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(54) **Thermal transfer dye image-receiving sheet.**

(57) A thermal transfer dye image-receiving sheet capable of receiving clear, uniform colored images without a formation of curls and wrinkles therein, comprising (A) a substrate sheet composed of (a) core sheet having a thermal shrinkage Y_3 , (b) a front coated thermoplastic film layer having a thickness T_1 and a thermal shrinkage Y_1 , and (c) a back coated thermoplastic film layer having a thickness T_2 and a thermal shrinkage Y_2 , the T_1 , T_2 , Y_1 , Y_2 and Y_3 satisfying the following relationships (1) and (2):

$$Y_2 \geq Y_1 \geq 2Y_3 \quad (1)$$

and

$$T_2 \geq T_1 \quad (2)$$

wherein Y_1 , Y_2 and Y_3 are determined in accordance with JIS K 6734 (1975) at $100 \pm 2^\circ \text{C}$ for 10 minutes.

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