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Product Details



Regulatory Info/SDS

### Product Description

3M™ VHB™ Tape 4959F is a 0.120 inch (3.0 mm) thick white double-sided acrylic foam tape with PE film liner. The general purpose acrylic adhesive on both sides bonds to a broad range of high surface energy substrates including metals, glass and easier to bond paints and plastics. 3M™ VHB™ Tape 4959F is part of the 4950 tape family. Each product in this family has general purpose acrylic adhesive and firm foam but varies in thickness, color and liner type.

### Product Features

- Fast and easy-to-use permanent bonding method provides high strength and long-term durability
- Virtually invisible fastening keeps surfaces smooth
- Can replace mechanical fasteners (rivets, welds, screws) or liquid adhesives
- White, 0.120 in (3.0 mm), general purpose adhesive and firm acrylic foam core
- Eliminate drilling, grinding, refinishing, screwing, welding and associated clean-up
- Creates a permanent seal against water, moisture and more
- Pressure sensitive adhesive bonds on contact to provide immediate handling strength
- Allows the use of thinner, lighter weight and dissimilar materials

### Technical Information Note

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

### Typical Physical Properties

Attribute Name	Test Method	Value
Color		White
Adhesive Type		General Purpose Acrylic
Foam Type		Firm Acrylic
Density	ASTM D3574	800 kg/m <sup>3</sup> (50 lb/ft <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>1</sup>
Total Tape Thickness	ASTM D3652	3 mm (0.12 in) (120 mil)
Thickness Tolerance		±10 %

<sup>1</sup> Foam with adhesive

Attribute Name	Value
Liner	PE Film
Primary Liner Color	Red
Liner Thickness	0.13 mm (0.005 in)

### Typical Performance Characteristics

Temperature: 22 °C (72 °F)

Dwell Time: 72 h

Attribute Name	Test Method	Substrate	Backing	Value
90° Peel Adhesion	ASTM D3330	Stainless Steel	5 mil Aluminum Foil	35 N/cm (20 lb/in) <sup>1</sup>
Normal Tensile	ASTM D897	Aluminum		520 kPa (75 lb/in <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>2</sup>
Overlap Shear Strength	ASTM D1002	Stainless Steel		380 kPa (55 lb/in <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 12 in/min (300 mm/min)

<sup>2</sup> 1 in.<sup>2</sup> (6.45 cm<sup>2</sup>), Jaw Speed 2 in./min. (50 mm/min.)

<sup>3</sup> 1 in<sup>2</sup> (6.45 cm<sup>2</sup>), Jaw Speed 0.5 in/min (12.7 mm/min)

## Static Shear

Substrate: Stainless Steel  
Test Method: ASTM D3654

Temperature	Value
22 °C (72 °F)	1,500 g <sup>1</sup>
66 °C (150 °F)	1,000 g <sup>1</sup>
93 °C (200 °F)	750 g <sup>1</sup>
121 °C (250 °F)	750 g <sup>1</sup>
177 °C (350 °F)	750 g <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Tested at various temperatures and gram loadings. 0.5 in<sup>2</sup> (3.23 cm<sup>2</sup>). Will hold listed weight for 10,000 minutes (approximately 7 day).

Attribute Name	Value
Short Term Temperature Resistance	204 °C (400 °F) <sup>1</sup>
Long Term Temperature Resistance	149 °C (300 °F) <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> No change in room temperature dynamic shear properties following 4 hour conditioning at indicated temperature with 100 g/static load. (Represents minutes, hour in a process type temperature exposure).

<sup>2</sup> Maximum temperature where tape supports at least 250 g load per 0.5 in<sup>2</sup> in static shear for 10,000 minutes. (Represents continuous exposure for day or weeks).

## Converting

In addition to standard and custom roll sizes available from 3M through the distribution network, 3M™ VHB™ Tapes are also available in limitless shapes and sizes through the 3M Converter network. For additional information, contact 3M Converter Markets at 1-800-223-7427 or on the web at [www.3M.com/converter](http://www.3M.com/converter).

