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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION
 TISSUE, FACIAL

The General Services Administration has authorized the use of this commercial item description for all federal agencies.

1. SCOPE. This description covers white, highly absorbent two ply, folded facial tissue intended for use as a disposable handkerchief.
2. CLASSIFICATION. The facial tissue shall be furnished in the following types:

Type 1 - Inter folded
 Type 2 - Supplier's option
 Type 3 - Supplier's option

3. SALIENT CHARACTERISTICS.

3.1 The facial tissue shall comply with Table I of ASTM D4369; Table A and the following characteristics.

3.2 The sizes for type 1, 2 and 3 shall be as listed in Table A.

Table A

Type	Area	Smaller dimension inches (min.)	Fold
I	66.0	7.0	Interfold
II	66.0	7.0	Supplier's option
III	40.0	5.0	Supplier's option

Beneficial comments, recommendations, additions, deletions, clarifications, etc. Any data which may improve this document should be sent to General Services Administration Federal Supply Service, Engineering Branch, 26 Federal Plaza New York, N.Y. 10278.

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Tissues shall be white, made from bleached chemical fiber and available in types as specified. The tissues shall be individually cut and, as specified above. If other than the interfold is selected, then the open side of the tissue shall be facing towards the dispenser's opening such that the end of the tissue can be used to pull it out of the dispenser. If interfold is required, the tissue dispenses a portion of the following tissue.

NOTE. If creases or the finished size of the tissues, make it impossible to prepare specimens of the required size from the tissues, tests shall be performed on the large roll of paper, before cutting and packaging.

3.3 Softness. The tissues should be soft to the touch and non-abrasive to tender skin such as that around a human nose. Softness should equal or exceed that of commercially available tissues such as puffs plus soothing care or kleenex cold care tissue.

3.4 Workmanship. The tissues shall be free from holes, lumps, lint, shives, slivers, dirt, abrasive particles and foreign material of such size, quantity or distribution pattern as to adversely affect the serviceability or appearance of the product. The tissues shall be of uniform size, color, formation, with clean-cut edges and free from disagreeable odors.

4. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS. The contractor shall certify that the product offered shall contain a minimum of 10% postconsumer fiber as defined by the Paper Products Recovered Materials Advisory Notice (Paper RMAN) and the Executive Order 12995 dated March 25, 1996. The Paper RMAN is found in the Federal Register, Vol. 61, part IV dated May 29, 1996. The Government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance prior to first delivery and thereafter as may be otherwise provided for under the provisions of the contract.

5. PRODUCT CONFORMANCE. The products provided shall meet the salient characteristics of this commercial item description, conform to the producer's own drawings, specification, standards and quality assurance practices and be the same product offered for sale in the commercial market. The government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance.

5.1 Testing. Sampling for conformance to the physical attributes of ASTM D4369 shall be conducted in accordance with the applicable TAPPI test methods tests in the Commercial Item Description. (Note: See TAPPI T400 for specific sampling instructions and acceptance criteria.)

5.2 Performance test for dispensability (type I, only). Remove the first five tissues from each dispenser box such that the sixth tissue is partially dispensed. Then by grasping the free end of the partially dispensed tissue with the index finger and thumb, quickly pull out the tissue from the dispenser. Starting from the sixth tissue, repeat this procedure on the following tissues until one hundred tissues are pulled out (tissue 6 through 105). Starting from the sixth tissue, examine each tissue for the following defects: tears greater than 1 / 4 inch; unclean cuts; chaining; multi-tissue dispensing; and non-dispensing. To pass the performance test, there shall be no defects found.

5.3 Count. Select three boxes at random. Count the number of tissues contained in each box. No box shall contain less than 98% of the quantity specified nor shall the average count of all boxes be less than 99% of the specified quantity per box.

6. PACKAGING, PACKING AND MARKING. Packaging, packing, and marking shall be as specified in the contract or order.

7. NOTES.

7.1 Referenced Documents. The referenced documents in effect on the date of solicitation for offers or request for proposals shall be used to determine conformance with the requirements of this Commercial Item Description.

7.1.1 The Final (Paper RMAN) is available from EPA'S public access server on the Internet or from the RCRA Hotline. The Hotline can be reached toll-free at (800) 424-9346.

7.1.2 TAPPI test methods are available from: Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry, Technology Park/Atlanta, P.O. Box 105113, Atlanta, GA 30348 (770) 209-7276.

7.1.3 ASTM specifications are available from American Society for Testing and Materials, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959, Attn: Consumer Service.

7.2 Ordering Data. Purchasers should select the preferred options permitted herein, and include the following information in procurement documents:

1. Title, number and date of this Commercial Item Description.
2. Type and fold required.
3. Specific, packaging, packing, marking and palletization.

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8. List of NSN 'S .

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MILITARY INTERESTS:

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NONE: DoD has no registered
interest in revisions
and amendments to this
commercial item
description until
further notice.