

Technical Information

PLEXIGLAS[®] LED

Sheets and rods for edge lighting (former EndLighten T)

Product

As a sheet or rod, PLEXIGLAS[®] LED (EndLighten T) glows over its entire surface. The LED light is installed over the edge or end.

The patented light-guiding material distributes light evenly and provides high luminous efficiency.

Properties

The further development of PLEXIGLAS® LED (EndLighten) to PLEXIGLAS® LED (EndLighten T) achieved better light output. In its unlit state, the material is crystal-clear. It has no textures or printed patterns that can lead to optical disturbances. The high transparency of the optimized base material and the light-guiding principle causes LED light to be conveyed from the edge into the depths of the material due to surface reflections.

The special light-diffusing particles incorporated into the material extract the light from LEDs on its way through the sheet/the rod, and cause the surface to glow evenly. In addition to the familiar time-tested properties of PLEXIGLAS®, such as

- very high weathering resistance and
- 100% recyclability,

PLEXIGLAS[®] LED (EndLighten T) offers the following special features:

- LED light is emitted across the surface with a high efficiency of 70-97%.
- No disturbing patterns that generate hot spots
- In its unlit state: crystal-clear
- When illuminated: impressively pleasant light
- Improved light diffusion towards the viewer
- Unique patented technology
- Uniform light distribution across the entire surface

Applications

Provided with LED strip modules, the sheet glows evenly across its entire surface with LED light. This creates super-slim illuminated surfaces. In the form of rods, the product glows at the ends owing to light input at one or both ends.

PLEXIGLAS[®] LED is suitable for the following applications:

- sheets: for super-slim backlit posters, displays and signs. Thin decorative wall panels glow in the color of the LEDs, creating thin area lighting elements. The alternation between the play of LED light and the unlit crystal-clear transparency provides new design options.
- Rods: touches of light in architecture, design or in furniture, exhibition booths and store fixtures; individual luminaires; self-illuminated light guides

Fabrication

PLEXIGLAS[®] LED can be fabricated just like standard PLEXIGLAS[®]:

- Machining PLEXIGLAS[®] (Ref. no. 311-1)
- Forming PLEXIGLAS® (Ref. no. 311-2) The bending radius should be more than 6 times the sheet thickness or rod diameter in order for the light to follow the curvature. (The scratch-resistant grade cannot be formed).
- Joining PLEXIGLAS[®] (Ref. no. 311-3)
- Surface treatment of PLEXIGLAS[®] (Ref. no. 311-4). Surface defects can be removed by polishing to completely restore the material's lighting engineering properties.
- Fabricating Tips for PLEXIGLAS® Solid Sheets (Ref. no. 311-5)

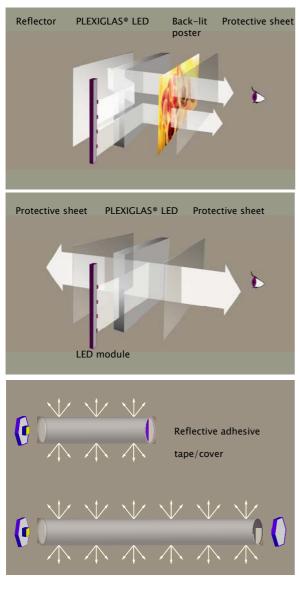
Sales Range

For further details on the availability of grades and thicknesses, please consult the PLEXIGLAS® Sales Handbook.

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	SM	L	XL	XXL
Area to be illuminated				
Light fed in on two sides	up to 300 mm	300 - 600 mm	600 – 1200 mm	1200 - 2000 mm
Light fed in on one side	up to 150 mm	150 - 300 mm	300 – 600 mm	600 - 1000 mm

Installation setup



Top: Backlighting a poster

- Center: Transparent luminous surfaces
- Bottom: Feeding in light at one or both ends for rods

PLEXIGLAS® LED (EndLighten T) is provided with LED strip modules on one or two sides, and on four sides for extremely high brightness. A protective sheet protects the light guide from damage that might cause undesired light output. This protective sheet can be transparent, or can take the form of a diffuser sheet for decorative applications (see table for further materials).

Notes:

- Complete light guiding is only achieved after the masking film is removed.
- For optimum luminous efficiency, please make sure to choose the suitable grade (SM, L, XL, XXL).
- Polish all edges to minimize light loss. Edges that are not provided with LEDs should be covered with white reflective material.
- Bonding, lamination and printing disturb the light guiding effect and lead to less uniform illumination.
- Install LEDs close to the edge so that the light cone is completely fed into the material.
- Weak points in the overall LED system reduce the overall performance. Please select the right LEDs and LED heat management.

Further recommended materials

Back sheet reflector	PLEXIGLAS [®] WH01	White, cast
	PLEXIGLAS [®] WN297	White, extruded
	PLEXIGLAS [®] Satinice, WM508	Velvety surface prevents optical contact
	PLEXIGLAS [®] Hi-Gloss, 9M804 C1	Reflector side white, reverse black
	PLEXIGLAS [®] Hi-Gloss, 7M807 C1	Reflector side white, reverse silver
Diffuser	PLEXIGLAS [®] LED (truLED), WH14	White translucent
	PLEXIGLAS [®] Satinice, 0D010 DF	Highly efficient, light-diffusing velvety surface
Transparent protective sheet	PLEXIGLAS® Optical, 0A570 HC	Scratch-resistant with special UV protection
	PLEXIGLAS® XT, 0A570 AR	Anti-reflective
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	PLEXIGLAS [®] GS and XT, Clear	Universal



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