





# Invisible bond

Enhance your design appearance with virtually invisible bonding — a game-changing approach for your design concepts. Explore new possibilities and use new, innovative materials to improve the look of your products while optimizing performance, preventing bi-metallic corrosion and streamlining your production processes.



# A durable difference

With a bond that's built to withstand the rigors of exposure, 3M VHB Tapes resist hot, cold and cycling temperatures, UV light, moisture and solvents. They seal against environmental conditions and damp vibration to reduce metallic wear-and-tear.





# **Demanding strength**

For your most demanding bonding applications, 3M™ VHB™ Tapes distribute dynamic or static stress over the entire surface of the design, improving holding strength and eliminating the need for mechanical fasteners.



# **Application efficiency**

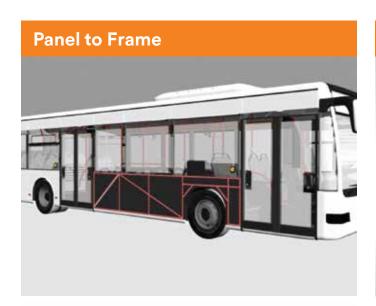
3M VHB Tapes are simple and easy to apply, saving you time and money. The tapes bond on contact, assemble easily and can be cut to precise shapes and sizes for custom applications. 3M VHB Tapes don't require a cure time and can be used in pre-assembly processes.

# **Applications and Innovations**

# The Proven, High Strength Alternative to Mechanical Fasteners

3M™ VHB™ Tape offers manufacturers a distinct bonding advantage by spreading stress loads across the entire length of the joint, permanently adhering materials with a powerful bond.

It's time to replace screws, rivets, welds and other traditional fasteners with a better solution — 3M VHB Tape.







weight and producing a clean, sharp look.







## Dream. Design. Deliver.

#### **Durability for Long-Term Performance**

- Resist cold, UV light, temperature cycling, moisture and solvents
- Seal against environmental conditions

### **Design Flexibility**

• Expand the range of material options for high impact visual combinations



# Your Application Advantage 3M Expertise and Support



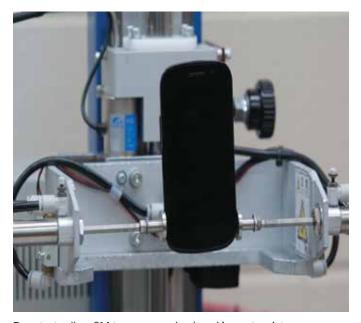
Develop product innovations and improve process efficiencies with the science of 3M<sup>™</sup> VHB<sup>™</sup> Tape and the support of 3M application specialists.

3M VHB Tape has been tested again and again to ensure ultimate performance. Our experienced application experts stress, pull, dunk, freeze and burn 3M VHB Tape to understand how it reacts in many environments. Engineers, designers, architects and regulators can have confidence that





3M supports every application with an extraordinary team of dedicated Application Engineers who consult with designers to help solve difficult design challenges and reveal new design opportunities. When you choose 3M VHB Tape, you get more than an amazing product, you get access to our global support network of technical expertise.



Drop tests allow 3M to compare shock and impact resistance of products used to bond devices.



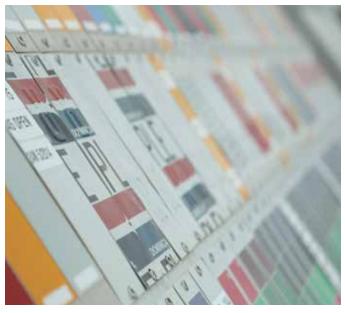
Our experts invest thousands of hours every year testing customers' substrates and designs, ensuring the right products are selected for each application and delivering the best results possible.



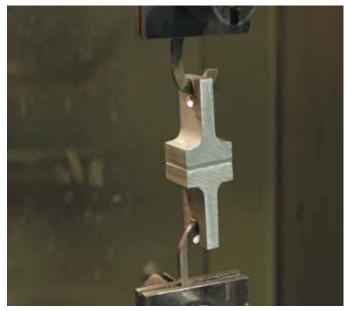
3M<sup>™</sup> VHB<sup>™</sup> Tape will perform every day, at the highest level possible. Test after test, the tape's closed cell, acrylic construction stands up to water, dirt, dust and many chemicals.

Our deep expertise in bonding dissimilar materials for challenging applications is unmatched. 3M stands alone in its capabilities, facilities and experience. Leverage our expertise to your competitive advantage.





3M performs weathering tests on many of our products using the most advanced weather facilities in the world. Substrates bonded with 3M VHB Tape are subjected to artificial indoor tests and real-world outdoor tests to determine the effects of years of extreme weathering. Exposing them to extreme UV radiation, water and heat ensures your products can stand the test of time.



