

Photographic Papers

Acid Free?



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We have been asked a few times for Acid Free papers. The following are responses from the supplier's websites.

Hahnemuehle's papers are all acid free it is on their website under FAQs <https://www.hahnemuehle.com/en/artist-papers/frequently-asked-questions.html>

They also provide a document on the inside of the box of paper. It isn't noted on the outside of the box.

Are all Hahnemühle papers acid free?

Yes! All Hahnemühle papers comply with DIN 6738, ISO 9706, ANSI Z 39.48-1992 and are:

- made from chlorine-free (tcf/ecf) bleached pulp and/or rag fibres
- lightfast
- extremely age resistant – more than 100 years (highest life expectancy category)

- Neutrally sized and therefore acid free
- possess a pH value between 7,5 and 9,5
- are at least 4% calcium carbonat e(CaCO₃) buffered against air pollution buffered
- wood-free

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The Canson Infinity Range of papers are also Acid Free:

<https://www.canson-infinity.com/en/what-does-museum-quality-mean>
It isn't stated anywhere on the paper packaging at all or document inside.

A screenshot of the Canson Infinity website. The page has a dark header with the Canson Infinity logo on the left and navigation links: "Our Products", "ICC Profiles", "Technical advice", "Ambassadors", "Certified Print Lab", and "150 year histor". Below the header is a "SHARE ON" section with icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Email. The main content area has a breadcrumb trail: "Home > Frequently asked questions about printing on professional supports > What does 'museum quality' mean?". The title of the page is "What does 'museum quality' mean?". The text below the title reads: "The 'museum quality' papers meets the requirements of the norm [ISO 9706](#) and also those of the galleries or museums, when considering art conservation." and "All the papers from the Canson® Infinity range are acid free and are buffered in order to offer the best long lasting properties."

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Epson's Signature Range of papers are also Acid free,
<https://www.epson.com.au/shoponline/shop/DisplayConsumable.asp?ID=2414>
It is also listed on their Box.

A screenshot of a product page for Epson photographic paper. At the top right, there is a button labeled "WHERE TO BUY". Below this, the "Description:" section contains the following text: "This premium media has been designed for museum quality photographic and fine art work. It is manufactured from 100% cotton that is acid, lignin and chlorine free with ph buffering for superb durability and print stability. Produced in a cold-press method for a soft finish, it features a coating that has been optimised for Epson UltraChrome pigment Inks. It has a bright white surface that delivers a high D-Max and beautiful tonal transitions which is particularly suited to high-intensity black-and-white photography. For enhanced versatility the finish and coating has been applied to both sides." At the bottom left of the description box, there is a blue button labeled "GO BACK".

Iford Papers – State the following on their FAQ
<https://ilford.com/support/galerie-desktop-sheets-faqs/#toggle-id-14>

A screenshot of an FAQ entry from Ilford. The question is "Are your photo papers acid free?". The answer text reads: "The term 'acid-free' relates to a library standard (ANSI Z39.48-1992 or ISO 11789) for uncoated paper and is used in reference to long term document storage. The term cannot be applied to resin-coated papers where the stability is mainly given by the polyethylene layers. While ILFORD RC papers meet the folding and tearing criteria of the standard, the base paper is not always alkaline. However the acidity of the paper pulp in an RC paper base does not have an impact on the long term storage of the image itself, due to the polyethylene layer in between image and paper. The inkjet receiving layer has to be slightly acidic to be compatible with inkjet inks."

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