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# Armor Blue Shrink Poly Film with UV Compared to VpCI-126 HPUV-Part 2 Comparing UV Protection

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**Background:** A sample of Armor Blue Shrink Poly Film with UV was submitted and it was requested that it would be compared to VpCI-126 HPUV.

This is part two of the report, which focuses on the comparison of UV protection of VpCI-126 HPUV and Armor Blue Shrink Poly Film.

# **Sample Received:**

1) Armor Poly VCI film, 5.5 mil, good condition, received 01-30-14, customer identified it as the following: PVCISHH6MB240100UV-6 MIL 65"x55" 20'x 100' Blue Shrink Poly Film w/UV

### **Method:**

1) ASTM G 53

### **Materials:**

- 1) VpCI-126 HPUV, 10 mil, Lot#34446
- 2) QUV chamber

### **Procedure:**

- 1) The tests were performed according to standard procedure. UVB lamps were used in the QUV chamber.
- 2) The panels were placed in the QUV chamber, set to the following repeating cycle:
  - a. Condensation cycle: 40°C for 4 hours
  - b. UV Cycle: 60°C for 4 hours.
- 3) Panels were prepared in triplicate for each film being tested.
- 4) The panels were checked daily for signs of degradation. The panels were also rotated daily to insure that they received even light throughout the test.
- 5) When a panel of the Armor Poly VCI film showed signs of degradation, a picture was taken of the film.
- 6) The VpCI-126 HPUV panels were continually monitored for changes. Since no visual changes were seen after 145 days, they have been left in the QUV chamber to be monitored for changes.

### **Results:**

# **UV Test Results**

	Panel 1	Panel 2	Panel 3
Sample	Days to Failure	Days to Failure	Days to Failure
Armor Poly VCI film	85	98	104
VpCI-126 HPUV	210	210	158 days*

<sup>\*</sup> The area that failed is thinner than the rest of the film as a result of heat shrinking the film

## Results relate only to the items tested

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Figure 1. The 3 pictures above were taken the date that the Armor films failed; the corresponding date of the failure is listed above each panel.

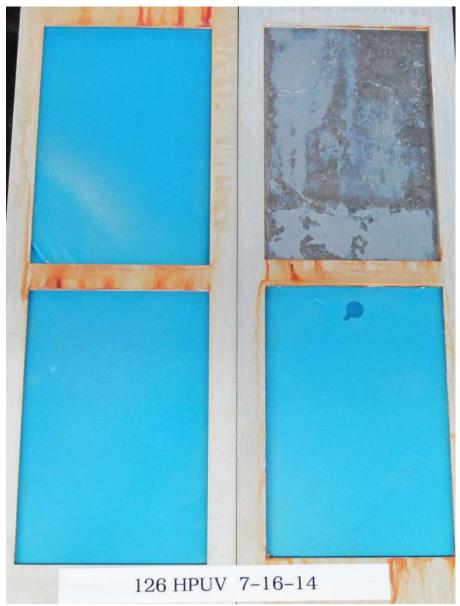


Figure 2. VpCI-126 HPUV film 145 days after the films started in the UV chamber, and there are still no signs of the film degrading. The panel in the upper right is a control.

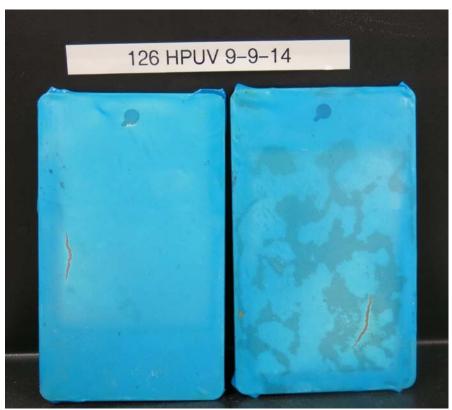


Figure 3. VpCI-126 HPUV films that failed after 210 days in the QUV chamber.



Figure 4. VpCI-126 HPUV films that failed after 158 days in the chamber.

# **Interpretations:**

- 1. Based on test results, VpCI-126 HPUV provides better UV protection that Armor Poly VCI film.
- 2. The Armor film started cracking and breaking down after 85-104 days in the UV chamber (figure 1) compared to VpCI-126 HPUV, which failed after 210 days (figure 3).
- 3. One of the VpCI-126 HPUV panels started failing at 158 days. This may be due to the fact that the film appears thinner in that area from the heat shrinking process.