# for the Solar Industry

More than 80 years ago, 3M invented the world's first practical pressure-sensitive tapes. Today, we are a leading manufacturer of adhesive tapes for industrial and consumer use – offering a broad range of high-performance and specialty tapes for bonding, protecting, masking, appearance, cushioning, mounting, enhancement and more.



# Engineered to improve product reliability

### ...and reduce your costs

These technologies offer proven performance in the manufacture of solar panels and other components, where they are increasingly being used to help control costs, speed assembly and potentially improve product reliability.



## **3M<sup>™</sup> Charge-Collection and Bus Tapes**

3M Charge-Collection Solar Tapes consist of tin-plated copper foil with acrylic-based, pressure sensitive adhesives used in thin film solar applications requiring z-axis conductivity. These tapes can be applied at high speeds using automation equipment. Since there is no curing required (as with liquid conductive adhesives) they allow for high productivity during panel manufacturing. The 3M Bus Tape (1007N) is not z-axis conductive and it is used as a bus tape for routing charge in thin film panels.

- Stable electrical performance
- Compatible with typical lamination processes
- Tin plated foil allows for solderability
- Available in many formats to suit different manufacturing processes

|        | Thickness |      | Adh        | esive               | Highlights   |  |  |
|--------|-----------|------|------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
| 3011** | 10        | 0.12 | Conducting | High                | <ul> <li>Electrically conductive, particle filled</li> </ul>                                 |  |  |
| 3011B  | 4.0       | 0.12 | Conducting | Temperature         | <ul> <li>non-corrosive acrylic adhesive</li> <li>1-ounce tin-plated deadsoft</li> </ul>      |  |  |
| 3007*  | 2.3       | 0.06 | Conducting | High<br>Temperature | <ul> <li>Excellent for high current applications</li> <li>3011B is black in color</li> </ul> |  |  |



|             | Thickness |            | ۸db                | ooivo               | Uishlishta   |  |  |
|-------------|-----------|------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|
|             | mil       | mm         | Auii               | esive               | nighlights   |  |  |
| 1007N*      | 2.6       | 0.07       | Non-<br>Conducting | High<br>Temperature | <ul> <li>Non-conductive adhesive</li> <li>Non-corrosive acrylic adhesive</li> <li>1-ounce tin-plated deadsoft<br/>copper foil</li> <li>Excellent for bus applications</li> </ul> |  |  |
| *UL 510 Cat | egory OA  | NZ file nu | mber E17385.       |                     |  |  |  |



### **3M<sup>™</sup> Solar Acrylic Foam Tapes**

### **Reliable and Immediate Bonding**

The technology behind 3M<sup>™</sup> Solar Acrylic Foam Tapes has been used around the world since 1980 to replace liquid adhesives and mechanical fasteners in permanent bonding and sealing applications. These applications range from assembly of electronic hand-held devices and commercial signage to architectural cladding and glazing on skyscrapers.

- · Acrylic adhesive chemistry offers long-term outdoor durability against heat and UV
- Closed-cell foam construction seals against dust, dirt and rain
- Viscoelastic response of foam accommodates for differential thermal expansion/contraction between bonded surfaces
- Uniform thickness provides consistent separation between bonded surfaces when optical path-length is critical, as in Concentrated Photovoltaic (CPV) applications
- Pressure sensitive adhesive tape holds immediately and neatly without the mess, clamping and curing time of liquid adhesives and sealants
- Level wound rolls available for certain products. Ask your Sales Representative for details.

