N/A
Spindle	3" high-tension ¹	N/A

¹ Optional printer accessory, available from Epson
EPSON Stylus Pro 9500, Part No. C811052
EPSON Stylus Pro 7500, Part No. C811103

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