## Handling/Application Information

### Application Techniques

**Clean:** Most substrates are best prepared by cleaning with a 50:50 mixture of isopropyl alcohol (IPA\*) and water prior to applying 3M™ VHB™ Tapes.

**Exceptions to the general procedure that may require additional surface preparation include:**

- Heavy Oils: A degreaser or solvent-based cleaner may be required to remove heavy oil or grease from a surface and should be followed by cleaning with IPA/water.
- Abrasion: Abrading a surface, followed by cleaning with IPA/water, can remove heavy dirt or oxidation and can increase surface area to improve adhesion.
- Adhesion Promoters: Priming a surface can significantly improve initial and ultimate adhesion to many materials such as plastics and paints.
- Porous surfaces: Most porous and fibered materials such as wood, particleboard, concrete, etc. need to be sealed to provide a unified surface.
- Unique Materials: Special surface preparation may be needed for glass and glass-like materials, copper and copper containing metals, and plastics or rubber that contain components that migrate (e.g. plasticizers).

Refer to 3M Technical Bulletin "Surface Preparation for 3M™ VHB™ Tape Applications" for additional details and suggestions. (70-0704-8701-5)

**\*Note:** These cleaner solutions contain greater than 250 g/l of volatile organic compounds (VOC). Please consult your local Air Quality Regulations to be sure the cleaner is compliant. When using solvents, be sure to follow the manufacturer's precautions and directions for use when handling such materials.

**Pressure:** Bond strength is dependent upon the amount of adhesive-to-surface contact developed. Firm application pressure develops better adhesive contact and helps improve bond strength. Typically, good surface contact can be attained by applying enough pressure to insure that the tape experiences approximately 15 psi (100 kPa) pressure. Either roller or platen pressure can be used. Note that rigid surfaces may require 2 or 3 times that much pressure to make the tape experience 15 psi.

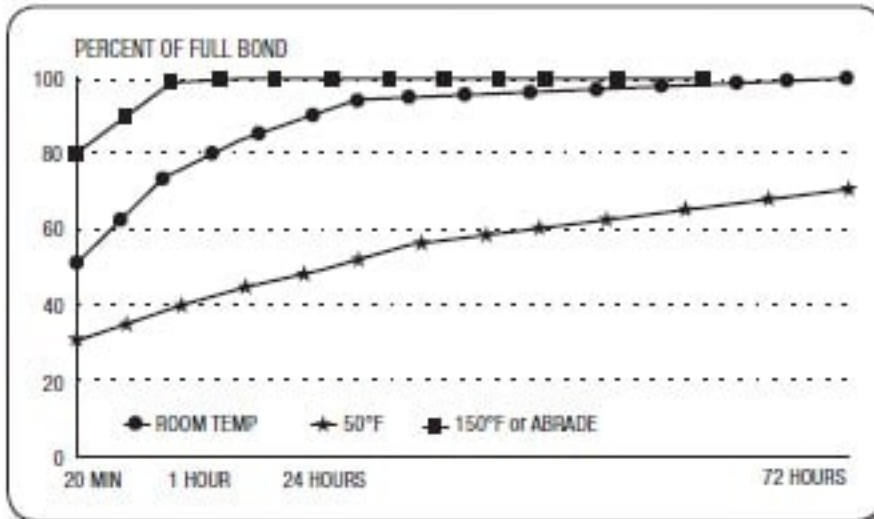
**Temperature:** Ideal application temperature range is 70°F to 100°F (21°C to 38°C). Pressure sensitive adhesives use viscous flow to achieve substrate contact area. Minimum suggested application temperature for the 3M™ VHB™ Tape 4950 family is 50°F (10°C). Minimum application temperature does vary by 3M™ VHB™ tape family and ranges from 32°F to 60°F (0°C to 15°C)

**Note:** Initial tape application to surfaces at temperatures below these suggested minimums is not recommended because the adhesive becomes too firm to adhere readily. However, once properly applied, low temperature holding is

generally satisfactory. To obtain good performance with all 3M™ VHB™ Tapes, it is important to ensure that the surfaces are dry and free of condensed moisture.

