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## Self adhesive tapes — Determination of peel adhesion properties

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 29862:2007) of which it constitutes a minor revision.

The changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the normative references in [Clause 2](#) have been updated;
- definitions have been added in [Clause 3](#) for “self adhesive tape”, “liner” and “double sided adhesive tape”;
- a Bibliography has been added;
- the text has been editorially revised to comply with the most recent editing rules.



# Self adhesive tapes — Determination of peel adhesion properties

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a series of methods for the determination of peel adhesion properties of self adhesives tapes.

This document contains:

- Method 1: Self adhesive tapes – Measurement of peel adhesion from stainless steel at an angle of 180°;
- Method 2: Self adhesive tapes – Measurement of peel adhesion from its own backing at an angle of 180°;
- Method 3: Self adhesive tapes – Measurement of peel adhesion of double sided and transfer tapes at an angle 180°;
- Method 4: Self adhesive tapes – Measurement of adhesion of the liner to an adhesive tape at an angle of 180°.

[Annexes A](#) and [B](#) specify further variations in the testing protocol according to specific conditions.

A guide to the use of these methods is given in [Table 1](#).

**Table 1 — Methods and annexes**

Method	Angle of peel	Temperature of test	
		23 °C	Low temperature
Method 1 Adhesion to steel	180°	—	<a href="#">Annex A</a>
	90°	<a href="#">Annex B</a>	-
Method 2 Adhesion to back- ing	180°	—	<a href="#">Annex A</a>
	90°	<a href="#">Annex B</a>	—
Method 3 Adhesion of double sided and transfer tape	180°	—	<a href="#">Annex A</a>
	90°	<a href="#">Annex B</a>	—
Method 4 Adhesion of liner	180°	—	<a href="#">Annex A</a>
	90°	<a href="#">Annex B</a>	-

NOTE 1 These methods provide a means of assessing the uniformity of the adhesion of a given type of self adhesive tape. The assessment may be within a roll of tape, between rolls or between production lots.

NOTE 2 Variations in the tape backing and adhesive affect the response. Therefore these methods cannot be used to pinpoint the specific cause(s) of non uniformity.

NOTE 3 These test methods may not be appropriate to test tapes having either relatively stiff backings, stiff liners or backing showing high stretch at low forces. These characteristics will result in a high variability for the test response which is not a true indication of the real nature of the adhesive bond.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

EN 12481, *Self adhesive tapes — Terminology*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 12481 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

### 3.1

#### **peel adhesion**

force required to peel a strip of adhesive tape from a specified substrate at a specified angle and speed

### 3.2

#### **open side**

<adhesive> surface of the adhesive on a double sided tape which is exposed on normal unwinding or separation of the first liner

### 3.3

#### **closed side**

<adhesive> surface of the adhesive on a double sided tape which normally remains in contact with the release liner on normal unwinding or separation of the first liner

### 3.4

#### **transfer tape**

adhesive tape having two available pressure sensitive surfaces without the need for a carrier and with a release liner separating the adhesive surfaces. The adhesive may contain reinforcing material

### 3.5

#### **self adhesive tape**

pressure sensitive adhesive

adhesive which in a dry state is permanently tacky at room temperature and adheres readily to surfaces under brief and light pressure

### 3.6

#### **liner**

treated sheet to cover the adhesive temporarily to facilitate handling or unrolling

### 3.7

#### **double sided adhesive tape**

tape where adhesive is applied to both sides of the carrier

## 4 Significance and use

These test methods are tools for quality control use. Given specific self adhesive tape and a requirement in terms of the minimum or maximum value expected for this tape, the data from the test can be used in conjunction with acceptance criteria.

Test methods 1, 2, 3, and [Annexes A](#) and [B](#) can show the relative bond strength of a given tape to one or more surfaces (material and texture) as compared to the standard stainless steel panel. Substitution of representative samples of materials in question for the standard steel panel would suffice to do this.



Test methods 1, 2, 3, and [Annexes A and B](#) cannot be used to compare two self adhesive tapes of the same type but of different manufacture for their ability to adhere to a surface. This is because the measured peel force is not normalised for a fixed area of stress. The area under stress varies with backing stiffness and adhesive rheology (firmness). Two different tapes seldom agree in these properties.

Test method 4 can show the amount of force required to remove a liner that covers the adhesive side of a tape at a specified peel rate. The force will be different at other peel rates.

These test methods may not provide design information as there is usually no direct relationship between peel adhesion and any functional requirement.

## 5 Method 1 — Self adhesive tapes — Measurement of peel adhesion from stainless steel at an angle of 180°

### 5.1 Principle

The method 1 gives a measure of the force required to remove at an angle of 180° an adhesive tape which has been applied to a stainless steel panel.

