



# Standard Specification for Polyethylene Plastic Pressure-Sensitive Electrical Insulating Tape<sup>1</sup>

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## 1. Scope

1.1 This specification covers electrical insulating tape consisting of a backing made from polyethylene plastic film, coated on one side with a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

1.2 The values stated in SI units are the standard. The values given in parentheses are provided for information purposes only.

## 2. Referenced Documents

### 2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 1000 Test Methods for Pressure-Sensitive Adhesive-Coated Tapes Used for Electrical and Electronic Applications<sup>2</sup>

D 1711 Terminology Relating to Electrical Insulation<sup>2</sup>

## 3. Terminology

3.1 *Definitions*—For definitions of terms in this specification refer to Terminology D 1711.

## 4. Material

4.1 The backing shall be polyethylene, suitably compounded to meet the requirements of this specification. The backing shall be smooth and uniform. The tape edges shall be straight and unbroken.

4.2 The pressure-sensitive coating shall be smooth and uniform, and essentially free from lumps and bare spots. “Fish eyes” shall not be cause for rejection. There shall be no adhesive transfer when the tape is unwound from the roll.

## 5. Standard Rolls

5.1 The standard widths and lengths shall be selected from the following:

### 5.1.1 Widths:

mm	in.	mm	in.
6	¼	12	½
9	⅜	15	⅝
19	¾	30	1 ¼
22	⅞	38	1 ½
25	1	50	2

Widths greater than 50 mm (2 in.) shall be agreed upon between the purchaser and the seller.

### 5.1.2 Lengths:

m	ft
6	20
20	66
33	108

5.1.3 Nonstandard widths and lengths are permissible if agreed to between the purchaser and seller.

## 6. Physical Requirements

6.1 The tape shall meet the requirements listed in Table 1.

6.2 Black plastic backing shall be considered standard. Backing of a different color than black shall be specified on the purchase order.

## 7. Test Methods

7.1 The selection of rolls, conditioning, and testing shall be in accordance with Test Methods D 1000.

## 8. Rejection

8.1 If the test results of any roll do not conform to the requirements prescribed in the specification, two additional rolls shall be selected and tested. If one of the two additional sample rolls also does not conform to the requirements, the lot may be rejected at the option of the purchaser.

## 9. Packaging and Package Marking

9.1 *Packaging*—The package shall withstand shipment and shall give the product ample protection against damage. The individual rolls shall not adhere to each other, or to the container.

9.2 *Marking*—Each package shall be marked with the name of the manufacturer, the manufacturer's product number, and the width and length of the roll.

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<sup>2</sup> *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol 10.01.

**TABLE 1 Requirements for Polyethylene Plastic Electrical Tape**

Thickness, mm (in.) avg	0.241 ± 0.025 (0.0095 ± 0.0010)
Width, as specified, mm (in.)	± 0.8 (1/32)
Length, as specified, min, mm or m (ft or yd)	minus 1 %
Breaking strength, min, kN/m (lbf/in.) avg	2.8 (16)
Elongation, min, % avg	150
Dielectric breakdown, min, V avg	
Standard condition	10 000
Wet condition (96/23/96)	90 % of avg value obtained under standard condition
Adhesion, min, N/m (ozf/in.) avg <sup>A</sup>	
Steel	175 (16)
Backing	175 (16)
Backing at – 7°C	175 (16)
Unwind at – 7°C, N/m (ozf/in.), avg <sup>B</sup>	
Min	175 (16)
Max	1400 (128 )
Static elongation at – 7°C, min, % avg	15
Penetration, min, °C avg	45
High-humidity insulation resistance, min, MΩ median	1 × 10 <sup>5</sup>
Flagging, max, mm (in.), avg	13 (0.5)

<sup>A</sup>See Test Methods D 1000, Test Method A.

<sup>B</sup>See Test Methods D 1000, Test Method B.

## 10. Keywords

10.1 electrical insulating tape; polyethylene pressure-sensitive tape; pressure-sensitive adhesive tape

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