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Application tape storage recommendations

R Tape packages its paper and film application tape and premask in plastic sleeves, which are then boxed in corrugated containers. Packaging in this manner protects our tape from light, dirt and humidity. Tape, which is not stored in boxes, is exposed to light, which results in the product yellowing. Even the lighting in your warehouse yellows application tape. This yellowing occurs because the light begins to degrade the natural rubber adhesive. While this degradation is generally not significant enough to adversely affect the performance of our product, it is aesthetically unpleasing, often making a perfectly good product unmarketable. That's why it is very important for you to store your applications tape in the corrugated boxes until you ship the product to the end user.

While the yellowing caused by light detracts from the appearance of application tapes, what's more harmful is storing pressure sensitive product in an environment that is excessively hot. Prolonged exposure to high heat prematurely ages an adhesive, degrading the performance of the product. This does not mean that you need to store pressure-sensitive products in a refrigerator. Ideally application tapes should not be subject to temperatures above 28°C for long periods of time. In a perfect world, tapes should also be warehoused in an air-conditioned environment.

As tapes age, their performance often declines and becomes prone to problems. For example, old application tape frequently "blocks" up on the roll. In other words, the adhesive binds to the facestock making the product difficult, and often impossible to unwind. For this reason, it is critical that inventory is rotated. This means that material, which is first entered into inventory, should be the first material, which is sold and shipped to the end user. In other words, first in, first out. Also keep in mind that all pressure-sensitive products have warranted shelf lives. The warranted shelf life for application tape and premask is six (6) months.

.Please take care when handling and shipping application tape. Damage to the ends of the rolls can cause difficulty in unwinding the tape. In addition, tape more easily tears at places where the paper is damaged.

Unpackaged rolls of application tape should be stacked upright. Stacking application tape horizontally causes a flat spot on the roll of tape, causing difficult unwind.

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