T-shirt spec sheet

Fill this in and send it to any supplier before you ask for a price. A clear spec gets you quotes you can compare.

Brand _____ Contact _____ Date _____

1 Fabric weight

Weight _____ gsm (grams per square metre) Allowed difference, plus or minus _____ gsm

Rough guide: light 120 to 150, mid 150 to 180, heavy from 180 to 200. No official line exists, so write a number and get the difference in writing.

2 Yarn

☐ Ring-spun ☐ Open-end and ☐ Combed ☐ Carded only

Combed ring-spun is the smoother and stronger choice. Open-end yarn is faster to make and typically weaker and rougher.

3 Cotton

☐ Regular (Upland) ☐ Extra-long staple, such as Pima Staple length _____ mm

A country name such as "Egyptian" tells you where the cotton grew and not how long the fibre is. Ask for the staple length and for proof.

4 Construction

☐ Side-seamed ☐ Tubular (no side seams) Fit or reference tee _____

Tubular costs less and is known for twisting after washing. Side seams give a better fit and keep the print centred.

5 Print or decoration

☐ Screen print ☐ Direct to garment ☐ Direct to film ☐ Embroidery ☐ None

Number of colours _____ Position and size in cm _____

Screen print has a setup cost per colour and typically pays off from about two dozen pieces. Send the artwork as a vector file.

6 Organic claim

☐ No claim ☐ "Organic" (95% or more) ☐ "Made with x% organic materials" (70 to 94%)

Certificate number of the factory _____

Grades of the Global Organic Textile Standard. Every company in the chain must be certified, so ask for the factory's own certificate.

7 Colours, sizes and quantity

Body colour or Pantone _____ Neck label _____

Size	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	Total
Pieces							

8 When the sample arrives

☐ Side seam under the arm ☐ Two rows of stitching on hem and sleeves ☐ Collar springs back

☐ Tape over the shoulder seam ☐ Clean stitching, no loose threads ☐ Measured after one wash

Sample weight _____ g Notes for the supplier _____

The sample you approve is the reference for the whole order. Keep it, and send your notes with photos.

9 Comparing two quotes

Ask what is different, not who is cheaper	Quote A	Quote B
Fabric weight and yarn		
Print method and colours		
Quantity		
Price per piece		
One-off costs (setup, sample)		

Equilinq is not a factory. We specify, source and check, through our sourcing team in Shenzhen.

Sources: Cotton Incorporated (yarn, staple), Global Organic Textile Standard (label grades), Impressions and Bella+Canvas (construction), print shop guides (print).

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