

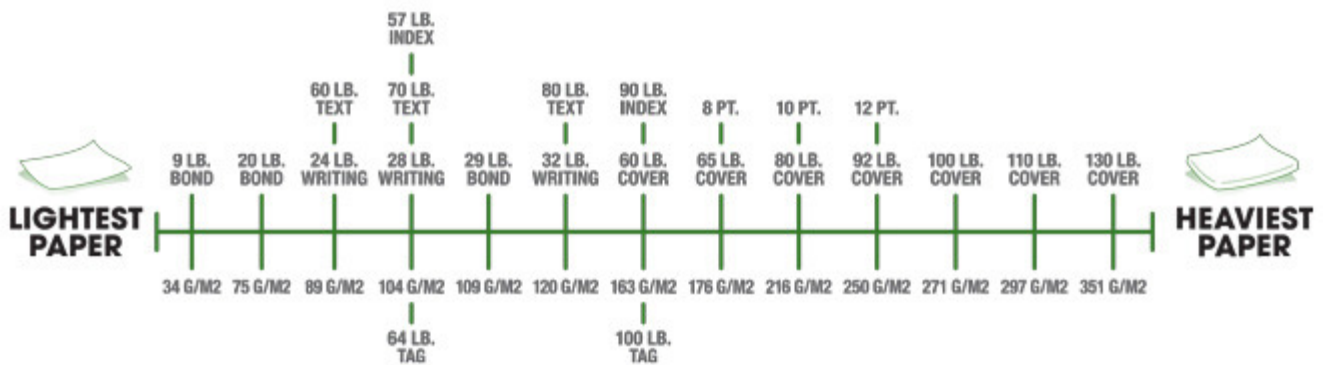
PAPER WEIGHT

BASIS WEIGHT (LBS)

The weight of 500 sheets (1 ream) of card stock, weighed at its basic size.

A basis weight of 80lbs means that a 500-sheet stack of that paper grade at its basic size weighs 80 lbs.

Basis weight varies depending on the grade of stock because every paper grade has its own basic size. This is why a thick card stock can have the same basis weight as a thinner text weight paper, and also why two papers can have the same basis weight but different calipers.



CALIPERS (PTS)

Measures the thickness of a sheet, with each point representing 1/1000 of an inch.

10pt cover is 0.010" thick.

Generally speaking, the higher the caliper, the thicker the sheet.



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BASIS WEIGHT				CALIPERS
BOND	TEXT	COVER	INDEX	1 Pt = 0.0001"
36	90	50		
38	100	55		6.0
43	110	60	90	
47	120	65	97	8.0
54		74	110	
58		80	120	10.0
		90	135	
		93	140	12.0
		100	150	
		115	170	14.0
		130	200	16.0

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COMMON BASIS WEIGHTS

65 lb		80 lb	
Light-weight business cards Greeting cards Postcards Book covers Posters Tickets Crafts		Standard-weight business cards Posters Greeting cards Invitations Table tents Folders Tickets Crafts	
100 lb		110 lb	
Business cards Flat cards Invitations Posters Folders	Tickets Crafts Gift tags Greeting cards	Business cards Awards Certificates Report covers Menus	Price lists Crafts Gift tags Invitations
			
10 pt		12 pt	
Awards Business cards Brochures Calendars Certificates Crafts	Event programs Lookbooks Media kits Menus Report covers Trade show materials	Business cards Postcards Gift tags Pocket folders Report covers	Marketing campaigns Media kits Crafts Presentation materials
			

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[12 pt](#)

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