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High Quality Organic Semiconductor Thin-film Transistors Printed on Plastic Substrates using Transfer Printing¹ Y. SHAO, S.A. SOLIN, Washington University in St. Louis, D.R. HINES, V.W. BALLAROTTO, E.D. WILLIAMS, University of Maryland — Transfer Printing has been used to fabricate organic thin-film transistors onto plastic substrates. This method uses pressure and temperature to transfer a patterned layer from one substrate (on which the thin-film material was originally fabricated) to a second substrate. This thermal treatment is similar to an annealing process and is therefore expected to improve the quality of organic films from the small molecule and polymeric classes. X-ray diffraction patterns of a pentacene thin-film transfer printed onto a plastic substrate show sharp (00*l*) reflections corresponding to a c-axis correlation length of 432Å. X-ray diffraction patterns of the original pentacene thin-film thermally evaporated onto an SiO₂ surface also show sharp (00*l*) reflections but exhibit a c-axis correlation length of 392Å. The transistor characteristics of these high quality, transfer printed organic materials will be correlated with thin-film quality.

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