



Shelf Life Statements on Select Converter Markets Products

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The shelf life note placed on the 3M technical datasheets for 3M pressure sensitive adhesive (psa) products, including the following products produced by 3M's Industrial Adhesives and Tapes Division for 3M Converter Markets customers:

- 3M™ Adhesive Transfer Tapes (single and double lined versions)
- 3M™ Differential Double Coated Tapes
- 3M™ Double Coated Tapes (single and double lined versions)
- 3M™ Membrane Switch Spacers

This policy is specifically related to the adhesive tape in the roll form as produced by 3M. The intent of this shelf life note pertains to roll stability. In this form, 3M takes into consideration variables such as unwind, liner release, and edge ooze. These are areas that may affect converting operations but do not reflect changes to material properties of the adhesive tape.

Therefore, the shelf life note is intended for the storage of the unconverted 3M product. For example, 3M does not provide a shelf life recommendation for the final application such as a nameplate or overlay once it is converted. Thus, the decision for when to apply the final adhesive laminated part is left to the discretion of the converter and/or the end user.

3M's adhesive tapes have been designed for bonding to many different surfaces and have a long history of use in the following markets; aerospace, medical, industrial equipment, automotive, appliance, light industrial, graphics, print and print finishing, web processing and electronics.

Please note this technical bulletin is being provided to offer additional clarity on the long-standing intent of our shelf life policy.

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