



Supastrip®

Advice for Users

Supastrip® is a self-adhesive tear tape incorporating a pressure-sensitive adhesive, which remains tacky, even at room temperature.

STORAGE - For optimum shelf life, pressure-sensitive products should be stored under the normal conditions of a temperate climate (22°C 50% RH). Extremes of temperature and humidity accelerate the deterioration of pressure-sensitive products.

Do not store the product in hot areas i.e. near heaters or in direct sunlight.

APPLICATION AND SERVICE TEMPERATURES - Supastrip® should be applied at temperatures above 0°. After application, Supastrip® remains adhered at temperatures from -10°C to +70°C.

UNPACKING - Carefully remove the reel from its protective wrapping and locate the leading end, which is identified by a coloured tab, or start here label.

Do not cut into the top layers with scissors or a knife as a means for locating the end.

ADVICE FOR FIRST TIME USERS

1. Does not require heat, solvent or wax to stick to a wide range of film, paper and foil substrates.
2. Switch off heater plates.
3. Remove or bypass wax baths or solvent applicators.
4. Ensure that the adhesive is in contact with the overwrap film, but is not in contact with rollers or guides. This may necessitate inserting a deliberate twist between successive rollers.

MOUNTING THE REEL - The reel should slide easily onto the unwind shaft and then should be locked into position. Do not force the packaging onto the shaft by pressure on the edges of the bobbin or jumbo.

APPLICATION TENSION - Supastrip® has a controlled release feature at a given wind force. The tape should be applied to the underside of the overwrap film at a controlled tension matching the tension in the wrapping film.

Avoid over tensioning the tape as this will cause the overwrap film to pucker and distort in the area of the tearstrip.

ADHESIVE DEPOSITS - The nature of the process for manufacturing Supastrip® causes a very small amount of adhesive to flow to the edge of each tape. After running for long periods a slight deposit of adhesive occurs on rollers in contact with the tape. The deposit can be easily cleaned off with a permitted solvent e.g. Acetone.

The frequency with which rollers must be cleaned varies according to running conditions, roller configurations etc, to minimise adhesive deposition ensure that:

1. The adhesive is not in contact with rollers or guides.
2. The grooved rollers have flat (not curved) roots and are not too narrow for the width of the tape being applied.
3. The rollers are free running, free from surface contamination and are well aligned.
4. The rollers have a low-energy surface.
5. Any localised parts of the wrapper subject to continuous contact with the tear tape have a slight 'relief' in that location.

IN CASE OF DIFFICULTY - Every care is taken to ensure that the material is satisfactory and gives troublefree running. If, for any reason, material has to be returned please contact your supplier first and ensure that any agreed returns are protected with a polythene bag and boxed for protection from dirt or damage.