

3M™ Water Contact Indicator Tape 5558

Product Description

3M™ Water Contact Indicator Tape 5558 is an ultra-thin 6.0 mil (152 micron) thick tape that changes color from white to red upon contact with water. It is designed to withstand heat and humidity aging without giving water indications. The tape permanently changes from white to red upon direct water contact.

Key Features

- Highly absorbent, paper backing to transport water to show indication
- Does not falsely indicate water contact in high humidity exposures
- Performance not degraded by high humidity exposure
- Printable top layer by thermal transfer, flexographic or screen-printing methods
- Easily die cuttable with rotary die cutting process
- Very high bond strength adhesive, bonds to most surfaces, including low surface energy plastics
- Thin construction

Product Construction/Material Description

PET Top Film – permanent
Absorbent indicator layer
High performance acrylic adhesive
PET release liner (removable)

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Property	Value
Color	White (top)/Red (bottom)
Top film	Polyester
Adhesive	Acrylic
Backing	Film/Paper Laminate
Thickness	6 mils (0.152 mm)
Standard Roll Length	180 yards

Applications

- Use in water contact indicator in handheld or portable electronic devices.
- Smart phones, tablets laptop computers and keyboards.
- Wearable electronic devices
- Gaming and MP3 player
- Two-way radios
- Digital cameras
- Li-MH Batteries and chargers
- Ultra-thin caliper, 6.0 mils total, is suitable for application with tight design tolerances

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Application Techniques

- Tape maybe die cut using rotary die cutting process
- Substrate should be smooth, clean, dry and oil-free to ensure good wet-out and adequate adhesion.
- Adhesive should not be applied at temperature lower than 10°C (50°F)
- Maximum roll width: 12 “
- Temperature resistance is -40 to 65°C for days /weeks or 121°C for minutes to hours.

Typical Physical Properties and Performance Characteristics

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Property	Method*	Value
Adhesion to Stainless Steel: 90° Peel Adhesion, 5 mm/sec peel rate, (12 inch/min), 15 min dwell time**	ASTM D-3330	0.39 N/mm (36 oz/in)
Adhesion to Stainless Steel: 90° Peel Adhesion, 5 mm/sec peel rate, 72-hr dwell time**	ASTM D-3330	0.51 N/mm (47 oz/in)
Adhesion to Polycarbonate: 90° Peel Adhesion, 5 mm/sec peel rate, 72-hr dwell time**	ASTM D-3330	0.47 N/mm (43 oz/in)
Tape Thickness	ASTM D-3652	0.152 mm (6.0mil)
Release liner Thickness	ASTM D-3652	0.051 mm (2.0mil)

*Methods listed as ASTM are tested in accordance with the ASTM method note

**The Adhesion data was generated using a 2-mil aluminum foil as a supplemental backing.

Indication Properties



t = 0 sec



t = 5 sec



t = 60 sec

1 drop of water placed at edge of ½” diameter circle @ t = 0 sec.

Storage and Shelf Life

The shelf life of 3M™ Water Contact Indicator Tape 5558 is 18 months from the date of manufacture when stored in the original packaging materials and stored at 21°C (70°F) and 50% relative humidity.

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