



Printing and Graphics Product Guide

Making print come alive





Scapa - Your experienced printing partner

Scapa Group

Scapa is a market-leading developer and manufacturer of bonding materials and solutions.

We help electronics, healthcare and industrial customers create better products by providing adhesive solutions and components. We design our offering around the requirements of global OEMs, distributors and consumers. Our products are used extensively in a wide range of markets around the world. The applications range from vehicle emblem bonding to precision adhesives for the latest smartphones.

Scapa is a leading supplier of adhesive tapes and films for the printing and graphics industry. Our tapes help to achieve superior printing results even at higher machine speeds and during longer print runs.

The latest generation of printing machines, with their modern digital plate technologies, allows printers to achieve superior printing results at much higher speeds than in the past. This has in turn set new standards for plate mounting tapes. The tapes are designed to ensure that no plate lifting occurs at elevated machine speeds.

Within the printing & graphics industry, we have developed highly specialised adhesive tapes to enable printers to achieve the quality printing results that their customers insist upon and which are so vital to the flexible packaging markets.

With over 90 years of experience in adhesive tapes production.

Scapa offers high technology adhesive solutions for all types of printing needs. Additionally, approaching 20 years of working with flexible packaging leaders in the manufacturing of filmic packaging, labels and corrugated paper, we are experienced in working together to find the best solution for your own specific needs.

Scapa offers a wide range of options within our tape products to cover print types, speeds, cylinder sizes and print plate types. We have been increasingly successful with our new technologically advanced Exafit[®], Exafit[®] HP, Hardmount, and Complementary ranges.

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Scapa Exafit® HP Range

Today's flexographic printers are constantly looking to perfect the quality of their printing and to improve their processes. Printing quality, speed and efficiency are essential to meet the growing demands of their customers. Exafit® HP gives a reliable bond to the plate/cylinder enabling longer, faster print runs with improved printing definition and reduced dot gain.

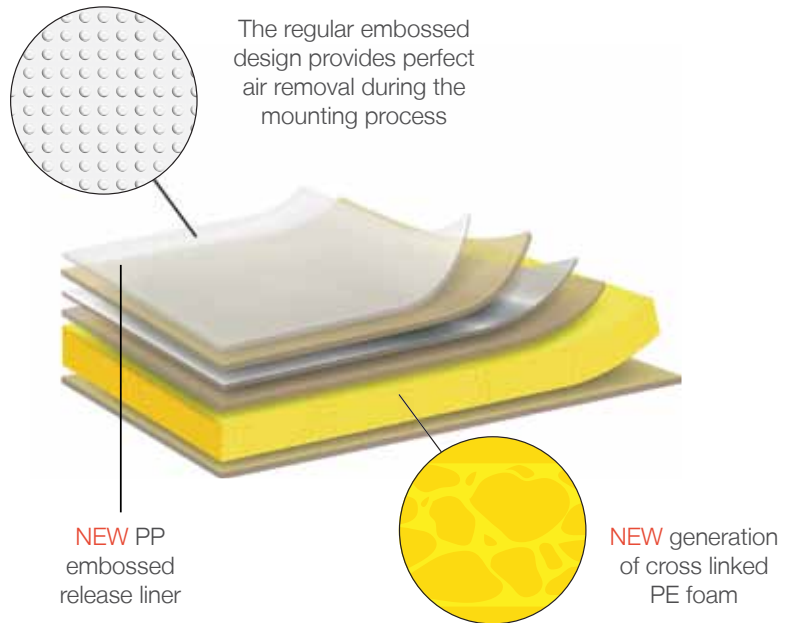
Creating high visual impact

- With the addition of 5 new foam hardness', from soft to hard foam including medium soft and medium hard, the Exafit® HP range can provide perfect results for any print job.
- Printing with Exafit® HP maintains consistent contrast and detail over long print runs.
- Colour density and intensity is preserved.
- The higher resilience of the PE foam absorbs any tolerances caused by variable substrate thickness and machine vibration by reduction of the bouncing effect on the print result.

