World Decorator [Laminated] (National Geographic Reference Map)
**Synopsis**

National Geographic’s World map is the standard by which all other reference maps are measured. The World map is meticulously researched and adheres to National Geographic’s convention of making independent, apolitical decisions based on extensive research using multiple authoritative source. The Decorator style World map uses a vibrant color palette that fills each country for easy identification and stunning shaded relief that will stand out as a beautiful piece of cartographic artistry. Drawn in the Winkel Tripel projection, distortions are minimized and unlike many other World maps, Greenland is shown the same size as Argentina and not as the size of all of South America. Thousands of place names are carefully and artistically placed on the map to maintain legibility even in the heavily populated areas of Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Details include clearly defined international boundaries, cities, physical features, rivers, and ocean floor features. Corner inset maps feature vegetation and land use, and population density as well as the north and south polar regions. The map is encapsulated in heavy-duty 1.6 mil laminate which makes the paper much more durable and resistant to the swelling and shrinking caused by changes in humidity. Laminated maps can be framed without the need for glass, so the frames can be much lighter and less expensive. Map Scale = 1:29,802,000 Sheet Size = 46" x 30.5"

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**Customer Reviews**

****UPDATE: I received several responses to my question and the Traditional map sold by IS laminated. I ordered it and it just came in the mail yesterday and it IS laminated! It is on my wall right
now. --PLEASE TAKE OFF THE BASIC SIZE TUBED MAP OPTION FROM OTHER SELLERS FROM THIS LISTING. IT IS NOT LAMINATED AND IT WILL ONLY CONFUSE BUYERS. I repeat to all prospective buyers--DO NOT BUY THIS MAP FROM THE OTHER SELLER ON THIS LISTING. IF YOU WANT A LAMINATED MAP, MAKE SURE IT IS SOLD AND SHIPPED DIRECTLY FROM Original Review: This is a beautiful map. The title on my search page said "World Decorator Wall Map Laminated". I clicked on it and the product page listed 3 buying options--an enlarged map sold by , a basic map sold by Maps, Globes, and More, and a Traditional map (same size as basic map) sold by . I ordered the basic map from Maps, Globes, and More because even with shipping, it was a couple dollars cheaper than the one sold by . However, when I received my map, it was NOT laminated. In fact, I tore an inch on one side very easily as I was taking off the packaging. I went back and noticed that the product description for the one sold from Maps, Globes, and More did not mention "laminated", while the ones sold by , did. The seller contacted me and we agreed on a partial refund since the map was torn and so I didn’t have to pay to ship it back. But I still want a laminated map. Can anyone tell me if the Traditional (31" x 46") map sold by is indeed laminated? Meaning, layered in plastic so you can not tear it? I bought it to put on our kitchen wall that I will use for homeschooling my young children. I do not want a map that can be ripped.

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