



VHB™ Acrylic Foam Tape

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Technical Data

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Product Description 3M™ VHB™ Acrylic Foam Tapes 4611, 4646 and 4655 are double-coated pressure sensitive adhesive tapes for bonding metals and other high surface energy materials. This family of products has excellent temperature resistance and can be used to bond metal parts prior to paint processing.

Construction	Adhesive:	General Purpose Acrylic
	Adhesive Carrier:	Acrylic Foam (closed cell)
	Thickness:	4611 0.045 in (1.1 mm) 4646 0.025 in (0.64 mm) 4655 0.062 in (1.55 mm)
	Density:	52 lb/ft ³ (840 kg/m ³)
	Liner:	Red polyethylene film
	Tape Color:	Dark Gray

Typical Physical Properties and Performance Characteristics

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

Peel Adhesion (stainless steel)	4611 18 lb/in width (315 N/100 mm) 4646 15 lb/in width (250 N/100 mm) 4655 18 lb/in width (315 N/100 mm)
Normal Tensile (alum T-block)	4611 90 lb/in ² (590 kPa) 4646 100 lb/in ² (690 kPa) 4655 80 lb/in ² (550 kPa)
Dynamic Shear (stainless steel)	4611 65 lb/in ² (445 kPa) 4646 80 lb/in ² (550 kPa) 4655 60 lb/in ² (415 kPa)
Static Shear: (stainless steel)	72°F (22°C) 1500 g/0.5 sq in (holds 10,000 min.) 158°F (70°C) 750 g/0.5 sq in (holds 10,000 min.) 200°F (93°C) 750 g/0.5 sq in (holds 10,000 min.) 300°F (149°C) 750 g/0.5 sq in (holds 10,000 min.)
Solvent Resistance:	High
Shelf Life:	24 months from date of manufacture (stored in original cartons, 70°F [21°C]/50% RH)
Temperature Resistance:	
Short Term: (minutes, hours)	450°F (232°C)
Long Term: (days, weeks)	300°F (149°C)

Available Sizes	Standard Length:	4611 36 yards (32.9 m) 4646 72 yards (65.8 m) 4655 36 yards (32.9 m)
	Minimum Width:	1/2 in. (12.7 mm)
	Slitting Tolerance:	± 1/32 in. (0.8 mm)
	Core Size (ID):	3.0 in. (76.2 mm)

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Application Guidelines

For maximum bond strength, the surfaces should be thoroughly cleaned with a 50:50 mixture of isopropyl alcohol and water. Ideal tape application is accomplished when temperature is between 70° and 100°F (21° and 38°C) and the bond is allowed to dwell 72 hours. Initial tape application to surfaces at temperatures below 50°F (10°C) is not recommended. Consult manufacturer's directions for use and precautions when using cleaning solvents. This cleaning recommendation may not be compliant with the rules of certain Air Quality Management Districts in California; consult applicable rules before use.

For Additional Information

To request additional product information or to arrange for sales assistance, call toll free 1-800-362-3550. Information also available at 3M.com/bonding.

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