

3M™ Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Non-Adhesive Dressing Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I like the current Non- Adhesive foam. Do I need to switch?

A: Yes. The new Tegaderm™ Foam Dressing design will directly replace the current foam non-adhesive dressing. The new design includes all of the same benefits of your current foam dressing with the addition of improved fluid handling capacity.

Q: What do I need to do?

A: There is no action on your part. The product ordering codes and sizes have not changed. The change in product will happen automatically.

Q: How much will it cost me?

A: 3M is delivering this improvement to our customers at no extra cost. Your price will remain the same.

Q: How does Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Non-Adhesive Dressing provide optimal fluid management?

A: Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Non-Adhesive Dressings have an innovative layered design that provides the optimal fluid management for low to high draining wounds. The layered design found in Tegaderm™ Foam Dressings offer the combination of high absorbency and adaptable breathability so the dressings will maintain the optimal moist healing environment needed for healing, ideal for the management of low to high draining wounds.

Q: Can Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Non-Adhesive Dressings be used with other products?

A: Yes. Tegaderm™ Foam Dressings may be used with: 3M™ Cavilon™ No Sting Barrier Film, 3M™ Tegaderm™ Ag Mesh Dressing with Silver, 3M™ Tegaderm™ Alginate Ag Silver Dressing, 3M™ Tegaderm™ High Integrity Alginate Dressing or 3M™ Tegaderm™ High Gelling Alginate Dressing, 3M™ Coban™ 2 Layer Compression System and 3M™ Coban™ 2 Layer Lite Compression.

Q: Can Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Non-Adhesive Dressings be used over infected wounds?

A: Yes. Tegaderm™ Foam Dressings may be used on infected wounds under the care of a health care professional. See package insert for additional information.

Q: Can Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Non-Adhesive Dressings be used with hyperbaric treatments?

A: While there are no current test standards to qualify materials for use in HBO chambers, 3M has worked with an outside professional testing company to identify suitable tests to evaluate the oxygen compatibility of select 3M™ skin and wound care products by determining the oxygen index (OI) of the products and the response of the products to oxygen exposure testing. Results of this testing support the conclusion that Tegaderm™ Foam Dressing will not ignite in typical high oxygen environments used in typical hyperbaric oxygen treatment chamber.

Q: When does Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Non-Adhesive Dressing require a dressing change?

A: Tegaderm™ Foam Dressing may be worn up to 7 days when clinically appropriate. As the dressing absorbs, exudate will wick into the dressing, and discoloration may be noticeable. When the exudate spreads to the edges of the dressing or the dressing begins to leak, a dressing change is indicated. Dressing change frequency will depend on the type of wound, volume of exudate, and clinical situation. Change at least every seven days, or as indicated per treatment protocol.

Q: Can Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Non-Adhesive Dressing be cut?

A: Yes. Select the appropriate size Tegaderm™ Foam Dressing to ensure the foam pad is larger than the wound area. The dressing may be cut as necessary to accommodate wound contours.

Q: Are there any precautions to consider before using Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Non-Adhesive Dressings?

A: Yes, do not use Tegaderm™ Foam Dressings in combination with oxidizing agents such as hydrogen peroxide or hypochlorite solution. These solutions may affect the structure and performance of the polyurethane foam.

Q: What is the best way to secure Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Non-Adhesive Dressings?

A: Secure Tegaderm™ Foam Dressings with roll gauze, elastic or cohesive wrap (3M™ Coban™ Self-Adherent Wrap), tape (ie. 3M™ Kind Removal Silicone Tape, 3M™ Medipore™ H Soft Cloth Surgical Tape, or 3M™ Transpore™ White Dressing Tape) or other methods such as tubular netting or stockinet. Note: Covering the entire foam dressing with an occlusive transparent film may reduce the breathability of the film backing.

Q: Can Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Non-Adhesive Dressings be used under compression?

A: Yes, Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Non-Adhesive Dressings may be used under compression, such as 3M™ Coban™ 2 Layer Compression System and 3M™ Coban™ 2 Layer Lite Compression System.

Q: Is there a correct way to apply Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Non-Adhesive Dressing?

A: Yes, position the Tegaderm™ Foam Dressing printed side up, over the wound with edges overlapping onto intact skin. There is no specific direction for the dressing to be applied. Position the dressing to optimize coverage of the entire wound bed.

Q: Do Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Non-Adhesive Dressings provide barrier protection against contamination, bacteria and viruses?

A: Tegaderm™ Foam Dressings are highly absorbent, breathable, non-adherent wound dressings. They are constructed from a conformable polyurethane foam pad, absorbent nonwoven layers, and a top layer of printed adhesive film. This waterproof top film is moisture vapor permeable which prevents wound exudate strike-through and acts as a barrier to outside contamination, including bacteria and viruses.*
**Laboratory testing has proven that the film provides a viral barrier from viruses 27nm in diameter or larger while the dressing remains intact without leakage.*

Q: Why does the top layer of the dressing look different than the Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Adhesive Dressing?

A: The top layer of the Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Non-Adhesive Dressing is oriented to optimize the manufacturing of the dressing.

Q: Why has the blue grid been removed?

A: The blue grid has been removed with the Tegaderm™ Foam Dressing redesign. The tan colored, printed film backing indicates which side is up. For wound measurement, a wound measuring tool is present on the outside of each dressing package.



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