

How to Differentiate 3M Surgical Tapes

All 3M surgical tapes have adhesives that are hypoallergenic and do not include natural rubber latex. This table describes their characteristics in relationship to each other.



Characteristics	3M™ Micropore™ Tape	3M™ Transpore™ Tape	3M™ Transpore™ White Tape	3M™ Blenderm™ Tape	3M™ Microfoam™ Tape	3M™ Durapore™ Tape	3M™ Cloth Adhesive Tape	3M™ Medipore™ H Tape	3M™ Kind Removal Silicone Tape
General category	Paper	Perforated plastic	Blend – Paper/Plastic	Plastic	Foam/elastic	Silk-like	Cloth	Soft cloth	Silicone
Backing	Nonwoven rayon	Transparent Polyethylene	Polyester-rayon blend	Transparent Polyethylene	Closed cell PVC	Taffeta acetate	Woven cotton	Polyester	Polyester-rayon blend
Adhesion – initial	Dry – low Moist – high	Dry – high Moist – moderate	Dry – high Moist – moderate	Dry – moderate Moist – low	Dry – low Moist – low	Dry – high Moist – high	Dry – very high Moist – high	Dry – high Moist – moderate	Dry – high Moist – moderate
Adhesion – after 48 hrs	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Very High	High	Very High	Moderate
Conformability	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High	High	Moderate	Moderate	High	Moderate
Stretch	Diagonal	Moderate, more stretch if narrow strips	Diagonal	Moderate in all directions	Crosswise, Lengthwise & Diagonal	Diagonal	Diagonal	Crosswise & Diagonal	Diagonal
Breathability	Very High	Low	High	None	None	Low	High	High	High
Tearability	Easy	Very easy, bi-directional	Easy, bi-directional	Easy, but ruffled edge	Easy	Easy, bi-directional	Easy, bi-directional	Easy at perforations, not lengthwise	Very easy, bi-directional
Water resistance	No	Water Resistant	Water Resistant	Waterproof	Water Resistant	Water Resistant	No	Water Resistant	Water Resistant
Gentleness <i>Repeated taping on adults</i>	Gentle	Less Gentle	Gentle	Less Gentle	Gentle	Less Gentle	Less Gentle	Very Gentle	Very Gentle
Shelf life	5 years	3 years	3 years	5 years	3 years	5 years	2 years	3 years	2 years

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