

# Technical Data Sheet

# 3M<sup>™</sup> Scotchlite<sup>™</sup> Reflective Material 5530 Segmented Industrial Wash Trim

#### **Description**

3M° Scotchlite Reflective Material – Series 5500 Comfort Trim is comprised of industrial and home wash products. 3M° Scotchlite Reflective Material – 5530 Segmented Industrial Wash Trim is a transfer film composed of wide angle, exposed retroreflective lenses bonded with a special polymer layer to a heat activated polyester adhesive. The trim is 2 inches wide and comprised of reflective patterned segments on a plastic liner. Note: width modification other than 2-inch will affect physical performance.

Scotchlite reflective material – 5530 segmented industrial wash trim should not be used for flame resistant applications.



# **Industrial Wash**

Industrial laundering means regularly washing large amounts of clothing in a relatively short amount of time, with large machines (> 25 kg loads), aggressive detergent chemistry (pH 10.5-12) and high wash temperatures (up to  $85^{\circ}$  C). Garment finishing (tumble dry or tunnel finish) can limit garment life and should be considered as part of the cleaning process. Please refer to the Industrial Wash Guidelines for recommended wash conditions. Using harsher cleaning conditions may significantly reduce product performance.

#### **Retroreflective Performance**

The coefficient of retroreflection (R<sub>A</sub>, in cd/lux/m²) is measured by methods traceable to either of the following retroreflective intensity testing procedures:

ASTM E809 and E810 ( $R_A$ ) CIE 54.2:2001 (R')

The R<sub>A</sub> values were measured at the listed specific entrance and observation angles.

3M <sup>™</sup> Scotchlite <sup>™</sup> Reflective Material				
Entrance Angle	Observation Angle	Minimum R <sub>A</sub> 1		
5.0°	0.2°	330		
5.0°	0.33°	250		

The reflective performance of Scotchlite reflective material – 5530 segmented industrial wash trim exceeds the ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 and CAN/CSA Z96-02 minimum coefficient of retroreflection for Level 2 retroreflective material.

#### Color

3M <sup>™</sup> Scotchlite <sup>™</sup> Reflective Material			
Product Number	Daytime Color	Reflected Color	
5530	Silver	White	



# **Physical Performance**

3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material – 5530 Segmented Industrial Wash Trim is certified to meet ANSI/ISEA 107-2004 Level 2 retroreflective performance, and will meet or exceed the following specifications:

Initial Retroreflectivity: ANSI/ISEA 107-2004

CAN/CSA Z96-02 Level 2

(Table 5)

**Abrasion:** EN 530 Method 2

 $(R_A \ge 100)^2$ 5000 cycles

Flexing: ISO 7854 Method A

 $(R_{\Delta} \ge 100)^2$ 7500 cycles

**Cold Fold:** ISO 4675 -20±1° C (-2±1° F)

 $(R_A \ge 100)^2$ 

Wash (5530):

**Temperature Cycle:** 12 hours @ 50±2° C (122±2° F)  $(R_{\Delta} \ge 100)^2$ 20 hours @ -30±2° C (-20±2° F)

ISO 6330 Method 2A

 $(R_A \ge 100)^2$ 100 cycles @ 60° C (140° F)

**Dry-clean:** ISO 3175 Method 8.1

 $(R_{\text{A}} \geq 100)^2$ 50 cycles

Wet Reflectivity: ANSI/ISEA 107-2004

 $(R_A \ge 100)^2$ Annex A

# **Performance**

While use of 3M™ Scotchlite™ Reflective Material enhances visibility, no reflective material can guarantee absolute visibility, particularly in adverse weather conditions. Performance will vary depending upon actual use, exposure conditions, and maintenance. Users should test reflective material to satisfy conformance to their own requirements.

# **Application Instructions**

Whenever two or more pieces of Scotchlite reflective material – 5530 segmented industrial wash trim are used together on a single surface or as a set, they should be matched to ensure uniform daytime color and nighttime reflectivity.

**Cutting:** Scotchlite reflective material – 5530 segmented industrial wash trim can be hand-cut, die-cut or guillotined. Plotter cutting is not recommended. NOTE: Width modification other than 2-inch will affect physical performance.

**Heat Lamination:** The following recommendation is a general guideline for **heat press lamination**. Other lamination methods such as roll to roll, heat fusing, and High Frequency (HF) welding can also be used. Important note: The proper temperature/ pressure/time conditions must be tested for each fabric to assure adequate adhesion and physical performance. Many fabrics can be used as lamination substrates, however, nylons and fabrics treated with a durable water repellent (DWR) finish are difficult to adhere to and are not recommended. For specific application assistance, contact 3M Technical Service.

Work on a flat surface where uniform heat and pressure can be applied. Avoid applying film over seams and stitches. Place film on fabric (substrate) adhesive side down and apply heat and pressure as described below. Allow the application to cool to room temperature before removing the plastic liner. Place application on a flat surface and remove the plastic liner by lifting one corner and pulling at about a 45° angle in a continuous, smooth manner.

3M <sup>™</sup> Scotchlite <sup>™</sup> Reflective Material			
Temperature	Dwell Time	Pressure	
350-375° F (175-190° C)	10-20 seconds	Firm (30-40 psi line pressure)	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Measured at 5.0° entrance angle and 0.2° observation angle.





Important: Test each application according to appropriate care instructions required for the finished product. Actual life of 3M" Scotchlite" Reflective Material – 5530 Segmented Industrial Wash Trim will depend on cleaning method and wear conditions. Care label recommendations:

#### Home Wash Guideline

Wash:



Machine wash hot, 60° C (140° F)

Bleach:



Only non-chlorine bleach when needed

Dry:



Tumble dry low

Iron:



Use cool iron, 110° C (230° F)

Dry-clean:



Dry-clean, normal cycle

#### **Industrial Wash Guideline**

Stain treatment wash processing may reduce life of Scotchlite reflective material – 5530 segmented industrial wash trim.

Wash chemistry: Lower pH and active alkalinity will increase the lifetime performance of the retroreflective material. Actual lifetime will be dependent upon the detergent system and dosage level.

Do not use solvenated surfactants.

**Do not** use chlorine or perborate bleach.

**Maximum** 75° C (167° F)

Wash Low to medium alkaline,
Temperature high-surfactant detergents

**Detergents** are preferred.

Break/suds cycles Less than 20 minutes total

**Drying:** 

**Tunnel dry** Maximum inlet temperature of 160° C (320° F)

Drying time not to exceed 7 minutes Fabric temperature not to exceed 135° C (275° F)

**Tumble dry** Maximum exhaust temperature 90° C (195° F)

**Pressing** Do not exceed 150° C (300° F)

#### **Product Availability**

Scotchlite reflective material – 5530 segmented industrial wash trim is available in rolls with the following standard width and roll length:

3M <sup>™</sup> Scotchlite <sup>™</sup> Reflective Material			
Width	Width Tolerance	Standard Roll Length	
50.8 mm (2.0")	± .5 mm (± .02")	100 m, 200 m	

# **Order and Product Information**

To order 3M<sup>™</sup> Scotchlite<sup>™</sup> Reflective Material Products contact 3M Visibility and Insulation Solutions Customer Service at 800-328-7098.

# Storage and Shelf Life

Store in a cool, dry area and use within one year after date of receipt. Store rolls in original shipping cartons. Return partially used rolls to the carton or suspend horizontally through the core. Cut sheets should be stored flat.



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