Information on Press-O-Film X-Coarse Plus Grade

Testex recommends that its X-Coarse Plus film be used only to check profiles determined to be at, or near, the upper limit of its regular X-Coarse tape (1.5 - 4.5 mils) and that X Coarse Plus measurements be considered valid only to a maximum measured value of 5.0 mils.

Good practice suggests that measurements made with any grade be regarded with suspicion if those measurements are at, or near, either end of a given grade’s quoted range. For regular X-Coarse grade, the upper end would include any measurement above 4.0 mils. Because no higher grade is available for checking a given X Coarse Plus measurement, we have set 5.0 mils as a safe upper limit for a successful measurement with this grade. (Similarly, Coarse Minus grade, used to check measurements at the low end of our Coarse grade’s 2.0 to 0.8 mil range, has an arbitrarily-set lower limit.)

Procedures for use of X-Coarse Plus grade tape are similar to those applicable to regular X-Coarse grade except for the need to apply greater pressure to fully collapse the tape’s plastic microfoam.