Dynamic normal tensile test: Quantifies the internal cohesive strength of 3M VHB Tape. Unlike mechanical fasteners, the viscoelastic foam core of 3M VHB Tape absorbs the tensile stress, spreading the stress throughout the entire bond.



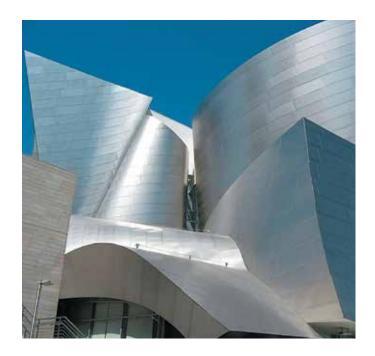
Tensile and elongation tests: Used to compare 3M VHB Tape's elongation versus adhesives. Unlike traditional joining methods, 3M VHB Tape can isolate stresses by allowing them to move independently, while still maintaining a strong hold.

# **Design and Application Guidelines**

# Selecting the Right 3M™ VHB™ Tape for Your Application

Our application experts are here to consult with your team to determine the correct 3M VHB Tapes for your product design and production process. When you're reviewing options, consider these factors:

- SUBSTRATES Surfaces function and interact with adhesives differently, based on their properties and surface energy. Test the surface for both the flow of the adhesive and the ability to achieve contact with the other surface.
- THICKNESS Choose tapes with higher thickness to correspond with higher rigidity and flatness irregularity of your materials. Use thinner tapes when working with more flexible materials.
- QUANTITY Consider the variables of viscoelasticity, strength, stiffness, stress and creep behavior when determining the amount of tape for a dynamic load versus a static load.
- EXPANSION/CONTRACTION Tapes can typically tolerate differential movement in the shear plane up to three times their thickness.
- BOND FLEXIBILITY Because tape bonds can be more flexible, applications that need higher stiffness may benefit from corresponding design modifications.
- COLD TEMPERATURES Evaluate applications that require performance at severe cold temperatures to assure proper adhesion performance.
- SURFACE PREPARATION Ensure your surfaces are clean and pressure is applied after tape application for optimal adhesion.









# **Go-To Products Chart**



3M™ VHB™ Tapes help you design beyond the limits of mechanical fasteners, to build better products, improve productivity and enhance performance. A great place to get started is the Go-To Products Chart, which offers a range of products well-suited for a variety of projects and applications.

Product Number	Tape Thickness w/o liner Mils (mm)	Page No.	Application Ideas
4941 Tape Family			
4926	15 (0.4)	10	
4936	25 (0.6)	10	
4936F	25 (0.6)	10	
4941	45 (1.1)	10	
4941F	45 (1.1)	10	Daniel and analysis because the large system I CD
4956	62 (1.6)	10	Bond and seal polycarbonate lens over LCD Bond and seal plastic windows to pre-painted control panels/switch gear
4956F	62 (1.6)	10	Mount vinyl wiring ducts and conduit channels
4991	90 (2.3)	10	Seam vinyl banners
4991B	90 (2.3)	10	
4919F	25 (0.6)	10	
4947F	45 (1.1)	10	
4979F	62 (1.6)	10	
5952 Tape Family	02 (110)	.0	
5906	6 (0.15)	12	
5907	8 (0.2)	12	Bond and seal polycarbonate lens over LCD
5908	10 (0.25)	12	Lens and touch panel bonding  Logo attachment
5909	12 (0.3)	12	POP and display construction
5909	16 (0.4)	12	
5915P	16 (0.4)	12	
5915WF	16 (0.4)	12	
5925	25 (0.6)	12	
5925P	25 (0.6)	12	
5925WF	25 (0.6)	12	Bonds to a variety of plastics and paint systems
5930	32 (0.8)	12	Bond architectural signs to frames
5930P	32 (0.8)	12	Attach trim and extrusions
5930WF	32 (0.8)	12	Hat channels and stiffeners
5952	45 (1.1)	12	
5952P	45 (1.1)	12	
5952WF	45 (1.1)	12	
5962	62 (1.6)	12	
5962P	62 (1.6)	12	
5962WF	62 (1.6)	12	
5958FR	40 (1.0)	12	Bonds to a variety of plastics and paint systems Bond architectural signs to frames Attach trim and extrusions Hat channels and stiffeners Meets FAR 25.853 (a) 12 second vertical burn, Appendix F, Part I (a)(ii)
RP Tape Family			
RP16	16 (0.4)	14	
RP16F	16 (0.4)	14	
RP25	25 (0.6)	14	
RP25F	25 (0.6)	14	Panel bonding
RP32	32 (0.8)	14	Stiffener attachment
RP32F	32 (0.8)	14	Trim attachment
RP45	45 (1.1)	14	LED and sign component bonding
RP45F	45 (1.1)	14	
RP62	62 (1.6)	14	
RP62F	62 (1.6)	14	

# 3M<sup>™</sup> VHB<sup>™</sup> Tape Selection

**Note:** The technical information and data provided here should be considered representative or typical only and should not be used for specification purposes. User should evaluate the 3M product to determine whether it is fit for a particular purpose and suitable for user's method of application.

