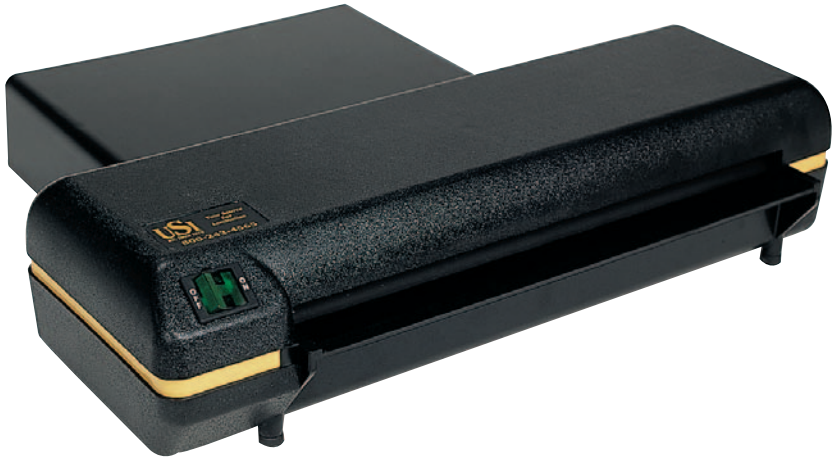


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XL1200 *Plus*



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## IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

When using electrical appliances, basic precautions should always be taken to reduce the risk of electrical shock and injury, including the following:

1. Read all instructions before operating the laminator.
2. Always unplug the appliance when not in use or before cleaning.
3. The laminator case may be cleaned with a lint-free cloth, lightly dampened with a mild soap and water solution. Do not use a spray-on cleaner.
4. Do not use the laminator outdoors.
5. Exercise caution should be taken when operating the laminator near children.
6. To protect against risk of electrical hazards, do not immerse cord, plugs or the appliance in water or other liquid.
7. Do not operate the laminator with a damaged cord or plug, or after the laminator has malfunctioned, has been dropped or is damaged in any manner. Return the laminator to a service facility for examination, repair, or adjustment.
8. Do not let the cord hang over the edge of a counter or touch hot surfaces.
9. Do not use the laminator for anything other than its intended use.

### **! WARNING !**

This laminator has a factory installed three-prong grounded plug. To reduce the risk of electrical shock, this plug is intended to fit into a grounded outlet only. If it does not fit in the outlet, contact a qualified electrician. Do not attempt to modify the plug in any way.

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**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS.**

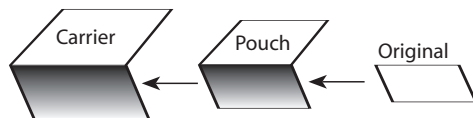
# Getting Started

1. Position the laminator on a flat, dry surface such as a desktop or counter top within reach of a wall outlet with enough free space at the back of the laminator to accommodate the supplied worktable (Center the worktable behind the laminator). Make sure the laminator is away from flammable materials, out of the reach of children, and away from sources of heat, such as radiators and heat registers.
2. Plug the power cord plug into the back of the laminator, then into an appropriate wall outlet. (Assure that the power cord does not cross the exit path of the laminated material).
3. Press the ON/OFF switch to the ON position. The laminator will begin heating up. When the laminator reaches its set temperature (in approximately three minutes) the switch will light up green.
4. To adjust the temperature setting: turn the laminator off, unplug the unit, turn the laminator over and rotate the adjustment knob on the bottom of the laminator. Rotate the knob 1/8 of a turn in a single adjustment, clockwise to increase or counterclockwise to decrease the temperature setting. Turn the laminator upright, plug the unit in, and press the switch to the ON position. Allow the unit to warm to the set temperature and process a test lamination to check the new temperature setting.
5. A laminated document that is cloudy indicates insufficient heat. To correct, turn the thermostat clockwise (no more than 1/8 turn) and retest. A laminated document that is wavy, warped or blistered indicates too much heat. To correct, turn the thermostat counterclockwise (no more than 1/8 turn) and retest.

*Note: The laminator may emit smoke the first few times it is used. There is no need for alarm. This is normal and will cease after several uses.*

**CAUTION:** When laminating or mounting, always use the appropriate carrier. A carrier is a card stock folder with a “waxy” coating on the inside. The original is inserted into the pouch or placed on the board, which is then placed into the “Waxy” side of the carrier before being fed into the machine. If a carrier is not used, the machine can jam causing damage to both the machine and the original. When mounting with foam board, always use the carrier designed for this application.

\* When laminating with foamboard, always use the carrier designated as such.



## To Laminate:

**CAUTION:** Failure to use a carrier may cause damage to the machine.

**DO NOT:** laminate heat-sensitive thermal paper such as special poster printer or fax machine paper.

Make sure the power switch is in the LAM position.

