



**COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**  
**PENNSYLVANIA COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION (PCID)**

**PCID NO. 1011**

Eff. 5/16/18

**PAPER, TISSUE, FACIAL**

(this item description supersedes PCID 1011 dated 2/28/12)

This Pennsylvania Commercial Item Description covers requirements for facial tissue. Product shall conform to the following requirements unless otherwise specified in the bid proposal or purchase order.

**1. Classification.** This specification covers requirements for facial tissue. The tissue shall be soft, highly absorbent, two-ply, folded paper.

**2. Quality and Materials.** Facial tissue shall be made from clean, processed wood fibers and shall be unglazed and meet the requirements of this specification. The tissue shall not be harmful to the skin or have an objectionable odor. All tissue shall be clean and free from holes or slivers. Tissue shall be free of other objectionable matter or defects and shall be manufactured and packed under sanitary conditions. Facial tissue shall contain a minimum of 10% post-consumer content.

**3. Physical Requirements\*<sup>1</sup>.**

**TAPPI Method**

**Tensile Strength:**

Cross-direction, dry, g/3inch width:	400	T-404* <sup>2</sup> or T-494
Machine Direction, dry, g/3inch	950	T-404* <sup>2</sup> or T-494

<b><u>Absorption Rate</u></b> , 0.01 ml of Water, max, seconds:	5	T-432
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**Elongation:**

Machine Direction stretch, %:	12	T-404* <sup>2</sup> or T-494
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\*1 – All tests to be performed on paper conditioned in accordance with TAPPI Standard T402

\*2 – Jaw gap 2” apart on pendulum-type tester and the machine speed of 10 inches per minute.

**4. Special Requirements.**

4.1 Size - Unless otherwise specified, the area of each single sheet of tissue shall not be less than 64 sq. in., ± ¼ inch, with shortest dimension being not less than 7.0 inches.

4.2 Count Per Box - Unless otherwise specified, each box shall contain one hundred (100) 2-ply tissues.

**5. Testing.** Tests shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable testing methods of the Technical Association of the Pulp & Paper Industry (TAPPI) Test Methods Standards as listed. The Commonwealth reserves the right to use any additional information or applicable tests to determine conformity to specification. The Commonwealth reserves the right to solicit independent product testing, at the awarded supplier's expense, to determine conformance to specification.

**6. Inspection & Rejection.** Sampling for prior to/post- award testing, if required, will be as defined in the bid proposal. Inspection may be made at place of manufacture at the option of the Commonwealth after an award has been made. Inspection for final acceptance shall be made at the place of delivery and/or after laboratory testing to determine whether product or service meet the specification requirements. Samples for inspection and after delivery testing shall be selected by simple random sampling. If defects are detected during the course of delivery, or after product has been delivered, the Commonwealth reserves the right to reject the defective product and require replacement at no cost to the Commonwealth, or cancel the contract and surcharge the contractor for any expense incurred by the cancellation of the contract and in securing satisfactory materials, if the vendor fails to apply timely and corrective measures.

**7. Packing.** Product shall be packed consistent with standard commercial practices which will deliver the product in a clean manner ready for use.

**8. Shipping Containers.** Unless otherwise specified, shipments shall be made in substantial commercial containers, so constructed as to insure acceptance and safe delivery by common or other carrier. Each shipping container shall be clearly marked with the manufacturer's name, product brand name or number, case count and sheet count.

**9. Document Sources:**

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