

3M

Polyester Tape

8403

Technical Data

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Product Description 3M™ Polyester Tape 8403 has a silicone adhesive for composite bonding and splicing of many silicone coated papers and films.

Product Construction	Backing	Adhesive	Color	Standard Roll Length
	Polyester film	Silicone	Translucent green	72 yds. (66 m)

Typical Physical Properties

Note: The following technical information and data should be considered representative or typical only and should not be used for specification purposes.

		ASTM Test Method
Adhesion to Steel:	27 oz./in. width (29 N/100 mm)	D-3330
Tensile Strength at Break:	46 lbs./in. width (806 N/100 mm)	D-3759
Elongation at Break:	150%	D-3759
Backing Thickness:	1.4 mils (0.04 mm)	D-3652
Total Tape Thickness:	2.4 mils (0.06 mm)	D-3652
Temperature Use Range:	Removes cleanly and remains flexible after 3 hours, 350°F (177°C), in autoclave.	

Application Ideas

- Masking edges overlap seams in metal bonding process where the excess epoxy (“flash”) flows onto the tape. Clean-up is complete when the tape is removed.
- Protective overall mask on panels to mild caustic or acid bath etching. Helps prevent scratches during handling and provides desired masking during metal bonding and fabrication.
- Holding of parts or vacuum bags during bonding process.
- Mask for metal in acid or caustic chemical milling baths.
- Masking parts in anodizing processes.
- Splicing of silicone coated papers and films.
- Paint masking of materials subjected to high temperatures.

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Storage Store under normal conditions of 70°F (21°C) and 50% R.H. in the original carton.

Shelf Life To obtain best performance, use this product within 24 months from date of manufacture.

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