#### Relative Adhesion:

HSE - High Surface Energy

LSE - Low Surface Energy

#### Liner Types

- A 3 mil 54# Densified Kraft Paper
- **B** 5 mil Clear Polyethylene Film
- C-2 mil Polyester Film
- **D** 5 mil Red Polyethylene Film
- E 4 mil 58# Polycoated Kraft Paper
- **F** 5 mil Red Printed Polyethylene Film
- G 3 mil Clear Polyethylene FilmH 5 mil Green PE Film

Product	Tape Thickness Liner			Adhesive	Temperature Resistance		
Number	w/o Liner mils (mm)	Type	Description	Type	Minutes Hours	Days Weeks	
4941 Tape Fan	nily						
4926	15 (0.4)	А					
4936	25 (0.6)	А					
4936F	25 (0.6)	F					
4941	45 (1.1)	А	Gray, closed-cell acrylic foam tape. Excellent combination of strength, conformability and		300°F (150°C)	200°F (93°C)	
4941F	45 (1.1)	D	adhesion to high and medium surface energy materials. Plasticizer resistant. UL 746.	Multi-purpose Acrylic			
4956	62 (1.6)	А					
4956F	62 (1.6)	F					
4991	90 (2.3)	F			250°F	200°F	
4991B	90 (2.3)	F	Black version of 4991.		(121°C)	(93°C)	
4919F	25 (0.6)	F	Black version of 4936F.				
4947F	45 (1.1)	F	Black version of 4941F.		300°F (150°C)	200°F (93°C)	
4979F	62 (1.6)	F	Black version of 4956F.				

**Multi-purpose Acrylic:** Bonds to a wide range of materials including metals, glass and high and medium surface energy plastics and paints. Resists migration of plasticizers in vinyl substrates.

Modified Acrylic: Bonds to medium and low surface energy paints and plastics, including many powder coated paints, in addition to the substrates listed with the multi-purpose acrylic adhesive (except plasticized vinyl).

**General Purpose Acrylic:** Bonds to most higher surface energy substrates including metal, glass and high surface energy plastics.

**Low Temperature Acrylic:** Bonds down to 32°F (0°C) compared to 50°F (10°C) for most acrylic adhesives. Bonds most high surface energy substrates including metal, glass and high surface energy plastics.

Low Surface Energy: High performance synthetic adhesive bonds to many lower surface energy substrates, including polypropylene, polyethylene, and some powder coated paints.

Solvent	Relative	Adhesion	Color	Product
Resistance	HSE	LSE	COIOI	Number
4941 Tape Family				
			Gray	4926
			Gray	4936
			Gray	4936F
			Gray	4941
	High	Medium	Gray	4941F
High			Gray	4956
High			Gray	4956F
			Gray	4991
			Gray	4991B
LEND SUPPLY		Gray	4919F	
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			Gray	4979F

Product	Tape Thickness	Lincon	Adhesive		Temperature Resistance	
Number	w/o Liner mils (mm)	Liner Type	Description	Type	Minutes Hours	Days Weeks
5952 Tape Far	mily					
5906	6 (0.15)	G				
5907	8 (0.2)	G	Black, closed-cell acrylic foam tape. High dynamic stress			
5908	10 (0.25)	G	resistance and adhesion to multiple surfaces.			
5909	12 (0.3)	G				
5915	16 (0.4)	F			DIEN	D CIII
5915P	16 (0.4)	E			DISTRIBUTOR OF CO.	D SUI ATINGS, TOOLS & REF Drders@blend
5915WF	16 (0.4)	F		Modified Acrylic	817-529-7710   0	JUDEU 2 (M DE LEND
5925	25 (0.6)	F			300°F (150°C)	
5925P	25 (0.6)	Е				
5925WF	25 (0.6)	F				250°F (121°C)
5930	32 (0.8)	F	Black or white, closed-cell			
5930P	32 (0.8)	Е	acrylic foam tape. Good adhesion to many painted surfaces, including powder			
5930WF	32 (0.8)	F	coated paint. UL 746C.			
5952	45 (1.1)	F				
5952P	45 (1.1)	Е				
5952WF	45 (1.1)	F				
5962	62 (1.6)	F				
5962P	62 (1.6)	Е				
5962WF	62 (1.6)	F				
5958FR	40 (1.0)	F	Meets FAR 25.853 (a) 12 sec vertical burn Appendix F, Part 1 (a) (ii).			200°F (93°C)

