



Technical Data Sheet

3M™ UV Activated Film 81050



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Product Description

3M™ UV Activated Film 81000 series is a UV activated and curable film adhesive family, the film thicknesses offered are 10, 25, 50, 75, 100 micrometers. 3M UVAF 81050 is the 50 micron thickness delivered between two polyester silicone release liners. Before UV activation, 3M UVAF 81050 is stable and tacky at room temperature and can be easily converted into precision die cuts parts just like a pressure sensitive adhesive (PSA) transfer tape. Once activated with UV, the bond strength develops at room temperature, achieving green strength within an hour and semi-structural bond strength within 48 hrs. It is suitable to bond most Medium and High Surface Energy materials.

Product Features

- Full bond develops at room temperature within 48 hours following UV activation
- Excellent bond strength to metal surfaces
- Bonds non-UV transparent substrates
- Bond develops with very low shrinkage
- Good bond line visual appearance
- Performs and processes like a PSA tape before UV activation
- Die-cutable for thin precision bonding

Technical Information Note

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

Typical Uncured Physical Properties

Attribute Name	Value
Color	Clear, slightly yellow
Halogens (Cl, Br)	Compliant

Typical Physical Properties

Attribute Name	Value
Liner	PET release liner
Adhesive Thickness	0.05 mm
Primary Liner Thickness	0.038 mm
Secondary Liner Thickness	0.05 mm
Total Thickness with liner	0.138 mm

Typical Cured Characteristics

Test Method: ASTM D7028

Attribute Name	Value
Film Tension DMA E'	1,300 MPa ¹
Tg Glass Transition Temperature	44 °C ²

¹ 1 Hz temperature ramp at 3 °C/min

² 1 Hz temperature ramp at 3 °C/min, Tg recorded as peak of tan Delta

Typical Performance Characteristics

Temperature: 23 °C (73 °F)

Attribute Name	Test Method	Dwell Time	Test Condition	Substrate	Backing	Value
180° Peel Adhesion	ASTM D3330	15 min	Uncured Film	Stainless Steel	2 mil PET	0.5 N/mm ¹
Overlap Shear Strength	ASTM D1002, ISO 4587	48 h		Anodized Aluminum		12.1 MPa ²

¹ 300 mm/min (12 in/min)

² 25 mm (1) wide, 12.7 mm (1/2) overlap samples, Separation rate 10 mm/min

Handling/Application Information

Surface Preparation

A clean bonding surface is essential for maximum performance. For metals, chemical etching results in ultimate adhesion. Abrading the metal bonding surface with a 3M™ Scotch-Brite Pad, and cleaning with Methyl Ethyl Ketone (CAS# 78-93-3) will improve bond strength. For plastic bonding, cleaning the surface is recommended to remove oils, mold release agents, and solid contaminants prior to bonding. For preparing other substrates for bonding contact your 3M application or technical service engineer.

Pre-Bonding (Pre-Tacking) Recommendations

To pre-bond or pre-tack the adhesive to the first substrate, remove easy liner and place/align the adhesive film on the first substrate with the release liner out. Adhesion is formed by applying pressure using a press, roller, clamping or similar equipment at 25°C with ~15 PSI pressure. For rolling, 20N pressure at a speed of 300mm/min is recommended.

Bonding and Curing Recommendations

When you are ready to make the final bond, remove the release liner, or keep the release liner if it is clear, and expose the adhesive to UV light. We recommend a 365nm LED UV lamp or similar wavelength, 3J/cm² to activate UVAF. UV activation time needs to be adjusted based on different lamp intensity to achieve target dosage. Once UV triggered, within 10 minutes at 25°C, align and mate the first substrate with the second substrate. Clamp the substrates. Pressure will depend on joint design and part tolerance. Recommended starting pressure is 15PSi for 30 seconds. For rigid to rigid lamination, we strongly recommend that, upon bond closure, apply a 45PSi pressure for 30 seconds. Adhesive will cure at RT and reach full state of cure at 24-48 hours. However, handling strength occurs after 30 minutes post UV activation. Optionally, to speed rate of cure, use a batch or continuous operation oven to reach an elevated adhesive temperature or use a hot bar heat sealer with pressure to achieve optimal bond strengths faster. Talk to your tech service representative for assistance with custom profiles.

Storage and Shelf Life

The shelf life of 3M™ UV Activated Film 81050 is 18 months from date of manufacture when stored in the original light blocking packaging and stored between 16°C and 27°C, below 50% relative humidity.

Information

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