



STATEMENT ON AGEING RESISTANCE AND ARCHIVING

The following statement can be made regarding ageing resistance of the book binding glue used in the COVERBIND covers and the archival properties of the COVERBIND covers.

Ageing resistance of the glue

The book binding glue used in the COVERBIND covers is produced with components with a very high chemical stability. The glue is not sensitive to biological degradation and testing shows that it is likely to believe that the glue will resist ageing for at least 100 years.

Archive properties

The archive properties are mainly dependent on the paper used in both the actual document and in the cover itself. Assuming that that the document is printed on paper that is approved for archiving and that also the printing method is approved for the same application, the following can be said:

- The glue does not contain any acid product, which may influence the document.
- The glue does not contain any component, which will evaporate or decompose if stored in archive conditions.
- COVERBIND has stored bound and un-bound documents since 1978 in normal office environment but protected from direct sun-light. The strength of the bound documents does not tend to weaken.
- The COVERBIND covers have been chosen for binding documents expected for long time storage by insurance companies, governmental authorities, auditors, etc.
- For normal office archive applications, the standard COVERBIND covers with plastic front can be assumed to last at least 15-25 years depending on storage conditions.
- For strict archive applications it is recommended to use a paper that is approved for archive applications when producing the COVERBIND cover.

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