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## INTRODUCTION

This International Standard is one of a series, which deals with pressure-sensitive adhesive tapes, intended primarily for electrical purposes.

The series consists of three parts:

Part 1: General requirements (IEC 60454-1)

Part 2: Methods of test (IEC 60454-2)

Part 3: Specifications for individual materials (IEC 60454-3)

This standard contains one of the sheets comprising part 3 as follows:

Sheet 12:

Polyethylene and polypropylene film tapes pressure sensitive adhesives.

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## PRESSURE-SENSITIVE ADHESIVE TAPES FOR ELECTRICAL PURPOSES –

### Part 3: Specifications for individual materials – Sheet 12: Requirements for polyethylene and polypropylene film tapes with pressure sensitive adhesive

#### 1 Scope

This sheet of IEC 60454-3 contains requirements for polyethylene and polypropylene film tapes with pressure sensitive adhesives

Materials which conform to this specification meet established levels of performance. However, the selection of a material by a user for a specific application should be based on the actual requirements necessary for adequate performance in that application, and not based on this specification alone.

#### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60426:1973, *Test methods for determining electrolytic corrosion with insulating materials*

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IEC 60454-1:1992, *Specifications for pressure-sensitive adhesive tapes for electrical purposes – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60454-2:1994, *Specifications for pressure-sensitive adhesive tapes for electrical purposes – Part 2: Methods of test*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the definitions of IEC 60454-1 apply.

#### 4 Classification and designation

##### 4.1 Polyethylene film tapes with pressure sensitive adhesive

4.1.1 The products supplied according to this specification shall be classified as follows:

Type 1: Products having a thermal index of 90 and a minimum temperature rating of –10 °C.

Type 2: Products having a thermal index of 90 and a minimum temperature rating of –18 °C.

Type 3: Products having a thermal index of 90 and a minimum temperature rating of –33 °C.

Type 4: Products having a thermal index of 75 and a minimum temperature rating of –10 °C.

Type 5: Products having a thermal index of 75 and a minimum temperature rating of –18 °C.

Type 6: Products having a thermal index of 75 and a minimum temperature rating of –33 °C.

**4.1.2** The products shall be designated for ordering purposes as follows:

- Type 1: IEC 60454-3-12-1/F-PE/90
- Type 2: IEC 60454-3-12-2/F-PE/90
- Type 3: IEC 60454-3-12-3/F-PE/90
- Type 4: IEC 60454-3-12-4/F-PE/75
- Type 5: IEC 60454-3-12-5/F-PE/75
- Type 6: IEC 60454-3-12-6/F-PE/75

NOTE The nature of the adhesive is not classified, since several classes of adhesive may satisfy the performance requirements of this specification. Adhesive types may be based on agreement between purchaser and supplier.

## **4.2 Polypropylene film tapes with pressure sensitive adhesive**

**4.2.1** The products supplied according to this specification shall be classified as follows:

- Type 1: Products having properties characteristic of a biaxially oriented polypropylene film with a thermal index of 105 with an acrylic crosslinked adhesive.
- Type 2: Products having properties characteristic of a biaxially oriented polypropylene film with a thermal index of 105 with a rubber thermosetting adhesive.
- Type 3: Products having properties characteristic of a biaxially oriented polypropylene film with a thermal index of 105 with an acrylic thermoplastic adhesive.

**4.2.2** The products supplied according to this specification shall be classified as follows:

- Type 1: IEC 60454-3-12-1/F-PP/105/A-Tx
- Type 2: IEC 60454-3-12-2/F-PP/105/R-Tc
- Type 3: IEC 60454-3-12-3/F-PP/105/A-Tp

## **5 Requirements**

All applicable requirements of IEC 60454-1 shall apply to material furnished under this specification.

The electric and other physical properties of products supplied according to this specification shall be within the limits listed in Tables 1 and 2 when tested in accordance with the test methods listed therein.

### **5.1 Thermal endurance**

#### **5.1.1 Polyethylene film tapes with pressure sensitive adhesives**

When required by the purchaser, the manufacturer shall provide evidence that when tested in accordance with Clause 21 of IEC 60454-2, the product has a temperature index of not less than 90 for Types 1, 2, and 3; and not less than 75 for Types 4, 5, and 6. The exposure temperatures shall be 100 °C, 110 °C and 120 °C for Types 1, 2, and 3; and 90 °C, 100 °C and 110 °C for Types 4, 5, and 6.

The end-point criterion used shall be:

- for breakdown voltage: 2,5 kV (metal foil electrode).



### 5.1.2 Polypropylene film tapes with pressure sensitive adhesives

When required by the purchaser, the manufacturer shall provide evidence that when tested in accordance with Clause 21 of IEC 60454-2, the product has a temperature index of not less than 105. The exposure temperatures shall be 120 °C, 140 °C and 160 °C.

The end-point criterion used shall be:

- for breakdown voltage: 1,0 kV (metal foil electrode).

## 5.2 Low temperature performance

### 5.2.1 Polyethylene film tapes with pressure sensitive adhesives

When required by the purchaser, the manufacturer shall provide evidence of the low temperature performance when tested in accordance with the conditions specified in Table 3; the tape shall have a minimum temperature rating as follows:

Types 1, 4: –10 °C

Types 2, 5: –18 °C

Types 3, 6: –33 °C

## 6 Test methods

All tests shall be conducted in accordance with the appropriate clauses and subclauses of IEC 60454-2.

## 7 Marking, labelling and packaging

Unless otherwise specified, all marking, labelling and packaging shall be in accordance with the requirements of IEC 60454-1.

**Table 1 – Requirements for all types**

| Property  | Clause or subclause of IEC 60454-2 | Units                 | Requirements   |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Thickness   | 4                                  | mm                    | Nominal value per manufacturer $\pm 0,025$ mm or $\pm 20$ % whichever is greater |
| Width   | 5                                  | mm                    | 7.2.1 of IEC 60454-1   |
| Length  | 6                                  | m                     | 7.3 of IEC 60454-1   |
| Electrolytic corrosion  |                                    |                       |  |
| -Insulation resistance after 24 h at (23 $\pm$ 2) °C and (93 $\pm$ 2) % relative humidity | 7.5                                | $\Omega$ /25 mm width | 1 x 10 <sup>10</sup> minimum   |
| or  |                                    |                       |  |
| -Visual method  | 7.6                                | None                  | Grade shall be at least as good as A 1,4 (see Table 1 of IEC 60426)              |
| Thermal endurance   | 21                                 |                       | See 5.3  |



**Table 3 – Low temperature performance**

| Low temperature rating | Temperature for Clause 9 of IEC 60454-2 | Temperature for clause 12 of IEC 60454-2 |
|------------------------|---|--|
| –10 °C                 | (–18 ± 1) °C                            | (–10 ± 1) °C                             |
| –18 °C                 | (–26 ± 1) °C                            | (–18 ± 1) °C                             |
| –33 °C                 | (–40 ± 1) °C                            | (–18 ± 1) °C                             |

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