

## Storage & handling of shrink sleeves

### Tolerances

The tolerances for our shrink sleeves are

- material gauge  $\pm 10\%$  (in microns)
- sleeve width  $\pm 1$  mm
- position of the folds  $\pm 1,5$  mm
- quantity supplied  $\pm 10\%$

### Storage recommendations

1. We strongly advise you to use all your sleeves within 6 months after production. At a later stage it is recommended to test the remaining sleeves before using them, but be aware that we take no responsibility as to deviant characteristics and behaviour.
2. Shrink sleeves are very sensitive to changes in temperature and humidity. Therefore we advise to keep them in the original packaging at all times and to store them in a room where you can control these parameters fairly correct:  $18^{\circ} - 25^{\circ}\text{C}$  and 40-50% RH
3. Always keep your sleeves away from heat generating devices and protect them against direct sunlight.
4. Bring the shrink sleeves you need – in their original packaging – into the room where you will apply them, preferably 24 to 48 hours in advance, to prevent thermal shock.
5. If you don't use all the sleeves in one run, always store the remaining ones in their original packaging for best results.

### Practical advice

It is a good habit to re-calibrate your shrink tunnel prior to every new production.

