

Saving on Stretch Wrap Costs

Shipping and receiving areas are often prone to large temperature fluctuations from summer to winter. Because the physical properties of plastic polymers vary significantly with temperature, stretch wrap films often perform better in warm conditions than in cold. Desirable film characteristics such as stretch (the amount of elongation) and tack (the tendency for film to cling to itself) are typically better when the material is warm.

Economically priced, standard-grade film applied in a warm environment has the ability to outperform a higher-grade film applied in a cold environment. It helps to locate your wrapping station in an area of your plant that remains relatively warm even during the cold winter months. If this is impractical, perhaps consider using economy film in the hot summer months and premium film only during the cold winter months. Both of these approaches can save you money on your consumable.

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