1. Select the pouch film required to laminate your document. The pouch consists of two pieces of film that are hinged at one end. Separate the two pieces, taking care not to break the hinged seal, starting at the end opposite the hinge. Place the material to be laminated into the center of the laminating pouch so there is at least a 1/8" (3mm) border around each of the sides.
2. Select a carrier that is closest in size to the pouch being used. The carrier must be larger than and completely cover the lamination pouch. This avoids any adhesive getting on to the machine's rollers. The carrier should also be a minimum length of 4-1/2".
3. Insert the loaded pouch into the carrier by placing the sealed edge of the pouch along the fold of the carrier and close.
4. Slowly insert the folded edge of the carrier squarely into the mouth of the laminator. Hold the edges of the carrier until the machine rollers grab the carrier and the laminator begins pulling the carrier.

*Note: When laminating ID size documents, feed the carrier into the laminator short side first.*

*Note: Be careful not to put the carrier into the laminator slot at an angle. Inserting the carrier too fast or pushing the carrier too quickly may cause insufficient lamination of the document's leading edge.*

5. The carrier will be pulled through the laminator by the machine's rollers and automatically exit the machine on the opposite side dropping onto the worktable. **CAUTION: THE CARRIER WILL BE HOT!** Allow the carrier to lie flat while cooling. If handled before the adhesive cools, the pouch may become distorted.
6. After the carrier has cooled, open and remove the laminated document. If the results are less than desirable, see Step 5 of "Getting Started".

*Note: It is recommended that carriers be replaced after approximately 50 uses to maintain superior lamination results.*

7. The green indicator will cycle on and off as required to maintain the set temperature. For best results, wait until the green indicator is on before feeding any work into the laminator.
8. If trimming the laminated item, it is recommended to leave a minimum of 1/8" border around the document for full encapsulation. You may trim the item flush. However, be aware that this leaves the document edge exposed to the possibility of water damage.
9. Press the power switch to the OFF position and unplug the laminator when you are finished laminating.

# To Mount and/or Laminate using an Adhesive or Pouch Board:

An adhesive board consists of a foam mounting board with heat-activated adhesive on one side. A pouch board is an adhesive board with a piece of laminating film attached on one edge.

**CAUTION:** Only mount to adhesive coated foam and mounting boards 3/16" thick or less. Both heat and pressure are used in the mounting process. Some boards such as plywood, cardboard, or various types of plastic may be damaged or may cause damage to your laminator when used. **ALWAYS USE A CARRIER.**

Make sure the power switch is in the **FOAM** position.

<b>ADHESIVE BOARD</b>	<b>POUCH BOARD</b>
1. Carefully examine the board to determine which side contains the adhesive.	1. Carefully examine the board to determine which edge is sealed. Starting at one of the corners opposite the sealed edge, gently lift and peel back the film. Care should be taken not to break the sealed hinge.
2. Center the document to be mounted on the adhesive coated (dull) side of the board. You may use a small piece of tape to tack the document in the correct place on the board. Be sure that the board is completely covered by the document (a slightly oversized document is acceptable as it can be trimmed after mounting).	2. Center the document to be laminated on the board and lay the film back over it.
3. Insert the board into the carrier by placing the edge of the board along the fold of the carrier and close. The carrier should completely cover the board. This avoids any adhesive from depositing on the heaters and rollers.	3. Insert the board into the carrier by placing the sealed edge of the board along the fold of the carrier and close. The carrier should completely cover the board. This avoids any adhesive from depositing on the heaters and rollers.

- Flip the carrier so the document side of the board is facing downward. When in the foam position, the upper heating element is switched off to prevent warping of the board and placing heat to the necessary side of the board.

*Note: Foam mounting pouches come with special carriers that MUST be used exclusively for foam laminating pouches and foam mounting board!*

- Slowly insert the short edge of the carrier into the entrance slot on the laminator. Insure that the carrier will enter centered and straight. A gentle push may be required to start the board and carrier into the machine. Hold the edges of the carrier until it is engaged in the unit and the laminator begins pulling the carrier on its own. Inserting the carrier too fast or pushing the carrier too quickly may cause insufficient lamination of the document's leading edge.
- The carrier will feed through the laminator by the machine's rollers and automatically exit at the rear of the unit and onto the Worktable. **THE CARRIER WILL BE HOT!** Allow the carrier to lie flat and cool.
- After the carrier has cooled, open and remove the mounted and/or laminated document. If the results are less that desirable, see step 5 of "Getting Started".

