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| Test Reference: |  |
| Actioned By:    |  |

## Ribbon Evaluation Request Form

At Todaytec Group Europe we have large testing facilities in the UK and France, with most brands of popular thermal transfer printers including in-line coding systems. To help you recommend the best ribbon for your customer's application or find alternative ribbons to your competitor's ribbon we can run printing evaluations to ensure that we help you find the best solution from our extensive portfolio of ribbon grades.

In order for Todaytec Group Europe to run the requested testing, and to secure the best possible results, we need a minimum of five metres of the labels/substrates to be printed, together with a copy of the existing printed label. Where the testing relates to a particular competitor's ribbon, we ask (if possible), that you also send back a sample of this ribbon. This will allow us to run comparison testing and ensure the best match.

Please complete this form with as much information as possible and return it to the office. A member of the team will then give you a test reference number, which will need to be clearly marked on the package you are sending into the office.

We always aim to complete testing as quickly as possible, but to ensure there are no delays, please make sure that you give us as much information as possible.

### Section 1 – Customer Details

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| Date:          |  |          |  |
| Customer Name: |  | Contact: |  |
| Telephone:     |  | Email:   |  |

### Reason for request:

|                          |                                                    |                 |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Find a suitable ribbon for the application         | Ref & Supplier: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Find a comparable ribbon to one that is being used |                 |

### Section 2 – Printer Details

|                        |  |                       |  |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
| Printer Manufacturer:  |  | Printer model:        |  |
| Required Print Speed:  |  | Current Heat Setting: |  |
| Printing environment*: |  |                       |  |

\*Please describe the printing environment for example in a clean print room, factory floor, hot workshop or a cold storage facility. All of these environments can affect printing so it is good for us to have this information.

### Section 3 – Have you already tested some Todaytec Group Europe grades?

Please add details of which grades you had tested if any and what the results were like.

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|--------|--|----------|--|
| Grade: |  | Results: |  |
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### Section 4 – Substrate information –

Please ensure that you send in at least 5 metres of substrate if possible

#### Substrate Type

|  |                |
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|  | Plain Label    |
|  | Printed Label  |
|  | Packaging Film |

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| Material Type: paper / synthetic etc |  |
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If the substrate is printed please list ink and varnish type if possible

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|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|
| Ink Manufacturer or Type: |  | Varnish manufacturer or type: |  |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|

Please list the manufacturer of the substrate and the reference number if possible

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|-------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Substrate Manufacturer: |  | Reference Number: |  |
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### Section 5– Application Details

It is important to know as much about the application as possible and what needs to be printed so that we can suggest the best ribbon grade for the application.

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| Application Description: |  |
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Type of printing – If possible please include a printed sample or a scan of a printed label

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|------------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| Large text: Font size? |  | Small text: Font Size? |  |
| Barcode Type:          |  | Barcode orientation:   |  |

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| Graphics or Images: |  |
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Does the printed image need to withstand any of the following conditions?

Please tick all that apply and then add further details

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Smudge Resistance  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Scratch Resistance |

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|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Chemical Resistance    | Chemical type & exposure time: |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Solvent Resistance     | Solvent type 7 exposure time:  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Heat Resistance        | Temperature & exposure time:   |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other: Please describe |                                |  |

Does the image have to meet any or comply with any official standards?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | FDA (indirect food contact) |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | ISEGA                       |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | BS5609 Marine Standard      |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | UL Approval                 |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other                       |  |

Once we have completed the tests we will send you an evaluation report (as below), along with any and print results and sample ribbon(s) where required for you to confirm the results.

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#### Section 6 – Testing *(to be completed by Todaytec Group Europe Factory)*

| Ribbon Tested | Result | Printer Used: | Print | Heat |
|---------------|--------|---------------|-------|------|
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#### Section 7 – Summary *(to be completed by Todaytec Group Europe Office)*

Print Test Results Sent:

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|--------------------------|-----|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | NO  | Date Sent: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | YES |            |

**Print test results attached to form:**

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|  | NO  |
|  | YES |

**Samples Sent:**

|  |     |
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|  | NO  |
|  | YES |

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| Samples:   |  |
| Date Sent: |  |

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| Comments: |  |
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**PRINT TESTS**

**Attach a copy of print tests:**

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