

## Lithoguard features & applications



**Optically variable features** illustrated below realized using a stamping die (above) on 0.5 mm thick transparent OPP substrate



Contrast switch effect



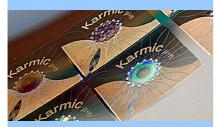
Transient image effect



Dancing tile effect



Light catching effect



**Security:** A recombined *Lithoguard /* DOVID on shim (DOVID by 3D AG)

# **Lithoguard Optically Variable** features

### a. Brand protection

For ornamental and brand protection applications Karmic proposes several distinctive and easily recognizable *Lithoguard* optically variable features which may be combined:

**Contrast Switch (CS)**: A clearly defined contrast flip between two image zones upon tilting and/or rotation of the marking. This effect provides clear authentication especially on transparent packaging substrates.

**Transient Image (LAT)**: A more subtle contrast flipping effect between TI zones and image background upon tilt of the marking away from the observer. This effect is an eye-pleasing complement to the CS effect described above.

**Dancing Tile (DT):** A dynamic effect whereby a tiled portion of the image flips between three distinct positions giving the impression that the tiled motif "dances" about. This effect brings a marking to life and communicates the vitality of your brand image.

**Light Catching (LC):** Light is reflected back to the observer by our markings at a different tilt angle than un-marked portions of the substrate. This effect is present on all *Lithoguard* markings thanks to our precise relief structure.

## b. Security

For higher security requirements, Karmic proposes discrete iridescence zones, ROVID/DOVID recombination with our partner **3D AG** and and other special *Lithoguard* security features. For further information, we invite you to contact us.



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**Sheet-fed**: Above, by stamping with diffractive foil on carton ("Laser" foil by Kurz)



**Web-fed:** Here, by rollembossing on PC "Makrofol" film. (roll-embossing by 3D AG)



**Direct to-object:** Here, by injection blow-moulding on OPP (object by ADOP, France)

## **Lithoguard** applications

Lithoguard can be applied on a wide variety of web and sheet fed materials as well as **directly** onto moulded objects. The table below gives an overview of current application possibilities.

		F	Parame	Rendering						
		Lithoguard Tool type	Application temperature (°C)	Max resolution (dpi)	Diffractive hot-foil	CS effect	DT effect	LC effect	LAT effect	DOVID recombinaton
Application materials	Rigid & semi-rigid plastic sheets – OPP, PVC, ABS, PET	D	70 – 175	1200+		•	•	•	•	
	Flexible plastic sheets – BOPP, PC	D	90 – 175	1200+		•	•	•	•	
	Plain cartonboard	D	70 – 100	300	0	•	•	•		
	Varnished cartonboard	D	COLD	600		0	0	0	0	
	Paper sheets	D	70 – 100	300	0	•	•	•		
	Plastic film - BOPP, PC	R	90 – 175	1200+		•	•	•	•	
	Embossable foil PE	R	90 – 120	2400+		•	•	•	•	•
	Self-adhesive labels	R	90 – 120	2400+		•	•	•	•	•
	Injection-moulded plastic	1	PROC	1200+		•	•	•	•	

#### **Table Legend**

- Sheet-fed substrate materials
- **Web-fed** substrate materials
- **Direct to-object** applications
- D Stamping die
- R Roll-embossing shim
- Mould insert
- PROC Normal process temperature
- Rendering quality dependent on substrate / prepress characteristics
- High rendering quality under all conditions

Only materials tested so far are listed here, please contact us with inquiries on the applicability of *Lithoguard* to other materials.