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Two trusted brands in lamination come together to meet the lamination needs of your school. With over 70 years of experience, GBC® thermal and roll laminators promise functionality and durability. Whether you are looking to outfit a district or a classroom, we offer a variety of laminators with the capability and versatility to deliver perfect lamination every time.

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Swingline® Inspire™ Plus
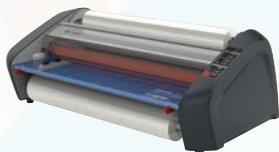
GBC® Fusion™ 1100L

GBC® Fusion™ 3000L

GBC® Fusion™ 3100L

GBC® Pinnacle 27 EZload®

GBC® Ultima® 35 EZload®

	Auto Feed	Thermal Pouch Laminator				Heat Shoe Technology	
	FOTON®30	Swingline® Inspire™ Plus	GBC® Fusion™ 1100L	GBC® Fusion™ 3000L	GBC® Fusion™ 3100L	GBC® Pinnacle 27 EZload®	GBC® Ultima® 35 EZload®
Entry Width	11.69"	9"	9"	12"	12"	27"	12"
Usage	Moderate/Shared	Occasional/Personal	Occasional/Personal	Moderate/Shared	Moderate/Shared	Shared Workspace	Shared workspace
Max Pouch/Film Thickness	5 mil	5 mil	5 mil	5 mil	7 mil	3 mil	5 mil
Film Type	Cartridge	Pouch	Pouch	Pouch	Pouch	EZload® Roll	EZload® Roll
Colour Coded End Caps for Easy Film Loading	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes	Yes
Max Speed (inches/minute)	27.5"	9"	13"	19"	31"	120"	36"
Warm Up Time (minutes)	3-4	4-5	3	1	1	6-9	<2
Core Size	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1"	1"
Edge Guide	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes	Yes
Cutter	Automatic/Manual	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes	Yes
Rear Stop	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	No	No
Auto Shut Off	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Manual Release/Reverse	n/a	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a	n/a
Intelligent™ Power Off	n/a	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a	n/a
Accurate Feed Guides	n/a	No	No	Yes	Yes	n/a	n/a
Intelligent™ Jam Alert	n/a	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Touch Control	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	n/a	n/a
Temp Control	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Automatic	Automatic
Ready Light Indicator	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Audible Ready Alert	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a	n/a
Footage Counter	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes	Yes
Dimensions - L x W x H (inches)	18.8" x 22.7" x 9.6"	13.25" x 5.5" x 2.5"	14.57" x 4.23" x 3.15"	19.72" x 5.91" x 4.17"	19.72" x 5.91" x 4.17"	35.5" x 21" x 14.25"	19.4" x 16.92" x 11.14"
Weight (pounds)	21.0	3.1	3	5	5.44	116	39
# of Letter Sized Pouches Included	Starter 3mil x 50' Cartridge	5 Standard	10 EZUse™ Premium	30 EZUse™ Premium	30 EZUse™ Premium	n/a	n/a
Warranty	2 Years for 5,000 laminates	90 days	Limited 3-year warranty	Limited 3-year warranty	Limited 3-year warranty	Limited 1-year warranty	Limited 1-year warranty
Extended Service Coverage Available	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes	Yes
Model Number	3381639080	6447470185	3381650026	3381650027	3381650028	3381609010	3381605451

Choosing the Best Laminator for Your School

Placement
The number of operators, volume and versatility all play a key role in which laminator to choose. More robust, versatile laminators are usually required for a centralized print area while a laminator placed in a shared work area needs to be easy to use and cost effective.

Ease of Use
Laminators packed with features that make changing film or laminating easier will limit waste, service calls, and frustration long term. GBC® EZload® film technology ensure that film is loaded correctly every time – meaning no film wraps or adhesive on the rollers. Make sure to consider how laminators offering automatic features and easy film loading may decrease your overall expense over time.