	Solvent	Relative	Adhesion		Product
	Resistance	HSE	LSE	Color	Number
	5952 Tape Family				
				Black	5906
				Black	5907
				Black	5908
				Black	5909
BL	END SU	PPLY		Black	5915
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	·			White	5915WF
			Medium	Black	5925
				Black	5925P
				White	5925WF
	High	High		Black	5930
				Black	5930P
				White	5930WF
				Black	5952
				Black	5952P
				White	5952WF
				Black	5962
				Black	5962P
				White	5962WF
				Black	5958FR

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Product Number	w/o Liner mils (mm)	Liner Type	Description	Adhesive Type	Minutes Hours	Days Weeks	
RP Tape Family	у						
RP16	16 (0.4)	Α					
RP16F	16 (0.4)	F					
RP25	25 (0.6)	Α				ND SU	
RP25F	25 (0.6)	F				COATINGS, TOOLS & R   Orders@blen	
RP32	32 (0.8)	Α	Gray, closed-cell acrylic foam tape. Conformable.	Multi-purpose	250°F	200°F	ļ
RP32F	32 (0.8)	F	Good adhesion to many painted metals.	Main purpose	(121°C)	(93°C)	
RP45	45 (1.1)	Α					
RP45F	45 (1.1)	F					
RP62	62 (1.6)	Α					
RP62F	62 (1.6)	F					
GPH Tape Fam	nily						
GPH-060GF	25 (0.6)	F	Gray, closed-cell, conformable acrylic foam. Superior				
GPH-110GF	45 (1.1)	F	high-temperature performance for powder coat or liquid	Modified Acrylic	450°F (230°C)	300°F (150°C)	
GPH-160GF	62 (1.6)	F	paint processes and multi material bonding.				
4945 Tape Far	mily						
4945	45 (1.1)	Α	White, closed-cell acrylic foam	Multi-purpose	300°F	200°F	
4946	45 (1.1)	В	tape. Plasticizer resistant.	an parpose	(150°C)	(93°C)	
4952 Tape Far	nily						
4932	25 (0.6)	Α	White, closed-cell acrylic foam tape. Good adhesion to	Low Surface Energy	200°F	160°F	
4952	45 (1.1)	Α	polypropylene and many powder paints. Suggested for indoor use.	Adhesive	(93°C)	(71°C)	
4622 Tape Far	mily						
4618	25 (0.6)	Н		General			
4622	45 (1.1)	Н	White, closed-cell acrylic foam tape.	Purpose Adhesive/	250°F (121°C)	200°F (93°C)	
4624	62 (1.6)	Н		Multi-purpose			

	Solvent	Relative A	Adhesion		Product
	Resistance	HSE	LSE	Color	Number
	RP Tape Family				
				Gray	RP16
				Gray	RP16F
	ID SUPP			Gray	RP25
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	High	High	Medium	Gray	RP32
	rigii	riigii	Wediam	Gray	RP32F
				Gray	RP45
				Gray	RP45F
				Gray	RP62
				Gray	RP62F
	GPH Tape Family				
		High	Medium	Gray	GPH-060GF
	High			Gray	GPH-110GF
				Gray	GPH-160GF
	4945 Tape Family				
	High	High	Low	White	4945
	riigii	riigii	LOW	White	4946
	4952 Tape Family				
	High	High	High	White	4932
	111911	i iigii	i iigii	White	4952
	4622 Tape Family				
				White	4618
	High	High	Low	White	4622
				White	4624

