Pressure Sensitive Adhesive Tape Applications in The Automotive Industry

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Interior Adhesives



 Up to 1980's, interior adhesives, and processes completely controlled by OEM



• 1980's to 2005, interior adhesives, and processes selected by Tier to meet Performance specification.



 2005 to present, control of some interior adhesives, and processes returning to OEM

INTERIOR ADHESIVES (cont.)

- Direct-coated pressure sensitive adhesives
- Adhesive transfer tapes
- Double-coated tapes
- Other adhesive types hot melts, butyl rubber based, powder, heat activated films, and webs, liquids – thermoplastic, and thermoset
- Current substrates ABS, PP, Nylon
- Future substrates less ABS, more PP

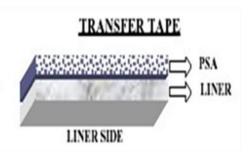
EXTERIOR ADHESIVES

- Exterior adhesives, and processes OEM controlled
- Direct coated PSA's
- Adhesive transfer films
- Double-coated tapes
- 1k, and 2k structural adhesives urethanes, acrylics, and epoxies
- 1k silicone RTV's
- Current substrates TPO, PP, ABS, PC, ASA, ASA-PC, ABS-PC
- Future substrates more TPO

Pressure Sensitive Adhesive Tapes

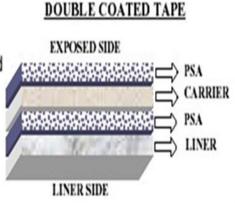
Adhesive Transfer Tape

Unsupported: There is no carrier. There is nothing to hold the adhesive together except for it's own internal strength. Also know as 'Transfer' Tape. These are used for applications where you need flexibility and stretch and for bonding to irregular surfaces.



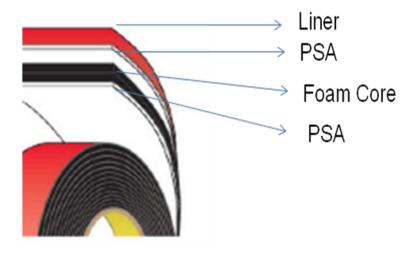
Double Coated Tape

Double Coated: PSA coated on both sides of a carrier protected by a release liner. Provides capability to put the same or different PSA on each side of carrier. Coating weight on each side of carrier can also be varied.



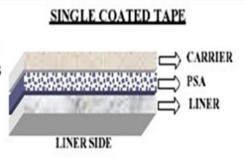
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Double Coated Foam Tape

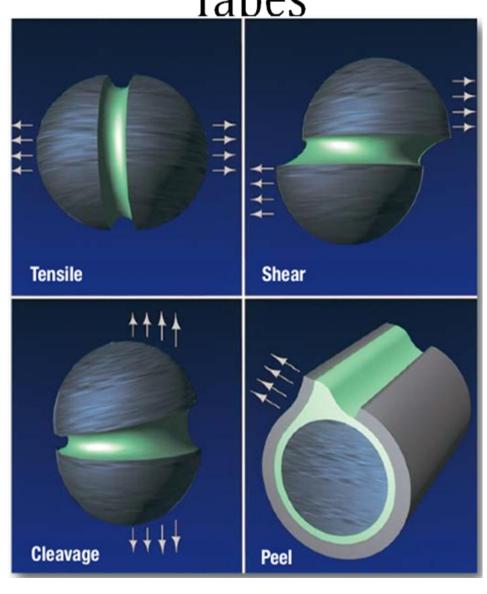


Single Coated Tape

Single Coated: PSA coated on one side of a flexible carrier and may be protected by a suitable release liner. Used where there is only one substrate to be bonded. It is also useful for wet laminating.

