

3M™ Clear Polycarbonate Carrier 2703

Product description

3M™ Clear Polycarbonate Carrier 2703 used in conjunction with a suitable 3M™ Cover Tapes, serves as a reliable and convenient means of helping protect and transport electrical and electronic devices allowing for intact delivery to the assembly point. 3M carrier 2703 is a continuous, splice free, non-conductive carrier tape with precisely formed pockets designed to ensure component fit to ANSI/EIA guidelines. 3M carrier 2703 is available in a broad selection of pocket designs with dimensions to accommodate a variety of common electrical and electronic parts. Customized 3M carrier 2703, with dimensions specific to your requirements, is also available upon request.

Construction

Embossed, heat-resistant, polycarbonate sheet.

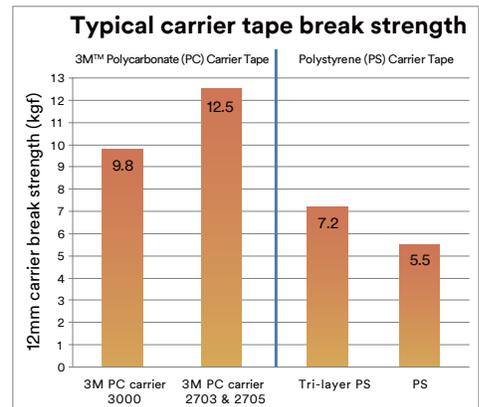
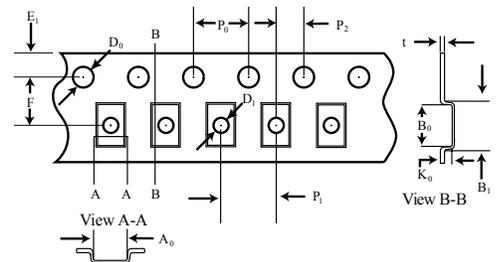
Dimensional properties

3M carrier 2703 meets the ANSI/EIA-481-E Standard for the dimensions illustrated to the right.

Product format

3M carrier 2703 is available as continuous, splice-free, mostly 8 mm through 44 mm carrier in level winding format on 330 mm (13") up to 560 mm (22") plastic or recyclable cardboard reels. Planetary winding format is also available upon request. Reel capacity will typically be from 30 to 2,000 meters, depending upon the pocket depth, pitch, and winding format.

EIA-481-E Standard dimensions



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Typical mechanical properties – shrinkage

3M™ Clear Polycarbonate Carrier 2703 exhibits shrinkage of less than 0.1%, even after 24 hours exposure at 85°C (185°F). This compares favorably to the EIA-481-E Standard which stipulates that the P₀-10, or ten-pitch tolerance, maintain a dimension of 40.0 mm ± 0.2 mm, an implied tolerance of ±0.5%. Carrier shrinkage can result in problems with feeding, pocket position and, in the case of the pocket dimensions, parts sticking in the pockets. The extent of shrinkage in cold-formed polystyrene carrier pockets can be rapidly accelerated by exposure to elevated temperature, and will depend upon the duration of exposure and the maximum temperature reached.

Carrier P₀ -10 shrinkage after 24 hours

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Temperature	3M carrier 2703	Typical polystyrene
52°C (126°F) , 95%RH	< 0.1%	< 0.5%
85°C (185°F)	< 0.1%	< 0.5%

Camber

3M carrier 2703 meets the EIA-481-E Standard for camber which is not greater than 1 mm in 250 lineal millimeters in a planetary format. For carrier in a level winding format, camber will not be greater than 2 mm in 250 lineal millimeters.

Recyclability

3M carrier 2703 is a thermoplastic polymer film which can be recycled after use. However, recycling programs for this product may not exist in your area.

Cover tape recommendations

3M™ Static Dissipative Heat Activated Adhesive Cover Tapes are recommended for use with 3M carrier 2703.

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Typical physical properties and performance characteristics

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Description	Type	Units	Typical performance	Test notes	Test method
Material properties	Type		Polycarbonate	1	
	Max, usable temperature	°C (°F)	125 (257)		
Physical properties	Tensile strength (yield)	MPa (Kpsi)	61 (8.8)	2	ASTM-D638
	Tensile strength (break)	MPa (Kpsi)	62 (9.0)	2	ASTM-D638
	Impact strength	J/m (Ft-lb/in)	>70 (1.32)	3	ASTM-D256
	Camber (planetary format)	mm (in)	≤1.0 (0.039)	4	EIA-481-E
	Camber (level winding format)	mm (in)	≤2.0 (0.079)	4	EIA-481-E
	Transmission	%	90	5	ASTM-D1003
	Haze	%	<1.0	5	ASTM-D1003
	Clarity	%	99	5	ASTM-D1003
Electrical properties	Resistivity	Ohms/sq	Non-conductive	6	ASTM-D257
Chemical properties	Extractable ionics (Cl ⁻ , NO ₃ ⁻ , SO ₄ ²⁻ , Na ⁺ , K ⁺ , Ca ²⁺)	ppm	<10	7	3M test method
Product format	Reel type	Material	Reinforced cardboard or plastic		
	Reel hub inside diameter	mm (in)	76.2 (3.0)		
	Pockets per reel	Count	Varies per pitch		
	Length	m (f)	Varies per Ko		

Test notes

1. Engineering grade resin.
2. Tensile tests are conducted at 23°C (73°F), 50% RH under controlled conditions with a constant rate of jaw separation of 50 mm/minute from an initial separation of 115 mm. Yield strength is the force which produces 5% elongation of the sample. Breaking strength is the ultimate strength for the material at the break point.
3. Impact strength testing utilizes a mandrel to hold a section of the material under test. A weight is allowed to strike the material from a known radius and after the strike the swing is measured vs free swing and the strength of the material is calculated from the difference.
4. Camber is a measurement of the weave of the material. Measured over a 250 mm length.
5. Optical properties are measured using a BYK-Gardner Haze-Gard Plus Transmission Meter, Model 4725.
6. Resistivity tests are conducted at 23°C (73°F), 50% RH under controlled conditions with Hiresta-UP equipment, model MCP-HT450. Resistivity is measured at the sealing surface of a typical carrier using the defined test method.
7. 3M test method was used for the micro-contamination test for 3M carrier tapes.

Storage conditions and shelf life

3M™ Clear Polycarbonate Carrier 2703 should be stored indoors, in its original packaging, in a controlled climate environment, typically at or below 35°C (95°F) and 70% relative humidity. The product must be protected from exposure to direct sunlight. Exposure to elevated humidity reduces the compressive strength of corrugated, cardboard containers. The recommended stacking height must be followed to avoid damaging the packaged product. It is recommended that the product be used on a “first-in, first-out” basis.

The shelf life of 3M carrier 2703 is five years from the date of manufacture when stored according to the recommended storage conditions.

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