How to Choose

Size
Purchase a machine that can laminate your largest items, since it can always laminate smaller ones. Mounting boards of any size must be laminated on select machines. Banners require roll laminators. Most schools need the capability to print posters and choose a 27" model. However, if the majority of projects are 8 ½" x 11" or banners, a 12" model could be the perfect fit.

Frequency
Don't underestimate your usage. Laminators are categorized by usage level and office size to best support your needs.

Frequent Usage
Ideal for professional services and large offices.
- Fastest speed
- Maximum versatility
- Laminates all pouch thicknesses
- Accepts 1.5 to 10 mil pouches
- Most durable
- Professional results

Moderate Usage
Ideal for medium to large offices.
- Quick speed
- Laminates most common pouch thicknesses - 3 to 7 mil
- Durable

Occasional Usage
Ideal for small and home offices.
- Modest speed
- Laminates the most common pouch thicknesses - 3 to 5 mil
- Lighter duty
- Good for crafting, badges and other specialty uses

Ensure that your machine produces the best lamination every time with this selection of our most popular films.

Ultima 35 EZLoad™ Film Rolls

3381605639	12" x 300' - Glossy	1.7 mil
3381605641	12" x 200' - Glossy	3 mil
3381605642	12" x 100' - Glossy	5 mil

Pinnacle 27 EZLoad™ Film Rolls

3381630054	25" x 500'	1.5 mil
3381630055	25" x 250'	3 mil

EZUse™ Thermal Laminating Pouches

3381620051	Letter - 100 Pack	3 mil
3381620052	Letter - 100 Pack	5 mil
3381603222	Legal - 100 Pack	5 mil
3381603223	Menu - 100 Pack	5 mil

UltraClear™ Thermal Laminating Pouches

3381602878	Letter - 100 Pack	3 mil
3381602460	Letter - 100 Pack	5 mil
3381602099	Legal - 100 Pack	5 mil
3381602100	Menu - 100 Pack	5 mil

FOTON®30 Cartridges

3381639081	Standard - 80'	3 mil
3381639082	Bulk - 185'	3 mil
3381639083	Standard - 70'	5 mil
3381639084	Bulk - 113'	5 mil

Supplies

Ultima 35 EZload™ Film Rolls

Compatible with Ultima 35 EZload™ loading technology only. Colour-coded and size-specific loading cores eliminates loading roll film upside down. Comes 2 rolls per box.

Pinnacle 27 EZload™ Film Rolls

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GBC® EZUse™ Laminating Pouches

Eliminate laminating guesswork with new EZUse™ thermal laminating pouches. EZUse™ features simplified pouch loading and have the following enhanced features:

1. **Alignment Guides** – allow perfect centering for even borders
2. **Mil Thickness Icons** – for easy identification of pouch thickness
3. **Directional Arrow** – a reminder to insert the pouch sealed edge first to reduce jams

These helpful features disappear after lamination is complete. In addition, these pouches offer UV protection against yellowing and fading. Multiple sizes, mil thicknesses, and pack quantities available.

GBC® UltraClear™ Pouches

Sized to perfectly laminate a variety of items, UltraClear™ pouches provide clean, crisp and professional looking lamination results. Suitable for use with any thermal pouch laminator. Text detail and image colour stands out, making UltraClear™ perfect for display applications. Available in Speed Pouch format. Multiple sizes, mil thicknesses, and pack quantities available.

LAMINATING IDEAS

- Artwork
- Banners
- Bookmarks
- Bulletin board aids
- Class schedules
- Classroom aids
- Emergency contact lists
- End of the year projects
- Flash cards
- Game boards
- Handouts
- ID badges
- Maps
- Multiplication tables
- Periodic table
- Photos
- Reading lists
- Safety signs
- Science projects
- Special event posters
- Syllabus
- Wall calendars

For more information on selecting the right laminator for you, call 1 800 268 3447.

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