Scapa Exafit® HP Range

Making your process more efficient

- The **NEW** PP embossed filmic liner is easy to remove and reposition. It not only reduces the number of air bubbles but also allows them to be removed with ease. These benefits are essential in reducing set up times during the crucial mounting process.
- The **NEW** generation of PE compressible foam ensures high quality printing and even longer, faster print runs. Process efficiency is increased as fewer foam changes and adjustments are required during the print run.



Double sided PE foam 560µm series

Product	Hardness / Colour	Printing Results	Application
43200HP	Soft / Pink		Standard adhesion on the plate side. To be used on medium to large diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43201HP	Soft / Pink		Higher adhesion and tack on the plate side. To be used on small to medium diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43210HP	Medium soft / Yellow		Standard adhesion on the plate side. To be used on medium to large diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43211HP	Medium soft / Yellow		Higher adhesion and tack on the plate side. To be used on small to medium diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43220HP	Medium / White		Standard adhesion on the plate side. To be used on medium to large diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43221HP	Medium / White		Higher adhesion and tack on the plate side. To be used on small to medium diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43230HP	Medium hard / Green		Standard adhesion on the plate side. To be used on medium to large diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43231HP	Medium hard / Green		Higher adhesion and tack on the plate side. To be used on small to medium diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43240HP	Hard / Blue		Standard adhesion on the plate side. To be used on medium to large diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43241HP	Hard / Blue		Higher adhesion and tack on the plate side. To be used on small to medium diameter cylinders or sleeves.



Process Printing



Process / Combination Printing



Combination Printing



Solid / Combination Printing



Solid Printing



Scapa Exafit®

High performance flexographic tapes for the printing and graphics industry

In today's evolving flexographic market, plates are becoming increasingly thinner and more rigid to improve dot definition and ink transfer. To adapt to these requirements, Scapa has developed a range of compressible foam products that offer different levels of hardness and adherence on the plate side.

Through the use of the right Scapa Exafit® products, printing plates can be mounted smoothly, repositioned easily, and removed simply, all without residue after demounting.

The Scapa Exafit® range is one of the softest available on the market and remains so even at elevated speeds.

Exafit® - product thickness

Key products in the range are produced in 430µm and 560µm thickness levels, as those are most common in the print market. Within these two thickness levels printers can choose between different foam hardness and adhesion levels on the plate side.

Consistent thickness across the product width ensures great print results on long runs at elevated machine speeds.

Exafit® - different product hardness

Our products are available in three foam hardness levels depending on the print job.

For the finest results in very demanding halftone printing, Exafit® offers soft, pink foam for best results. For solid print types we recommend our blue range of foams which are harder and ensure better ink transfer.

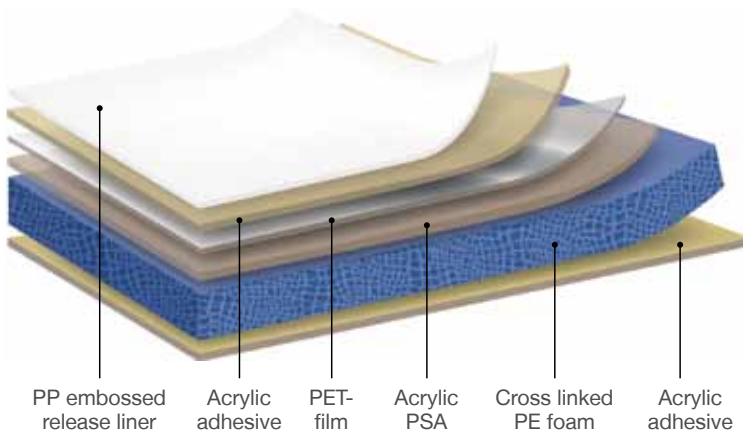
We can also offer medium hard (white foam) tapes for a combination of halftone and block print.

