

Stretch Wrap Is Stretch Wrap, Isn't It?

Stretch films are made from linear low-density polyethylene resins. Since being introduced in the early 70's, stretch film has become the most important method of unitizing product loads for transport. Stretch film is the most economical method of unitizing. It allows a relatively high holding force to be applied uniformly around a load. It's also excellent at providing protection from dust, damage and pilfering. But not all stretch film is created equal.

One of two basic manufacturing methods are used to create stretch film: blowing and casting. Of all stretch film manufactured, roughly two-thirds is cast while the remaining one-third is blown. The majority of blown film is used for hand wrap applications. For more information on blown and cast film, please visit our website

Making stretch film is a bit like making a cake. Different ingredients can be added to achieve the desired finished product. Certain resins and/or additives are used to provide puncture resistance, strength, sticky cling, resistance to ultra violet rays, or to give it anti static properties. Film without colourant remains clear, allowing the contents of a load to be easily identified without unpacking. Coloured films obscure visibility, and offer a level of security by concealing load contents.

With so many possible formulations available, selecting the right product for your application can be difficult. Try making a list of your requirements and, if possible, rank them in order of importance. This should make it easier to identify a product with the correct features to meet your needs.

Need help determining your requirements or selecting the right product for your application? Call us at 1-800-665-4040. We'd be pleased to help guide you through it

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