3 STEPS TO CHOOSING THE RIGHT CAN LINER

The range of sizes, weights, and types of can liners is nearly overwhelming. How do you determine which can liner you need? The confusion over the variety of products is understandable, but it's not insurmountable. We have developed an easy 3-step method to make shopping for can liners easy.

1 Determine the proper can liner type for your application.

There are two types of resins commonly used in the manufacture of can liners: Linear Low and High Density. To decide which one you need, answer this question: "Are sharp objects being thrown away?"

If yes, you need Linear Low (Mil).

If no, you need High Density (Mic).

Linear Low:

• Linear Low is the most prevalent type of film used in the industry. Linear Low features the maximum puncture and tear resistance.

• Manufactured in a wide variety of colors, it is suitable for a wide range of applications.

High Density:

• High Density provides substantial cost savings per liner.

• It is an excellent choice for soft refuse (typical office, restroom, paper products, etc.)

• High Density liners are about three times stronger and more durable than ordinary polyethylene liners of the same thickness.

Now that you have decided which resin type is for you, you've eliminated half the products in the brochure. Next we'll narrow it down even further.

2 What size container does the liner need to fit?

Ideally, you should have about three to four inches of overhang on the trash receptacles. Anything more or less is wasteful of both time and money.

The following are some guidelines to use when choosing the right size can liner.

A. Use the product specification charts or the measuring for the correct can liner size formulas to determine the correct size.

B. The gallon capacity or the size is usually printed on the container.

3 How much does the liner need to hold?

Here is where you may need to do a little calculating. You need to determine the average weight of a full can liner in your environment.

Once you have decided on that number, check the size needed and the mil thickness or mic can liner type and size that you have determined in the first two steps. Go across the grid to the column marked "Max Load". Find the number closest to your average weight figure and that will determine the can liner you need.