A length of adhesive tape is applied to a standard plate which is then fixed vertically in one clamp of a tensile testing machine. The other clamp of the machine pulls the free end of the adhesive tape at an angle of 180° to the plate.

The adhesive strength is measured by the force required to peel the adhesive tape continuously from the plate, the line of separation being perpendicular to the direction of the applied force.

### 5.2 Materials

**5.2.1 Absorbent cleaning material**, surgical gauze, cotton wool or tissue. To be suitable, materials shall be lint free during use, absorbent, contain no additives that are soluble in the solvents listed in [5.2.2](#) and made exclusively from virgin materials.

### 5.2.2 One or more of the following solvents:

- diacetone alcohol non-residual grade (4-hydroxy-4-methyl-2-pentanone);
- methanol;
- methyl ethyl ketone;
- acetone;
- *n*-heptane;
- a mixture of *n*-heptane and a fluorinated hydrocarbon such as refrigerant (suitable when toxicity or flammability restrictions apply).

Solvents shall be of general purpose chemical grade and held in a suitable dispensing system.

### 5.3 Apparatus

#### 5.3.1 Test piece cutter

An appropriate test piece cutter shall hold two single edge razor blades in parallel planes a precise distance apart, to form a cutter of exact specimen width; two cutters, 12 mm and 24 mm cutting width, shall be available or appropriate alternatives which will not cause edge damage. The precision of the razor blade separation shall be the nominal width  $\pm 0,1$  mm.

### 5.3.2 Tensile testing machine

A constant rate of extension (CRE) tension tester shall be used. It is proposed to use an electronic machine taking at least one reading per mm of tape peeled. The tester shall have two clamps with centres in the same plane, parallel with the direction of the motion on the same plane, parallel with the direction of the motion on the stressing clamp and so aligned that they will hold the specimen wholly in the same plane; a means of moving the stressing clamp at a uniform rate of  $(5 \pm 0,2)$  mm/s and a device for recording load. The instrument shall be calibrated such that a maximum error of 2 % is allowed on the reading.

### 5.3.3 Stainless steel panels

These shall be perfectly flat, at least 125 mm long and 50 mm wide and at least 1,1 mm thick, stainless steel type 1.4301 in accordance with the 2 R quality defined in EN 10088-2, having a bright annealed finish with a surface roughness of  $50 \text{ nm} \pm 25 \text{ nm}$ . Panels showing stains, discoloration or many scratches are not acceptable. New panels shall be cleaned prior to use as described in 5.5.2 except with ten washes of the final solvent. Between uses the panel test surface shall be protected from scratches and contamination and the panels shall be stored in the conditions described in 5.4.1.

### 5.3.4 Roller mechanically or hand operated

**5.3.4.1** A steel roller ( $85 \pm 2,5$ ) mm in diameter and ( $45 \pm 1,5$ ) mm in width, covered with rubber approximately 6 mm in thickness, having a hardness of  $(80 \pm 5)$  Shore A. The surface shall be a true cylinder, void of any convex or concave deviations. The mass of the roller shall be  $(2 \pm 0,1)$  kg.

**5.3.4.2** No part of the apparatus shall increase the mass of the roller during use. The roller shall move either mechanically or by hand at the rate of  $(10 \pm 0,5)$  mm/s.

## 5.4 Test samples and test pieces

**5.4.1** Condition the sample rolls of tape in the standard conditions of  $(23 \pm 1)$  °C and  $(50 \pm 5)$  % relative humidity (RH). Test at these conditions unless otherwise specified [see 5.7 i)]. If these tolerances cannot be maintained, the closest possible tolerances shall be used and these revised tolerances quoted in the report.

**5.4.2** The test piece shall be 24 mm wide. A limit deviation of  $\pm 0,5$  mm shall be allowed. The length shall be approximately 300 mm.

Where the width of the specimen is less than 24 mm, apply one or more additional strips of the tape to give an equivalent width of 24 mm for rolling purposes. Alternatively acceptable rolling pressure may be obtained with a 1 kg roller on samples with width 8,5 mm to 17 mm or with 2 kg roller on samples with widths greater than 17 mm to a maximum of 34 mm.

**5.4.3** Discard at least three but no more than six outer wraps of tape from the sample roll before taking the test pieces for testing.

**5.4.4** Remove one test piece for each test to be performed. Remove the test piece from a freely rotating roll at the rate of 500 mm/s to 750 mm/s. Where high unwind force makes it impossible to remove the test piece at the prescribed rate, remove it at a rate as close to 500 mm/s as possible.

**5.4.5** When the tape is wider than 24 mm, test pieces of the widest specified width are to be cut with an apparatus as described in 5.3.1 from the centre of a strip removed from the roll in accordance with 5.4.4.

**5.4.6** Apply the test pieces within 5 min after unwinding.