

Label Media

Appropriate storage conditions vary according to the type of media in use. Some label materials (eg. paper) and/or adhesives are more sensitive to conditions especially of cold and damp. Generally, the following should be obeyed:

1. Do not store for longer than the manufacturers shelf life (typically one year from date of manufacture).
2. Whenever new supplies are received, ensure these are put to the back of your store so that old supplies will be used first.
3. Always stack label rolls on the flat end when not in use. Standing media rolls on the curved side may cause them to flatten making rolls difficult to load and impairing media advance.
4. Store in a cool, dry environment. Avoid strong direct sunlight, excess heat, cold or damp.
5. In a dusty environment, keep media rolls in plastic bags when not in use to avoid dust contamination which may damage the printers print head.

Thermal Ribbons

Thermal ribbons require the same general storage conditions as for label media, with avoidance of excess heat or cold being especially important. Shelf life is typically 6 months to one year depending on the manufacturer. Keep thermal ribbons in their original unopened boxes until required (unless the box has become damp or otherwise contaminated).