Exafit® - adhesive technology

Exafit® products use specialist adhesive technology on both sides. This allows strong contact to be maintained between the tape and the plate during the printing process. Scapa's acrylic adhesives used on our Exafit® range, also have the added benefit of providing great solvent and chemical resistance.

Different levels of adhesion on the plate side ensure that we have the right products for all types of plates.

Scapa tapes can also be tailored to meet individual customer needs.



PP embossed release liner

Acrylic adhesive

PET-film



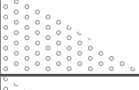
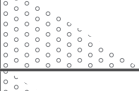


Acrylic PSA

Cross linked PE foam



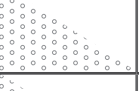
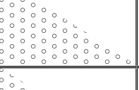
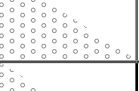



Acrylic adhesive

Scapa Exafit® Range

Double sided PE foam 430µm series

Product	Hardness / Colour	Printing Results	Application
43100	Soft / Pink		Standard adhesion on the plate side. To be used on medium to large diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43101	Soft / Pink		Higher adhesion and tack on the plate side. To be used on small to medium diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43120	Medium / White		Standard adhesion on the plate side. To be used on medium to large diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43121	Medium / White		Higher adhesion and tack on the plate side. To be used on small to medium diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43129	Medium / White		Reverse wound version of 43121. Higher adhesion and tack on the plate side. To be used when it is necessary to mount the plate on to the tape first.
43140	Hard / Blue		Standard adhesion on the plate side. To be used on medium to large diameter cylinders or sleeves.

Double sided PE foam 560µm series

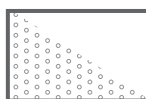
Product	Hardness / Colour	Printing Results	Application
43200	Soft / Pink		Standard adhesion on the plate side. To be used on medium to large diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43201	Soft / Pink		Higher adhesion and tack on the plate side. To be used on small to medium diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43220	Medium / White		Standard adhesion on the plate side. To be used on medium to large diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43221	Medium / White		Higher adhesion and tack on the plate side. To be used on small to medium diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43222	Medium / White		Higher adhesion and low tack on the plate side. To be used on large diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43229	Medium / White		Reverse wound version of 43221. Higher adhesion and tack on the plate side. To be used when it is necessary to mount the plate on to the tape first.
43240	Hard / Blue		Standard adhesion on the plate side. To be used on medium to large diameter cylinders or sleeves.
43241	Hard / Blue		Higher adhesion and tack on the plate side. To be used on small to medium diameter cylinders or sleeves.

Double sided PE foam 1520µm series

Product	Hardness / Colour	Printing Results	Application
43620	Medium / White		Standard adhesion on the plate side. To be used on medium to large diameter cylinders or sleeves.



Process Printing



Combination Printing



Solid Printing



Scapa Hardmount

High performance filmic plate mounting tapes for the printing and graphics industry

Hardmount – plate holding power

Where a cushion is not necessary, Scapa offers a range of thin filmic plate mounting products. The Hardmount range has been specially developed to ensure a secure bond between the plate and sleeve or cylinder.

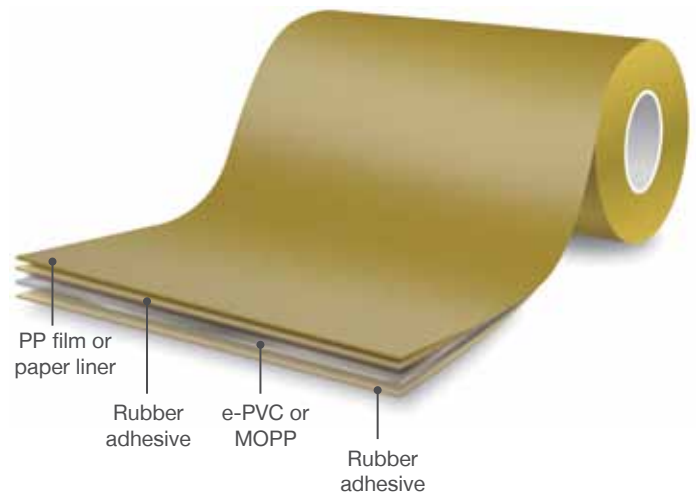
Scapa Hardmount offers a selection of double sided filmic tapes suitable for printing on traditional sleeves and cylinders as well as compressible sleeves.

