



3M™ Thermally Conductive Adhesive Tape 8940 / 8943

Product Information Sheet

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Product Description 3M™ Thermally Conductive Adhesive Tapes 8940 / 8943 are designed to provide an efficient heat transfer path between heat generating components and heat sinks or other cooling devices.

The tapes consist of a carrier, highly loaded with thermally conductive fillers, coated on either one side (3M™ 8943) or both sides (3M™ 8940) with a high temperature resistance acrylic pressure sensitive adhesive.

The specialized construction securely bonds the heat generating components to heat sinks and offer both, good thermal conductivity and excellent electrical insulation properties.

Product Construction

	3M 8940	3M 8943
Color	Beige	
Carrier	Filled Copolymer	
Adhesive type	Modified Acrylic Adhesive	
Tape type	Double coated	Single coated
Tape Thickness	0.190mm	0.170 mm
Liner Thickness	0,075 mm	

The film liner is a double sided siliconized Polyester Film with a differential release system.

Typical Applications Applications requiring good thermal transfer and thin bonding. Typical applications are assembling of power devices as bare dies in chip on board technique or flip chip assemblies with a directly mounted heat sink.

The tape performance properties have been primarily adapted to fit thermal requirements in applications such as Engine Control Units bonding, ABS Systems, High power LED's, and other electronic increased power devices.

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Typical Properties and Performance Characteristics

Note: The following technical information for 3M™ Thermally Conductive Tape 8940 / 8943 should be considered representative or typical only and should not be used for specification purposes.

Thermal Properties	Test	Unit	Value	Test Method
	Thermal Conductivity at 25 °C	W/m*K	0,9	ASTM D 5470
	Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (-40 to 150°C)	mm/°C	140 E -06	TMA

Electrical Properties	Test	Unit	Value		Test Method
			8940	8943	
	Breakdown Voltage typical value *	kV	10.3	9.8	IEC 60243-1
	Dielectric Strength typical value *	kV/mm	55	52	IEC 60243-1
	Volume Resistivity	Ω*cm	2,5 x 10 ¹³		ASTM D257

* Average value (not for specification purposes)

Mechanical Properties	Test	Unit	Value	Test Method
90° Peel Adhesion to Aluminium Substrate (AlMg ₃ ; R _a : 0,48 μm; R _v :)μm)	20 min dwell time at room temp.	N/cm	5,0	AFERA 5001
	24 h dwell time room temp.	N/cm	6,0	AFERA 5001
	at 150 °C	N/cm	4,9	AFERA 5001
	at 180 °C	N/cm	2,4	AFERA 5001
Overlap Shear	20 min dwell time at room temp.	MPa	5,3	ASTM D 1002
	24 h dwell time room temp.	MPa	9,0	ASTM D 1002
	After 24 h @ 150 °C	MPa	6,8	ASTM D 1002
	After 24 h @ - 40 °C	MPa	9,0	ASTM D 1002
Holding Power	1000 g load @ room temp.	Minutes	10000+	AFERA 4012
	500 g load @ 70 °C	Minutes	10000+	AFERA 4012
Tensile strength	Tensile Strength	N/mm ²	6-7	EN ISO 527-2
	Elongation at break	%	80-120	EN ISO 527-2
Liner properties	Liner release	cN/25,4 mm	15	FINAT TM3
Temperature Performance	Thermal Stability 225 °C Dwell @ 60 min (Tape was applied between a glass and an aluminium panel)	Visual	No Change	3M
	Solder Reflow process according to JEDEC J-STD-020C (Level 1)	Visual	Test in process	3M
	Continuous Operating Temperature Range	°C	- 40 up to 150	3M

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Thermal Resistance Properties	Test	Unit	Value	Test Method
	Thermal Gravimetric Analysis *	%		3M
	Mass loss at 200 °C		< 0,2	
	Mass loss at 150 °C after 4 h	%	< 0,3	

Flame Class:	UL 94 V-0, File E253171, Flame rating applies to adhesive film (3M™ Thermally conductive Tape 8940) bonded to 3.0 mm minimum thickness aluminium on one side and 0.86 mm minimum thickness FR-4 laminate on other side.
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Application Guidelines	
Shelf Life	Product shelf life is 2 years from date of manufacture when stored at room temperature conditions 22°C and 50% r.h. in the products original packaging.

1.) Substrate surfaces should be clean and dry prior to tape application. Isopropyl alcohol (isopropanol) applied with a lint-free wipe or swab should be adequate for removing surface contamination such as dust or finger prints. Do not use “denatured alcohol” or glass cleaners which often contain oily components. Allow the surface to dry for several minutes before applying the tape. More aggressive solvents (such as acetone, methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) or heptane) may be required to remove heavier contamination (grease, machine oils, solder flux, etc.) but should be followed by a final isopropanol wipe as described above.

Note: Be sure to read and follow the manufacturers’ precautions and directions when using primers and solvents.

2) Apply the tape to one substrate at a modest angle with the use of a squeegee, rubber roller pressure to help reduce the possibility of air entrapment under the tape during its application. The liner can be removed after positioning the tape onto the first substrate.

3) Assemble the part by applying compression to the substrates to ensure a good wetting of the substrate surfaces with the tape. Proper application of pressure (amount of pressure, time applied, temperature applied) will depend upon design of the parts. The preferred pressure at room temperature is a minimum of 1 kg/cm² for 5 seconds. For fragile parts lower pressure may be needed.

Rigid substrates are more difficult to bond without air entrapment as most rigid parts are not flat. Flexible substrates can be bonded to rigid or flexible parts with much less concern about air entrapment because one of the flexible substrates can conform to the other substrate.

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