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# Double Coated Tape

# 55261

Technical Data

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**Product Description**

**55261:** 3M™ Double Coated Tape with a thin polyester film for dimensional stability and improved handling with ease of die cutting and laminating. The high tack adhesive provides relatively high initial adhesion and good shear holding power to a variety of surfaces.

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**Construction**

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Faceside <sup>1</sup> Adhesive Type/Thickness:	Acrylate /0.0017" (0.044mm)
Backside <sup>2</sup> Adhesive Type/Thickness:	Acrylate/0.0017" (0.044mm)
Liner Color, Type, Print	White, 55# SCK
Liner Caliper:	0.003" (0.076mm)
Carrier Type:	Clear PET <sup>3</sup> /0.0005" (0.012mm)

**Note 1:** Faceside adhesive is on the interior of the roll, exposed when unwound.

**Note 2:** Backside adhesive is on the exterior of the roll, exposed when liner is removed.

**Note 3:** PET (Polyester)

**Typical Physical  
Properties and  
Performance  
Characteristics**

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

Product Number	55261
Adhesion to stainless steel ASTM D3330-180 degree, 2 mil PET	Oz/in (N/100mm)
- 15 minute RT	100(110)
- 72 hour RT	110(120)
Adhesion to PET ASTM D3330 –180 degree, 2mil PET	
- 15 minute RT	89(97)
Adhesion to other surfaces ASTM D3330 – 180 degree, 2 mil PET, 15 minutes RT	
ABS	82(90)
Polycarbonate	97(107)
Shear Strength – ASTM D3654 (1 inch <sup>2</sup> sample size)	
1000grams at 72° F (22°C )	10000 minutes
Relative solvent resistance	Medium-Low
UV Resistance	Medium
Relative High Temperature Operating Ranges:	
Long Term (days, weeks)	80°C
Short Term (minutes, hours)	200°C
Shelf Life of Tape in Roll Form	24 months from date of manufacture when stored in original cartons at 70° F (21°C ) and 50% relative humidity.

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<b>Application Techniques</b>	<p>Bond strength is dependent upon the amount of adhesive-to-surface contact developed. Firm application pressure helps develop better adhesive contact and improves bond strength.</p> <p>To obtain optimum adhesion, the bonding surfaces must be clean, dry and well unified. Some typical surface cleaning solvents are isopropyl alcohol or heptane.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Carefully read and follow the manufacturer's precautions and directions for use when working with solvents.</p> <p>Ideal tape application temperature range is 70°F to 100°F (21°C to 38°C). Initial tape application to surfaces at temperatures below 50°F (10°C) is not recommended because the adhesive becomes too firm to adhere readily. However, once properly applied, low temperature holding is generally satisfactory.</p>
<b>General Information</b>	<p>All tapes have a film carrier, which can add dimensional stability to foams and other substrates. The carrier also provides easier handling during slitting and die-cutting.</p>
<b>Features</b>	<p>3M™ Adhesive is a medium-firm acrylic adhesive system featuring both high initial adhesion and good high temperature holding power.</p>
<b>Application Ideas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medical/non-medical diagnostic test strips</li><li>• Plastic film lamination/bonding</li><li>• Splicing</li><li>• Foam lamination</li></ul>
<b>Application Equipment</b>	<p>To apply adhesives in a wide web format, lamination equipment is required to ensure acceptable quality. To learn more about working with pressure-sensitive adhesives please refer to technical bulletin, Lamination Techniques for Converters of Laminating Adhesives.</p> <p>For additional dispenser information, contact your local 3M sales representative.</p>

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## Certification/ Recognition

**MSDS:** 3M has not prepared a MSDS for the products which are not subject to the MSDS requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Hazard Communication Standard, 29 C.F.R.

**TSCA:** The product are defined as articles under the Toxic Substances Control Act and therefore, are exempt from inventory listing requirements.

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