*Note: It is recommended that carriers be replaced after approximately 50 uses to maintain superior lamination results.*

- Foam board may be cut or trimmed using a sharp hobby knife such as an X-acto® Knife. Lightly score the paper and board first. Several passes of the knife may be required. Ragged cuts or pulling of the foam board indicates a dull blade.
- The green indicator will cycle on and off as required to maintain the set temperature. For best results, wait until the green indicator is on before feeding any work into the laminator.
- Press the ON/OFF switch to the off position and unplug the laminator when you are finished laminating and/or mounting.

## PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

Opening:	12-1/4"
Weight:	6lbs.
Width:	17-1/4"
Depth:	4-1/2"
Height:	4-3/8"
Amps:	3.2
Watts:	365
Volts/Cycle:	120VAC/60Hz
Cord Length:	72"
Max Mil Thickness:	10Mil
Warranty*:	2 Year

\* from date of purchase.

# To Change the Fuse:

- To change the fuse, remove the detachable power cord from the back of the laminator.
- You will notice a small drawer located next to where the cord plugs into the laminator's body. Using a small screwdriver, open this drawer.
- Remove the bad fuse and replace with a 5mm X 20mm Slo Blo 3.15 amp fuse.
- Push the drawer in, replace and tighten screw to secure drawer.
- Replace the power cord.

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### POUCH FILM<sup>^</sup>

#1007	Business Card	2-1/4" x 3-3/4"	5Mil
#6440	Horiz. Luggage Tag w/Slot	2-1/4" x 4-1/4"	5Mil
#1012	Vertical Luggage Tag w/Slot	2-1/4" x 4-1/4"	5Mil
#0179	Letter	9" x 11-1/2"	3Mil
#0182	Letter	9" x 11-1/2"	5Mil
#0171	Legal	9" x 14-1/2"	3Mil
#0172	Legal	9" x 14-1/2"	5Mil

### PROMOUNT™ ADHESIVE BOARDS (10/BOX)

#6882	White Adhesive Board	4" x 6"
#6878	White Adhesive Board	8-1/2" x 11"
#6879	White Adhesive Board	11" x 17"

### PROMOUNT™ POUCH BOARDS<sup>^</sup> (10/BOX)

White Pouch Board	4-1/2" x 6-1/2"	Gloss, Satin or Luster
White Pouch Board	9" x 17-1/2"	Gloss, Satin or Luster
White Pouch Board	11-1/2" x 17-1/2"	Gloss, Satin or Luster

### CARRIERS<sup>^</sup>

#0027	Pouch Film Carrier	ID Size up to 3" x 4-1/2"
#0922	Pouch Film Carrier	9-1/4" x 14-3/4"
#7340	Foam Board Carrier	9-1/2" x 12-1/2"
#7341	Foam Board Carrier	12" x 18-1/2"

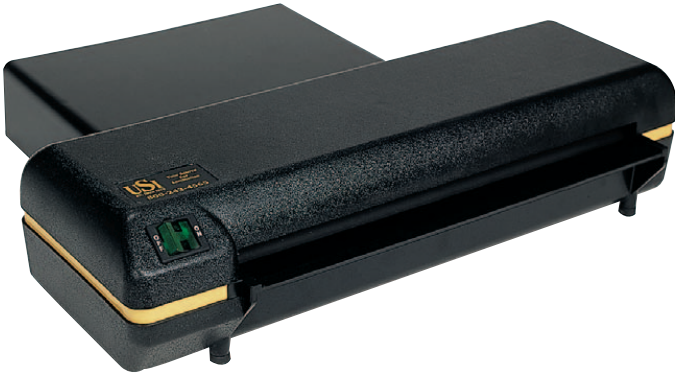
### Extended Warranty

<sup>^</sup>Other sizes available. Please contact Customer Service or visit us on the web [www.usi-laminate.com](http://www.usi-laminate.com)

# WARRANTY

We warrant to the original purchaser the equipment manufactured to be free from defects in material and workmanship under normal use and service. Our obligation under this warranty shall be limited to the repair or exchange of any part or parts which may prove defective under normal use and service within two years from the date of shipment and which our examination shall disclose to our satisfaction to be defective. Warranty does not include damage due to operator error or general maintenance. When necessary, purchaser shall properly pack and return the unit to the nearest USI Service Center, freight and insurance prepaid.

This warranty is in lieu of all other warranties expressed or implied, including the warranties of merchant ability for fitness for use and all other obligations or liabilities on our part, and we neither assume nor authorize any other person to assume for us, any other liability in connection with the sale of this laminating machine or any part thereof which has been subject to accident, negligence, alteration, abuse or misuse. We make no warranty whatsoever in respect to accessories or parts not supplied by us. The term "Original Purchaser," as used in this warranty, shall be deemed to the person or company who first puts the equipment into service. This warranty shall apply only within the boundaries of the Continental United States.



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