Our range includes plate mounting tapes to ensure the best results in the most demanding print jobs in high speed flexography, lithography, general printing and reprographics.

Hardmount features:

- Selection of PP corrugated filmic and paper liners - to assist in the release of air bubbles during mounting process and improves print quality.
- Choice of flexible carriers (MOPP or PVC) that stay flat after unwinding to ease mounting process, enable easy repositioning of the plate and great conformability to the sleeve or cylinder.

- Printing grade rubber adhesive on both sides ensures a secure bond between the plate and tape as well as cylinder or sleeve. The specialist adhesive formulation ensures clean removal, great resistance to solvents and chemicals and will not damage the plate.



Scapa tapes can also be tailored to meet individual customer needs.

Scapa Hardmount Range

Double sided rigid films with filmic corrugated liner

Product	Colour	Characteristics	Thickness (mm)	Adhesive (both sides)	*Peel Adhesion (N/25mm)	Temp. Resistance	Plate Type	Application	
43010	Clear	PVC Film. Soft brown PP corrugated filmic liner for ease of lamination process and removal.	0.10	High tack pressure sensitive rubber	13	max + 70°C	Photo-polymer / Rubber	For applications where a 100µm tape is required to make up the correct plate / tape thickness. Used in label printing and corrugated board industries.	
43015		PVC film. Soft yellow PP corrugated filmic liner for ease of lamination process and removal.	0.15		15			For applications where a 150µm tape is required to make up the correct plate / tape thickness. Used in label printing and corrugated board industries.	
43018	White	MOPP Film. Soft white PP corrugated filmic liner for ease of lamination process and removal.	0.20		13			For applications where a 200µm tape is required to make up the correct plate / tape thickness. Used in label printing and corrugated board industries.	
43023	Clear				12.5				
43025	White	MOPP Film. Soft yellow PP corrugated filmic liner for ease of lamination process and removal.	0.25		13				For applications where a 250µm tape is required to make up the correct plate / tape thickness. Used in label printing and corrugated board industries.
43030	Clear	MOPP Film. Soft green PP corrugated liner for ease of lamination process and removal.	0.30		13				For applications where a 300µm tape is required to make up the correct plate / tape thickness. Used in label printing and corrugated board industries.

Double sided rigid films with paper liner

Product	Colour	Characteristics	Thickness (mm)	Adhesive (both sides)	*Peel Adhesion (N/25mm)	Temp. Resistance	Plate Type	Application
4311	Clear	PVC Film. Yellow siliconised paper liner.	0.10	High tack pressure sensitive rubber	13	max + 70°C	Photo-polymer / Rubber	For applications where a 100µm tape is required to make up the correct plate / tape thickness. Used in label printing and corrugated board industries.
4324		MOPP Film. Yellow siliconised paper liner.	0.20					For applications where a 200µm tape is required to make up the correct plate / tape thickness. Used in label printing and corrugated board industries.
4331			0.30		13			max + 70°C

Double sided rigid films for compressible sleeves

Product	Colour	Characteristics	Thickness (mm)	Adhesive (both sides)	*Peel Adhesion (N/25mm)	Temp. Resistance	Plate Type	Application
43008	Clear	PVC carrier. Brown PP corrugated filmic release liner.	0.10	Rubber adhesive with higher adhesion on open side & removable acrylic adhesive on closed side.	Open side: 13.5 Liner side: 9.5	max + 70°C	Photo-polymer / Rubber	Used for compressible sleeves where a 100µm tape is required to make up the correct plate / tape thickness.
43009		PVC carrier. Brown paper liner.						

