

The 1-2-3's of Setting Tension

1. Starting point based on literature, machine builder guidelines or experience
2. Note whether you have high and/or low tension defects as a result.
If only high tension defects > reduce tension
If only low tension defects > increase tension
If both high and low > optimize
3. Economic Optimization

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Tension Setpoint Guidelines - 1

- Common Materials
 - Machine Builder Recommendations
 - TAPPI
 - Literature
- Any Material
 - 0.5-1.0 PLI per mil of **thickness**
 - 10-25% of MD tensile **strength**
 - Best tension is approx. proportional to strength or gauge
 $\text{New Tension} / \text{Old Tension} = \text{New Gauge} / \text{Old Gauge}$
 - If your practice is different from above, find out why

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Too MUCH Tension – 2a

- Necking (ductile or rubbery materials)
- Web Breaks (brittle materials)
- Wrinkles
- Wound Roll Defects
- Ten\$ion Dependent:
 - Cu\$omer complaint\$
 - Rejectable wa\$te
 - Downtime\$



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