

3M™ Red Dot™ Foam Monitoring Electrodes

Commonly Asked Questions

Question:

Why are there so many different types of backings that are available in the 3M™ Red Dot™ product line?

Answer:

Some are for use in long-term wear situations and others are for short-term situations and still others are for problem adhesion conditions.

- Micropore™ Tape.
- Foam.
- Clear Plastic.
- Soft Cloth.

Question:

What is the difference(s) between a short-term and long-term electrode?

Answer:

Short-term electrodes:

- Used for a shorter period.
- Less porous/occlusive.
- Good initial tack.
- Used for demanding applications.

Long-term electrodes:

- Used for a longer period.
- More porous/breathable.
- Clinically tested to be safe and effective for long-term use (up to 3 days).

Please note that there have been cases where long-term electrodes have worked well in place of short-term electrodes. The preference to use long- or short-term electrodes depends on customer preference and their clinical knowledge and experience.

Question:

What is the difference between a solid gel and a wet gel?

Answer:

Solid gel:

- No gel squeezes out.
- Gel does not interfere with adhesion.
- No messy residue left after removal.
- Allows for good skin contact.
- Low chloride content to minimize skin irritation from gel.

Wet gel:

- Leaves residue after removal.
- Residue clean up time.
- Possibility of gel interfering with adhesion.

Question:

Why is skin abrading recommended prior to attaching electrodes?

Answer:

To reduce skin impedance and expose the inner conductive layer of the epidermis to enhance trace quality. 3M™ Red Dot™ Trace Prep is a "tool" to solve trace quality issues and artifacts (if skin impedance related). Virtually all electrodes face trace quality and skin impedance issues. 3M™ Red Dot™ Trace Prep is designed to minimize those issues. Skin abrading is not only meant for 3M™ Red Dot™ electrodes, it is a good practice to enhance trace quality. 3M has designed this tool to solve customer issues related to trace quality.

For More Information

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