Double sided cloth

Product	Colour	Characteristics	Thickness (mm)	Adhesive (both sides)	*Peel Adhesion (N/25mm)	Temp. Resistance	Plate Type	Application
174	White	Woven cotton cloth carrier. Natural kraft release liner.	0.33	High tack pressure sensitive rubber	14	max + 70°C	Photo-polymer / Rubber	Used for printing in corrugated board market where a 330µm tape is required to make up the correct plate / tape thickness.

* Peel adhesion tested on steel at a 180° angle.



Scapa Complementary Range

Scapa printing aids

At every stage in plate mounting, from proofing to final edge sealing applications, Scapa offers a suitable product from its complementary range of double-sided foam and filmic tapes.

Engineered with the latest advances in material and adhesive technology, Scapa's complementary range of products make the printing process easier and faster.

Lithographic tapes

In high volume printing jobs, such as newspapers, magazines, catalogues or books, print quality relies on good preparation of the negative and positive films to ensure a good ink transfer between the plate and printed surface. At Scapa, we know how important these factors are, hence the development of cutting edge products to assist Mounters and Proofers perform their jobs, either with pre-sensitised metal, electrostatic or chemical transfer plates.

Scapa's range of products include:

- For negative plates – red coloured tapes that are optically transparent and photographically opaque or clear.
- For positive films – blue coloured or clear adhesive tapes that do not affect the transmission of light through the tape.

Edge sealing tapes

In today's fast changing environment, plates are developing quickly. Different materials and plate sizes are continually being introduced to the market. Some of the substrates may be difficult to stick to or are so large that many printers face edge lifting problems.

Scapa's edge lifting solutions include:

- Products with specialist adhesive, dedicated for use on difficult to bond to surfaces.
- Tapes with aggressive adhesive for large and rigid plates.
- Solvent resistant products to protect plates against inks and solvents.

All products remove cleanly without leaving any adhesive residue.

Splicing tapes

At every stage in manufacturing, from core starting, butt splicing, overlap and flying splices applications to roll finishing and closing, Scapa offers a suitable product for the application.

- High performance adhesive formulations give high ultimate bond strength, giving secure splices which minimise down time.
- Stay flat carriers ensure no creasing, wrinkling and shrinkage on large widths applications.

The tapes are resistant to plasticisers and solvents.

Scapa tapes can also be tailored to meet individual customer needs.

Scapa Complementary Range

Edge sealing - Single sided

Product	Colour	Characteristics	Thickness (mm)	Carrier / Adhesive type	Peel Adhesion (N/25mm)	Tensile Strength (N/cm)	Operating Temp.	Application
1112	Red	High tack, anti-static and hand tearable filmic tape made out of a transparent cellulose film coated with a red pigment, rubber based adhesive.	0.052	Cellulose film / Rubber	8	36	-15°C to +100°C	Recommended for general splicing applications. Suitable for use with most common substrates such as packaging papers, films and foils with the exception of siliconised materials. Also for plate sealing to avoid plate lifting.
1695	Silver	Filmic tape with excellent, shear, heat, chemical, moisture and solvent resistance. Aluminium carrier ensures a barrier against inks and solvents. Will not leave any residue upon removal.	0.045	Aluminised PET film / Acrylic	7	50	-15°C to +130°C	Recommended for long ageing and temperature resistant splicing, decorative and sealing applications. Also for plate sealing to avoid plate lifting.
2210	Red	Multi-purpose coloured filmic tape with good moisture and chemical resistance.	0.05	PVC / Rubber	5	48	-10°C to +60°C	Recommended for general packaging. Suitable for a variety of box sealing operations, bundling and a variety of medium to light domestic packaging and sealing applications at home or in the office. Also for plate sealing to avoid plate lifting.
3120	Red	A waterproof coated cloth tape with a pressure sensitive adhesive. Strong, highly flexible and conformable. It has excellent heat resistance with easy unwind and tear properties.	0.26	PE coated cloth / Rubber	10	18	-20°C to +80°C	Recommended for heavy duty and export packaging for drum sealing and colour coding. Also for plate sealing to avoid plate lifting.
6022	Black	Soft, PVC, single sided bonding tape with an aggressive adhesive system and easy tearability.	0.15	PVC / Rubber	4.5	30	0°C to +90°C	Electrical insulation, hamessing, protection for low and medium voltage cable splices, colour coding. Recommended for plate sealing to avoid plate lifting.

