# **3M Masking Tapes for Anodization**

#### **WHAT**



### **Product Features**

Anodizing is an electrochemical conversion process used to increase the durability and corrosion resistance of metal parts by creating a surface oxide layer. Parts are masked off where anodization is not desired.

When you need a masking tape for Anodization, we have the tapes to get the job done.

Each tape is specifically designed and tested to perform in the harshest conditions required for each application.



Good initial tack and holding strength



Chemical resistant - excellent chemical resistance to a variety of bath chemistries. Tape solution for Chromic anodizing



One-piece, clean removal – clean removal in one piece post processing



Transparent - transparent tape for easy positioning



Sharp paint lines - reduces rework from chemical seepage



Non-silicone



Conformable - excellent conformability in a variety of application conditions



Liner - available with liner for die cuting applications



No fumes or nasty odours

## WHY

### **End User Benefits**



Productivity - Quick and easy to apply, comes up easily and cleanly, in one piece. Eliminates cure time of liquid masking



Performance - Designed and tested to perform in the harshest conditions. Help reduce post-process rework



Reliability - Reliable, these tapes work consistently time and time again



Make the job easier - No fume or nasty odor, ability to see through tape for positioning and placement

### **APPLICATIONS**

# **Suggested Applications**





**Final Product** 







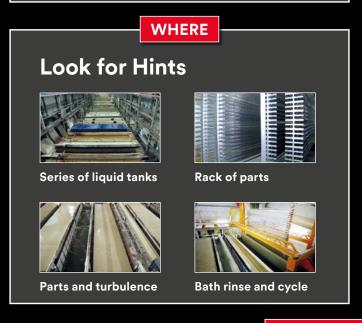
- Architectural panels
- Control panels
- Solar panel assemblies
- Landing gear
- Stair railings
- Wheel covers
- Auto interior trim
- Hydraulic pump fittings
- Sporting goods

#### MAKING THE CALL

# **Qualifying Questions**

- Do you do selective anodizing in your facility?
- What is your current method for masking areas you don't want anodized?
- Is there anything you'd like to change about your current maskant?
- Do you have rework related to residue transfer and/or chemical leakage?
- Do you apply primers or paints after the process? If not, where is that being done?
- Is silicone contamination a problem?
- Do you have a non-silicone policy in your facility?





#### **WHERE**

# **Target Market Segments**

While anodized parts are used in almost every industry, the actual process is typically sourced to companies that specialize in anodizing.



Construction



Appliance & Electronics



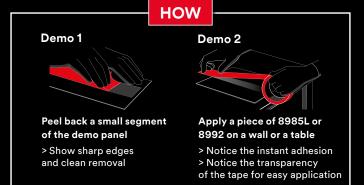
**Transportation** 

- Bus, Truck, Rail and Specialty Vehicle
- Automotive & Aerospace



**Metal Working** 

- Metal Surface Treatment



### **PRODUCT SELECTION**

# **Choose the right Product**

Product		Acid					Adhesive	Conformability	Transparent colored	Liner version	Key Features
		Chromic	Boric- sulfuric	Phosphoric	Sulfuric & Hardcoat	Tartatic			tape	version	
0	3M™ Anodizing Masking Tape 8985L	~	~	<b>~</b>	~	~	Rubber Non Silicon	+	~	8985L	Designed for Chromic Anodizing
0	3M™ Polyester Tape 9892		<b>~</b>	~	~	<b>~</b>	Silicon	+	~	8992L	"Go to" product for Anodization masking
0	3M™ Aluminium Foil Tape 425		<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	~	<b>~</b>	Acrylic Non Silicon	++		427	Ideal for thieving properties
	3M™ Vinyl Tape 471		<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	<b>~</b>	Rubber Non Silicon	+++		4712	When high conforma- bility is required

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