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Barcode scanners require significant contrast between the bars and spaces in a barcode. If the bars are black, the background needs to be a light color so that the scanner can tell the bars from the spaces. If the background color is too dark, the barcodes will not scan.