



# Aluminum Foil Tape

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## Technical Data

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**Product Description** 3M™ Aluminum Foil Tapes 425 and 427 are 5 mil nominal dead soft aluminum foil backing combined with a transparent acrylic adhesive. 3M aluminum foil tape 427 offers an easy-release liner.

| Product Construction | Backing            | Adhesive | Color        | Liner                                          | Standard Roll Length |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
|                      | Dead soft aluminum | Acrylic  | Shiny silver | Easy-release paper (3M aluminum foil tape 427) | 60 yds. (55 m)       |

## Typical Physical Properties

**Note:** The following technical information and data should be considered representative or typical only and should not be used for specification purposes.

|                                |                                                                            |  | ASTM Test Method |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| Adhesion to Steel:             |                                                                            |  | D-3330           |
| 3M aluminum foil tape 425      | 47 oz./in. width (51 N/100 mm)                                             |  |                  |
| 3M aluminum foil tape 427      | 50 oz./in. width (55 N/100 mm)                                             |  |                  |
| Tensile Strength:              | 30 lbs./in. width (525 N/100 mm)                                           |  | D-3759           |
| Backing Thickness:             | 2.8 mils (0.07 mm)                                                         |  | D-3652           |
| Total Tape Thickness:          | 4.6 mils (0.12 mm)                                                         |  | D-3652           |
| Liner Thickness:               |                                                                            |  | D-3652           |
| 3M aluminum foil tape 427      | 3.1 mils (0.08 mm)                                                         |  |                  |
| Elongation at Break:           | 8%                                                                         |  | D-3759           |
| Temperature Use Range:         | -65° to 300°F (-54° to 149°C)                                              |  |                  |
| Water Vapor Transmission Rate: | 0.1g H <sub>2</sub> O/100 sq. in./24 hrs. (1.55 g/m <sup>2</sup> /24 hrs.) |  | D-3833           |
| Approximate Weight:            | 0.013 lbs./yd./in. width (4.77 gms/m/24 mm)                                |  |                  |

## Features

- Flame resistant. Meets U.L. 746C (File E 122798) and 723, Class “L” low flammability rating (File R 7311).
- 3M aluminum foil tape 425 can be certified to meet SAE-AMS-T-23397 and L-T-80B.
- Meets requirements of F.A.R. 25.853(a).
- The very low moisture vapor transmission rate makes these tapes a good sealant.
- The acrylic adhesive, combined with the durable aluminum backing, offers ideal properties for long serviceable life in and outdoors.
- Good candidate as a maskant in electroplating of aluminum because it will not contaminate the bath.
- Aluminum backing provides excellent reflection of both heat and light.
- Best results obtained when applied to a clean, dry surface above 32°F (0°C).

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## Application Ideas

- Aircraft paint stripping maskant.
- Moisture barrier in “white goods” appliances.
- General purpose heat reflector and heat dissipator.
- Mechanically hold wires and cooling coils in “white goods” appliances.
- Repair tears on truck trailers and aircraft.
- Splicing of thin gauge foils.
- General purpose holding, patching, sealing applications – indoors and out.

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## Storage

Store under normal conditions of 60° to 80°F (16° to 27°C) and 40 to 60% R.H. in the original carton.

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## Shelf Life

To obtain best performance, use this product within 24 months from date of manufacture.

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