

## **Jury Rules in Favor of 3M in Patent Infringement Lawsuit Against Avery Dennison Corp.**

3M Company and 3M Innovative Properties Co., a wholly owned subsidiary of 3M, have won a favorable verdict in a patent infringement lawsuit filed in the United States District Court in Minnesota against Avery Dennison Corporation.

On Wednesday afternoon, a jury in Minneapolis returned the verdict in favor of 3M, finding that 3M's United States Patent No. 5,897,930, which relates to release liners used in the manufacture and sale of pressure sensitive adhesives for large format graphics, is valid and has been infringed by Avery Dennison's sales of its EZ Series Fleet Marking Film. 3M's patented technology is used in the manufacture of 3M(TM) Controltac(TM) Plus Graphic Film with Comply(TM) Performance, a product that allows graphics to be applied more quickly and consistently, reducing wrinkles and bubbles throughout the application process. 3M's technology is especially effective for use in challenging applications, such as wrapping large fleet vehicles.

Based on the favorable jury verdict, 3M will be asking the Court to enter a permanent injunction prohibiting further manufacture and sales of Avery Dennison's EZ Series Fleet Marking Film products. The amount of damages to be awarded to 3M as a result of Avery Dennison's infringement will be determined at an upcoming Court hearing.

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