Product	luct Tape Thickness Liner			Adhesive		Temperature Resistance		
Number	w/o Liner mils (mm)	Туре	Description	Туре	Minutes Hours	Days Weeks		
4950 Tape Fai	mily							
4914	10 (0.25)	Α		Г				
4920	15 (0.4)	А						
4929	25 (0.6)	С		D	ISTRIBUTOR OF COAT	SUP		
4930	25 (0.6)	A		8	17-529-7710   OR 300°F	DERS@BLENDSU 200°F		
4930F	25 (0.6)	D	Closed-cell acrylic	General	(150°C)	(93°C)		
4949	45 (1.1)	С	foam tape. UL 746C.	Purpose Acrylic				
4950	45 (1.1)	А						
4955	80 (2.0)	С						
4959	120 (3.0)	С			400°F	300°F		
4959F	120 (3.0)	D			(204°C)	(150°C)		
951 Tape Fan	nily	1						
4951	45 (1.1)	С	White, closed-cell acrylic foam tape. Apply at temps as low as 32°F (0°C).					
4943F	45 (1.1)	С	Gray, closed-cell acrylic foam tape. Apply at temps	Low Temperature Appliable Acrylic	300°F (150°C)	200°F (93°C)		
4957F	62 (1.6)	С	as low as 32°F (0°C).	,				
1910 Tape Far	nily							
4905	20 (0.5)	F	Clear, acrylic construction for	General	300°F	200°F		
4910	40 (1.0)	F	joining transparent material.	Purpose	(150°C)	(93°C)		

	Solvent	Relative A	Adhesion		Product
	Resistance	HSE	LSE	Color	Number
	4950 Tape Family				
				White	4914
				White	4920
	ND SUP			Black	4929
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	High	High	Low	White	4930F
	1.1911	піўіі	LOW	Black	4949
				White	4950
				White	4955
				White	4959
				White	4959F
	4951 Tape Family				
				White	4951
	High	High	Low	Gray	4943F
				Gray	4957F
	4910 Tape Family				
	Шідh	Шigh	Low	Clear	4905
	підіі	High High	Low	Clear	4910

# **Putting it All Together**





For some challenging substrates, a primer or adhesion promoter may improve the reliability of the bond. Consult with 3M Technical Service to determine if a surface preparation step will be required for your application.

Product	Solvent	Active Ingredients	VOCs	Color	Flashpoint	Coverage
3M <sup>™</sup> Primers						
AP111	Isopropyl Alcohol (IPA)	Less than 5% by weight	5.91 lbs/gallon (708 g/l)	Clear	52°F (11°C)	800 ft²/gal (19m²/liter)
AP115	Isopropyl Alcohol and Water	Less than 1% by weight	6.08 lbs/gallon (728 g/l)	Clear	53°F (12°C)	815 ft²/gal (20m²/liter)
Primer 94	See SDS	See SDS	Approximately 6.3 lbs/gallon (755 g/l) less H <sub>2</sub> O and exempt solvents	Clear light yellow to clear dark orange	-4°F (-20°C)	600 ft²/gal (15m²/liter)
Primer UPUV	See SDS	Approximately 5% by weight	3.58 lbs/gallon (429 g/l)	Clear	-5°F (-21°C)	600 ft²/gal (15m²/liter)

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# **How to Prepare Specific Surfaces**

- **HEAVY OILS** remove oil or grease using a degreaser or solvent-based cleaner.
- ABRASION Abrade the surface to remove heavy dirt or oxidation.
- **HIGHER ADHESION** Prime surfaces to increase adhesion especially for paint or plastic surfaces.
- POROUS SURFACES Seal surfaces such as wood, particle board or concrete.
- GLASS Use silane treatment.
- OTHER MATERIALS Consider the potential for special surface preparation for all materials, including metal, copper, plastics, rubber and more.



# **Applying 3M<sup>™</sup> VHB<sup>™</sup> Tapes**



step 1: Align the materials — and make sure all surfaces are clean and dry. Use a 50:50 mix of isopropyl alcohol and water before applying tapes.



**STEP 2:** When surfaces are dry, apply 3M VHB Tape to the surface.



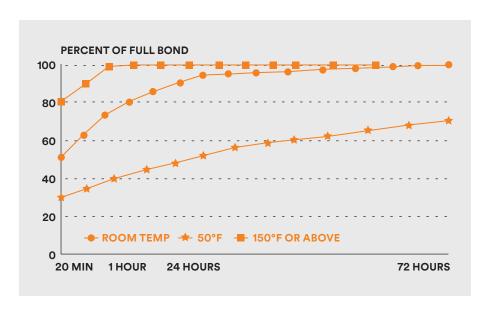
**STEP 3:** Apply pressure with a J-roller to at least 15 psi (100 kPa). This will help develop high-strength adhesion and bonding. Bond strength will increase after application.

#### APPROXIMATE TIME TO ACHIEVE ULTIMATE BOND STRENGTH:

- 50% after 20 minutes
- 90% after 24 hours
- 100% after 72 hours

Bond strength may be achieved more quickly and in some cases, may be increased by exposing the bond to elevated temperatures (e.g. 150°F (66°C) for 1 hour).

#### **BOND TYPICAL BUILD vs. TIME**





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