Edge sealing - Double sided

Product	Colour	Characteristics	Thickness (mm)	Carrier / Adhesive type	Peel Adhesion (N/25mm)	Tensile Strength (N/cm)	Operating Temp.	Application
4400	Translucent	Provides clean removability. Can bond low and high surface energy substrates but not suitable for UV exposure.	0.1	PVC / Rubber	13	N/A	-10°C to +70°C	Recommended for general purpose bonding, mounting display items, dummy packs, sample cards, show card assembly and splicing applications. Also for plate sealing to avoid plate lifting.
D160		Double-sided very high tack, hand tearable tape with a good plasticiser resistance.	0.11	PET film / Medium soft acrylic	31		-40°C to +95°C	Recommended for a variety of bonding, mounting and laminating applications. Also for plate sealing to avoid plate lifting.

Scapa Complementary Range

Lithographic

Product	Colour	Characteristics	Thickness (mm)	Carrier / Adhesive type	Peel Adhesion (N/25mm)	Tensile Strength (N/cm)	Operating Temp.	Application
1100	Clear	Single-sided high tack, anti-static, hand tearable, filmic tape based on a clear cellulose film coated with a rubber resin adhesive and release coated.	0.047	Cellulose / Rubber	6.25	48	-15°C to +100°C	Recommended for general splicing, packaging and sealing applications. Butt splicing of packaging papers, films and foils.
1129	Red	Single-sided cellulose film coated with a solvent based rubber adhesive. Optically transparent and photographically opaque. Hand tearable and anti-static.	0.045		6	40	-10°C to +100°C ST +130°C	Recommended for lithographic, edging, masking, stripping and splicing applications. Suitable for the printing and graphics industry, for photographic films. It protects orthochromatic films, contact and enlarging papers and printing plates during exposure.
1140	Blue	Single-sided, hand tearable and anti-static filmic tape, based on clear cellulose film coated with a transparent blue, rubber/resin adhesive.			36			Designed for stripping up lithographic film positives. Blue for easy identification.
1250	Ultra clear	Single-sided crystal clear tape coated with a cured acrylic adhesive system.	0.045	Clear poly-propylene / Acrylic	5	28	-15°C to +110°C	Recommended for general gift wrapping and packaging applications. Suitable for a variety of domestic packaging and sealing applications at home, school or in the office.
1919	Translucent	Single-sided, hand tearable, filmic tape and translucent cellulose acetate film coated with an acrylic adhesive system. Invisible when applied.	0.054	Frosted matt acetate film / Acrylic	6.5	35		Recommended for general packaging and splicing applications. Suitable for a variety of domestic packaging and sealing applications at home, school or in the office. Suitable for general splicing applications with the exception of siliconised substrates.

Splicing - Single sided

Product	Colour	Characteristics	Thickness (mm)	Carrier / Adhesive type	Peel Adhesion (N/25mm)	Tensile Strength (N/cm)	Operating Temp.	Application
1112	Red	High tack, anti-static and tearable filmic tape which consists of a transparent cellulose film coated with a red pigment, rubber based adhesive.	0.052	Cellulose film / Rubber	8	36	-50°C to +100°C	Recommended for general splicing applications. Butt splicing of packaging papers, films and foils with the exception of siliconised materials.
1650		Tape coated with a red translucent silicone pressure sensitive adhesive system.	0.048	PET film / Silicone	8	40	-50°C to +130°C ST +180°C (20 min)	Recommended for a variety of splicing applications, particularly siliconised surfaces such as release papers and films. Butt splicing of siliconised papers and plastic films.