**Time:** After application, the bond strength will increase as the adhesive flows onto the surface (also referred to as “wet out”). At room temperature approximately 50% of ultimate bond strength will be achieved after 20 minutes, 90% after 24 hours and 100% after 72 hours. This flow is faster at higher temperatures and slower at lower temperatures. Ultimate bond strength can be achieved more quickly (and in some cases bond strength can be increased) by exposure of the bond to elevated temperatures (e.g. 150°F [66°C] for 1 hour). This can provide better adhesive wetout onto the substrates. Abrasion of the surfaces or the use of primers/ adhesion promoters can also have the effect of increasing bond strength and achieving ultimate bond strength more quickly.

### Bond Typical Build vs. Time



### Design Considerations

Adhesion to the substrate is important in achieving bonding success. Adhesives must flow onto the substrate surfaces in order to achieve intimate contact area and allow the molecular force of attraction to develop. The degree of flow of the adhesive on the substrate is largely determined by the surface energy of the substrate. 3M™ VHB™ 4950 family tapes bond well to high (HSE) surface energy materials. The image below shows typical materials in these categories.

Achieving good contact is also important. The necessary thickness of tape depends on the rigidity of substrates and their flatness irregularity. While the 3M™ VHB™ Tapes will conform to a certain amount of irregularity, they will not flow to fill gaps between the materials. For bonding rigid materials with normal flatness, consider use of tapes with thickness of 45 mils (1.1 mm) or greater. As the substrate flexibility increases thinner tapes can be considered.

Using the right amount of tape is important to handle the expected stresses. Because 3M™ VHB™ Tapes are viscoelastic by nature their strength and stiffness is a function of the rate at which they are stressed. They behave stronger with relatively faster rate of stress load (dynamic stresses) and will tend to show creep behavior with stress load acting over a long period of time (static stresses). As a general rule, for static loads, approximately four square inches of tape should be used for each pound (57 cm<sup>2</sup> of tape per kg) of weight to be supported in order to prevent excessive creep. For dynamic loads a useful design factor is 12 lb/in<sup>2</sup> (85 kPa) for most dynamic stresses in general applications.

Allow for thermal expansion/contraction. 3M™ VHB™ Tapes can perform well in applications where two bonded surfaces may expand and contract differentially. Assuming good adhesion to the substrates, the tapes can typically tolerate differential movement in the shear plane up to 3 times their thickness.

**Bond Flexibility:** While an advantage for many applications where allowing differential movement is a benefit, the tape bonds are typically more flexible than alternative bonding methods. Suitable design modifications or periodic use of rigid fasteners or adhesives may be needed if additional stiffness is required.

Performance in Severe Cold Temperature can be challenging. Applications which require performance at severe cold temperatures must be thoroughly evaluated by the user if the intended use will subject the tape product to high impact stresses. A technical bulletin “3M™ VHB™ Tape Cold Temperature Performance” (70-0707-3991-0) is available for additional information.

## Industry Specifications

UL 746C (File MH 17478)

### UL 746C Listings

**3M™ VHB™ Tapes**  
**UL746C Listings - File MH 17478**  
 Category 000W2 Component - Polymeric Adhesive Systems, Electrical Equipment