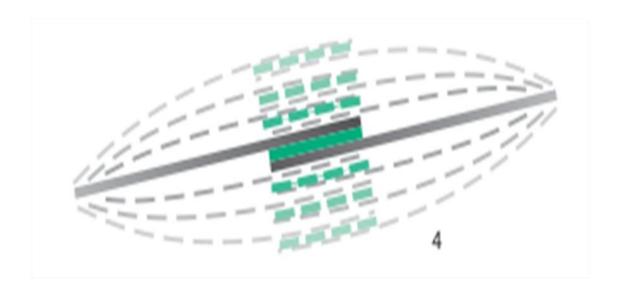


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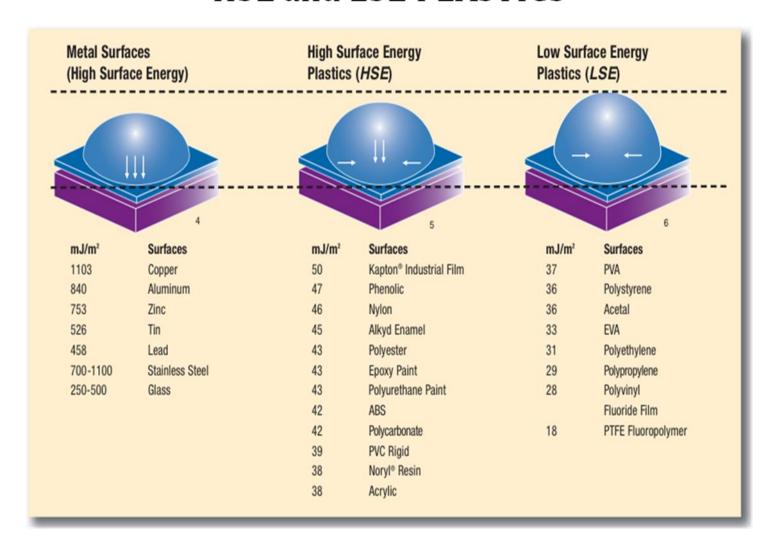


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Vibration



HSE and LSE PLASTICS



APPLICATIONS

- Body side moldings
- Emblems and nameplates
- Exterior graphics
- Labels
- Foam gaskets
- Acoustic materials absorbers, barriers, and dampeners
- Weatherstrips, and seals
- Stone protection films
- Solid rubber seals, and bumpers
- Sill plates
- Removable protective films
- Inner door water deflection film
- Harness wrap
- Thermal materials

- Roof ditch moldings
- Claddings
- Appliques
- Other miscellaneous applications

SUBSTRATES

- Exterior and interior paint
- High surface energy (HSE) plastics
- Low surface energy (LSE) plastics
- Elastomers
- Foams
- Glass
- Metals
- Acoustic materials absorbers, barriers, vibration dampeners
- Solid Rubber

SUBSTRATES, GLASS - LIKE

- · Glass, ceramic, stone, other siliceous material
- Hydrophilic (water loving)
- Water, humidity undercuts the bond
- Need silane coupling agent

SUBSTRATES, POROUS

- Open surface not well suited for tape bonding
- Require sealing to provide a unified surface
- Apply coating
- Apply liquid adhesive

SUBSTRATES, METALS (uncoated)

- Uncoated metals prone to oxidation, and weakening of the bond
- Iron, aluminum, magnesium, copper, brass, bronze
- · Apply coating

SUBSTRATES, (that contain plasticizers)

- Flexible PVC contains plasticizers
- Some rubber compounds (e.g. EPDM, neoprene) can contain plasticizers, and oils
- Plasticizers, and oils can migrate into the tape, and affect adhesion
- Use plasticizer resistant adhesive
- Apply adhesion promoter/plasticizer barrier

EXTERIOR PAINT

- Up to 80's solution, and dispersion lacquers
- 80's and beyond high solids enamels, and base coat/clear coats.
- Recently etch resistant base coat/clear coats
- Chemistries acrylic/silane, 2k urethanes, 1k acid/epoxy, and 1k carbamate
- 1k carbamate (urethane/epoxy hybrid) most difficult to bond
- Future more difficult to bond 1k's, ceramic based
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ELASTOMERS

- Past nitrile, neoprene, EPDM (ethylene, propylene, diene monomer)
- Future less EPDM, more Santoprene and TPV's
- EPDM thermoset
- Santoprene and TPV's thermoplastic matrix

 polypropylene continuous phase with
 dispersed phase of EPDM particles

SILANE COUPLING AGENTS AND ADHESION PROMOTERS

SILANE COUPLING AGENTS



ADHESION PROMOTERS