Scapa Complementary Range

Splicing - Double sided

Product	Colour	Characteristics	Thickness (mm)	Carrier / Adhesive type	Peel Adhesion (N/25mm)	Tensile Strength (N/cm)	Operating Temp.	Application
4400	Translucent	Tape with a cured rubber adhesive providing clean removability. Can bond low and high surface energy substrates but not suitable for UV exposure.	0.1	PVC / Rubber	13	N/A	-10°C to +70°C	General purpose splicing with clean removability; core starting. General purpose, overlap splicing of papers.
4414		High performance tape based on a polyester film, coated on both sides with an acrylic adhesive system.	0.17	PET film / Acrylic	20		-40°C to +110°C ST +140°C	Recommended for high strength bonding, mounting and splicing applications. Bonds a wide variety of similar and dissimilar substrates including those with low surface energy, rubber profile, weather strips or other extruded plastic profiles.
D160		Very high tack, hand tearable tape with a good plasticiser resistance.	0.11	PET film / Acrylic	31		-40°C to +95°C	Recommended for a variety of bonding, mounting and laminating applications. Overlap splicing of heavy fabrics, wallpaper or other coarse substrates.

Roll covering

Product	Colour	Characteristics	Thickness (mm)	Carrier / Adhesive type	Peel Adhesion (N/25mm)	Tensile Strength (N/cm)	Operating Temp.	Application
2420	Black	Rollermate™ Dimpled silicone rubber coated cloth tape.	0.6	Silicone Rubber coated cloth / rubber	4.1	N/A	-10°C to +100°C	Roll covering in web processing applications to provide anti-slip on anti-adherent surfaces. Prevents build-up of adhesive, ink & other deposits on web transport rollers.

Packaging

Product	Colour	Characteristics	Thickness (mm)	Carrier / Adhesive type	Peel Adhesion (N/25mm)	Tensile Strength (N/cm)	Operating Temp.	Application
1252	Buff, clear, white	Single-sided filmic tape with a moderately high adhesion, pressure sensitive adhesive. Easy unwind, high tack, low noise. Moisture and chemical resistant.	0.047	PP / Rubber	13.75	48	up to +60°C	Recommended for medium to light bunding, box sealing and packaging applications.
2290		Single-sided filmic tape made with a hot-melt rubber resin adhesive.	0.051	PVC / Rubber	5	42.5	-0°C to +50°C	Recommended for box sealing and medium to light packaging applications.

Cleaning & Mounting Recommendations

Cylinder and Sleeve Cleaning

- Clean cylinder and sleeve removing all contamination, in particularly ink and adhesive residue.
- For surface cleaning use: 50/50 Isopropyl alcohol and water.
- Using a dry tissue wipe the surface. The cylinder and sleeve must be totally dry to prevent any pollution during the mounting process.
- Some sleeves can be damaged by nicks and scratches. These defects / irregularities can affect the level of adhesion.

NOTE: Ethyl Acetate (heavy solvent) can strongly affect adhesive performance and leave residue.



Plate Cleaning

- Clean plate removing all contamination, in particularly ink and adhesive residue.
- For surface cleaning use: 50/50 Isopropyl alcohol and water.
- Using a dry tissue wipe the surface. The cylinder and sleeve must be totally dry to prevent any pollution during the mounting process. This also helps to prevent plate lifting.
- Some new plates can present some contamination from the photopolymer plate making process. This can affect the level of adhesion and cause plate lifting.



Tape Mounting on the cylinder and sleeve

- Apply the tape in a sweeping motion, line by line.
- The embossed surface of the liner helps to prevent air entrapment between the tape and the cylinder / sleeve. It also enables quick and easy air bubble removal.
- Apply consistent pressure during the mounting process. Using a squeegee, will help to ensure optimum bonding between the tape and the cylinder / sleeve.



Plate Mounting on the Tape

- Apply the plate in a sweeping motion.
- The embossed surface of the liner helps to prevent air entrapment between the tape and the plate. It also enables quick and easy air bubble removal.
- Apply consistent pressure during the mounting process. Using a rubber roller, will help to ensure optimum bonding between the tape and the plate. This is particularly important on the edge and will help to prevent plate lifting.



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