

Transportation Safety Division

3M™ Stamark™ High Performance All Weather Masking Tape 385AW

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1 Description

3M™ Stamark™ High Performance Masking Tape 385AW (“Tape”) is a pavement masking tape that forms a durable, conformable, weather resistant, matte black (non-reflective), skid and tear resistant pavement marking with a preformed, diamond, surface texture pattern. The Tape can be used to mask inlay markings or overlay markings on most asphalt and concrete pavement surfaces in good condition.

1.1 Product Features

- o Durable and conformable to pavement
- o Embedded net provides increased tear resistance
- o Precoated with an extended season pressure sensitive adhesive (PSA) on bottom surface
- o No surface preparation adhesive required when applied within standard tape application season as defined by the [3M Stamark Pavement Markings Tapes Climate Guide](#)
- o Can be applied early and late season, down to 40 °F (4 °C), when a 3M Stamark surface preparation adhesive is used
- o Abrasion-resistant microcrystalline ceramic beads bonded in a highly durable polyurethane topcoat
- o Manufactured without the use of heavy metals, lead chromate pigments, or other similar, lead-containing chemicals
- o Patterned textured surface
- o Nominal thickness of 0.080 in. (2.0 mm) at pattern heights

2 Specifications

2.1 Color

The tape has a matte black (non-reflective) appearance under both daytime and nighttime lighting conditions.

2.2 Skid Resistance

The surface of the Tape provides an initial average skid resistance value of 45 BPN when tested according to the procedure of ASTM E303, subject to the following modification:

- o Skid resistance is calculated as the average of two measurements taken at an angle of 45° from one another.

2.3 Patchability

Snow removal equipment and heavy traffic may cause wear and damage to Tape. Such damaged areas can be repaired using patches made of Tape. Remove damaged Tape and replace it according to the instructions presented in the “Overlay Applications” section of [3M Information Folder 5.7](#).

3 Application

Tape should be installed according to the instructions presented in the appropriate section of [3M Information Folder 5.7](#).

4 Durability

The durability of Tape depends on several environmental and traffic conditions, including, but not limited to, snow removal practices, application techniques used, and pavement and atmospheric conditions at the time of application. It is recommended that the customer thoroughly evaluate Tape under the conditions present at the installation location prior to large-scale implementation.

5 Storage

Store indoors, in a cool, dry area. Use within one year of receipt.

6 Health and Safety Information

Read all health hazard, precautionary, and first aid statements found in the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and Article Information Sheets for important health, safety, and environmental information. To obtain SDSs and Article Information Sheets for 3M products, go to [3M.com/SDS](#), contact 3M by mail, or for urgent requests call 1-800-364-3577.

7 Warranty Information

7.1 3M Basic Product Warranty

Tape is warranted to be free of defects in materials and manufacture at the time of shipment and to meet the specifications stated in this product bulletin (“3M Basic Warranty”).

7.2 Exclusive Limited Remedy

If the Tape is proven not to have met the 3M Basic Warranty on its shipment date, then a buyer's exclusive remedy, and 3M's sole obligation, at 3M's option, will be replacement of the Tape only.

7.3 Disclaimer

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7.4 Limitation of Liability

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8 Other Product Information

Always confirm that you have the most current version of the applicable product bulletin, information folder, or other product information from 3M's Website at <http://www.3M.com/roadsafety>.

9 Literature References

- [3M IF 5.2](#) Highway Tape Applicator (HTA)
- [3M IF 5.7](#) 3M™ Stamark™ Tapes Pavement Surface Preparation and Application Techniques
- [3M IF 5.18](#) Application Guidelines for Pavement Markings in Grooved Pavement Surfaces
- [3M™ Stamark™ Pavement Markings Tapes Climate Guide](#)

ASTM Test Methods are available from ASTM International, West Conshohocken, PA.

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