



General Purpose Polyester/ Silicone Tape

8952 • 8952L (Lined)

Technical Data

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Product Description 3M™ Polyester/Silicone Tape 8952 is a general purpose, 2 mil polyester tape with a silicone adhesive designed for high temperature applications, specifically, it is used as a flashbreaker tape in composite bonding in addition to splicing silicone and non-silicone coated papers and films. This tape also comes in a lined version.

Product Construction	Backing	Adhesive	Color	Liner	Standard Roll Sizes
	Polyester	Silicone	Blue	Transparent Polyester Film (3M™ General Purpose Polyester/Silicone Tape 8952L only)	72 yds. (66 m) unlined 216 yds. (198 m) lined

Typical Physical Properties

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

		ASTM Test Method
Adhesion to Steel:	40 oz./in. width (44 N/100 mm)	D-3330
Tensile Strength at Break:	55 lbs./in. width (963 N/100 mm)	D-3759
Elongation at Break:	110%	D-3759
Backing Thickness:	2 mils (0.05 mm)	D-3652
Total Tape Thickness: (excluding liner)	3.5 mils (0.09 mm)	D-3652
Liner Thickness: (3M tape 8952L only)	2 mils (0.05 mm)	
Liner Release: (3M tape 8952L only)	11 gm/in.	3MTM 1717 ¹
Temperature Use Range:	Up to 425°F (218°C)	
¹ Note: 180° at 90 in./min.		

Features

- Designed to provide clean removal during masking operations involving high temperatures and pressure.
- Blue color makes it easy to see for removal.
- Polyester film that retains flexibility and thermal resistance to help reduce failures due to cracking.
- Abrasion, chemical and thermal resistance that helps reduce failures due to backing deterioration.
- Silicone adhesive which has a higher heat resistance than many other adhesives to help reduce failure due to softening, oozing and adhesive transfer.

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Application Ideas

- Masking edges of overlap seams in metal bonding process where excess epoxy (flash) flows onto tape. Clean-up is complete upon tape removal.
- Composite and Metal bonding – this tape removes cleanly from stainless steel, anodized aluminum and glass after a four-hour bake cycle at 350°F (177°C).
- Holding parts or vacuum bags during bonding process.
- Splicing silicone treated materials, including paper, liners and films.
- One hour photo lab splicing tape.
- Electrical insulation tape.
- Circuit board masking.
- Masking parts in an anodizing process.

Storage

Store under normal conditions of 60° to 80°F (16° to 27°C) and 40 to 50% R.H. in the original carton.

Shelf Life

To obtain best performance, use this product within 18 months from date of manufacture.

For Additional Information

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