3M™ VHB™ Tapes/ Product Families	Substrates	Temperature Rating	
		Minimum	Maximum
4914, 4920, 4930, 4950	Aluminum, Galvanized Steel, Enameled Steel, Stainless Steel, Ceramic, Glass/Epoxy	-35°C	110°C
	PBT	-35°C	90°C
	ABS, Polycarbonate, Rigid PVC	-35°C	75°C
4920, 4930, 4950, 4955, 4959, 4959F	Acrylic	-35°C	90°C
	Glass / Galvanized Steel*, Glass / Glass*, Galvanized Steel / Aluminum*, Aluminum / Aluminum*	-35°C	120°C
	Phenolic, Aluminum, Galvanized Steel, Alkyd Enamel, Enameled Steel	-35°C	110°C
4945	ABS, Polycarbonate, Polyamide, Stainless Steel, Acrylic/Polyurethane Paint, Polyester Paint	-35°C	90°C
	Unplasticized PVC	-35°C	75°C
	Polycarbonate, Aluminum, Acrylic/Polyurethane Paint	-35°C	90°C
4905, 4910	Polycarbonate, Aluminum, Acrylic/Polyurethane Paint	-35°C	90°C
4611, 4646, 4655	Stainless Steel, Aluminum, Galvanized Steel, Glass, Glass/Epoxy, Phenolic	-35°C	110°C
	Nylon, Polycarbonate	-35°C	90°C
	ABS, Rigid PVC	-35°C	75°C

\* Substrates can be used with or without primer(s)/Coating. 3M Silane Coating, 3M Adhesion Promoter 4298UV and 3M Tape Primer 94 are used with glass substrate. 3M Primer AP111, 3M Adhesion Promoter 4298UV and 3M Tape Primer 94 are used with aluminum and galvanized steel substrates.

## Storage and Shelf Life

All 3M™ VHB™ Tapes have a shelf life of 24 months from date of manufacture when stored at 40°F to 100°F (4°C to 38°C) and 0-95% relative humidity. The optimum storage conditions are 72°F (22°C) and 50% relative humidity. Performance of tapes is not projected to change even after shelf life expires

## Available Sizes

Attribute Name	Value
Core Size (ID)	76.2 mm (3 in)
Maximum Available Width	1168 mm (46 in)
Minimum Available Width	6.4 mm (0.25 in)
Normal Slitting Tolerance	±0.79 mm (±1/32 in)
Standard Roll Length	32.9 m (36 yd)

## Available Sizes - Detailed

Available Sizes				Maximum Roll Length		
Tape Thickness inches (mm)	Standard Length yards (meters)	Minimum Width inches (mm)	Maximum Width inches (mm)	Width 1/4" up to 3/8" (6.4mm up to 9.5mm) yards (meters)	Width >3/8" up to 1/2" (>9.5mm up to 12.7mm) yards (meters)	Width 1/2" and wider (12.7mm and wider) yards (meters)
0.010 (0.25)	72 (65.8)	0.25 (6)	48 (1219)	72 (65.8)	144 (131.7)	360 (329.2)
0.015 (0.4)	72 (65.8)	0.25 (6)	48 (1219)	144 (131.7)	175 (160.0)	360 (329.2)
0.020 (0.5)	72 (65.8)	0.25 (6)	48 (1219)	72 (65.8)	108 (98.8)	175 (160.0)
0.025 (0.6)	72 (65.8)	0.25 (6)	48 (1219)	72 (65.8)	108 (98.8)	175 (160.0)
0.040 (1.0)	36 (32.9)	0.25 (6)	48 (1219)	72 (65.8)	108 (98.8)	144 (131.7)
0.045 (1.1)	36 (32.9)	0.25 (6)	48 (1219)	72 (65.8)	108 (98.8)	144 (131.7)
0.062 (1.6)	36 (32.9)	0.25 (6)	46 (1168)	72 (65.8)	72 (65.8)	108 (98.8)
0.080 (2.3)	36 (32.9)	0.25 (6)	46 (1168)	36 (32.9)	36 (32.9)	72 (65.8)
0120 (3.0) (4959)	36 (32.9)	0.5 (13)	46 (1168)	N/A N/A	N/A N/A	36 (32.9)
0120 (3.0) (4959F)	36 (32.9)	0.25 (6)	46 (1168)	36 (32.9)	36 (32.9)	36 (32.9)

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