| Product | Thick | kness | Density  | UL*   | Color        | Kev Features   | Suggested Applications                        |  |
|---------|-------|-------|----------|-------|--------------|--|---|--|
|         | mil   | mm    | (lb/ft³) |       |              |  |   |  |
| FB80    | 31    | 0.80  | 44       | 7460. | Grev         | • Economical   | Frame Bonding                                 |  |
| FB60    | 24    | 0.60  | 44       | 7100  | Groy         | <ul> <li>Long-length(level wound) rolls</li> </ul>         | Trano Bonang                                  |  |
| 6050    | 20    | 0.50  | 60       | 746C  | Clear        | Clear  | Cell Positioning                              |  |
| 4155    | 62    | 1.55  | 37       |       |              |  |   |  |
| 4110    | 45    | 1.10  | 37       | 746C  | Black        | Conformable  | <ul><li>Jbox Attachment</li><li>CSP</li></ul> |  |
| 4080    | 32    | 0.80  | 37       |       |              | Adhesion to many substrates                                |   |  |
| 4063    | 25    | 0.63  | 37       | 746C  |              |  |   |  |
| 3230    | 90    | 2.30  | 43       | 746C  | Grey         |  |   |  |
| 2304    | 120   | 3.00  | 45       | 7400  | 14/1-:1-     | Thick     Can Filling                                      | Rail Bonding                                  |  |
| 2204    | 79    | 2.00  | 45       | 7460  | white        | • Gap Filling  |   |  |
| 2155    | 62    | 1.55  | 52       |       |              |  | Ibox Attachment                               |  |
| 2110    | 45    | 1.10  | 52       | 746C  | Dark<br>Grev | Dark • Temperature Resistant • JD0X Atlach<br>Grev • Stiff | • CPV   |  |
| 2063    | 25    | 0.63  | 52       |       |              |  | • 654   |  |

\*UL 746C category QOQW2 file number MH17478



#### 3M<sup>™</sup> Solar Acrylic Foam Tapes in Solar Applications

3M<sup>™</sup> Solar Acrylic Foam Tapes can provide for durable attachment, bonding and sealing solutions during solar panel and module manufactruing. The immediate holding feature allows high productivity in typical manufacturing process. Compared to sealants, there is no clean-up of excess material, resulting in less labor and a more professional look in the finished panel. With field experience in millions of solar panels around the world, 3M<sup>™</sup> Solar Acrylic Foam Tapes are time-tested solutions for various solar applications.

#### Advantages and Benefits for Frame Bonding

- Pressure-sensitive adhesive provides immediate holding strength with no process bottlenecks for drying time or clamping
- "No-mess" application
- Proven long-term durability in demanding outdoor applications
- Designed to help save money and time through improved productivity

#### Advantages and Benefits for Junction Box Bonding

Attaches and seals junction boxes on solar panels quickly, and with no mess on crystalline and thin film modules.

- Proven outdoor weatherability
- Provides immediate holding strength-allows immediate wet leakage testing
- Can be applied manually or with automated equipment
- Consistent bond thickness-no "squeeze-out"
- Closed cell foam construction seals against moisture intrusion
- Can be custom die-cut into virtually any shape
- Modules using 3M<sup>™</sup> Solar Acrylic Foam Tapes have passed IEC, UL and TÜV testing



 $3M^{\mbox{\tiny M}}$  Solar Acrylic Foam Tape attaches panels to the frame



3M<sup>™</sup> Solar Acrylic Foam Tape bonds and seals junction boxes to panel backs

### **3M<sup>™</sup> Dielectric Tapes**

3M<sup>™</sup> Dielectric Tapes perform as reliable insulators when used in conjunction with buses/foils in thin film solar panels. They consist of a polymeric film with acrylic adhesive on one or both sides. These tapes can be applied at high speeds using automation equipment, resulting in high productivity during panel manufacturing.

- Compatible with typical lamination process
- Available in one- and two-sided adhesive versions
- Available in many formats to suit different manufacturing processes

| Product | Carrier | Car<br>Thick | rier<br>mess | T<br>Thic | otal<br>kness | UL* | Out   | gassing** | Dielectric<br>Breakdown |
|---------|---------|--------------|--------------|-----------|---------------|-----|-------|-----------|-------------------------|
|         | туре    | mil          | mm           | mil       | mm            |     | µ/in² | µ/cm²     | Voltage                 |

#### Double Coated Dielectric Carrier with Non-Conductive High-Temp Acrylic Adhesive

| lew | 3508 | PET | 0.9 | 0.02 | 3.1 | 0.08 | 510 | 52 | 8.1 | 6.6kV |
|-----|------|-----|-----|------|-----|------|-----|----|-----|-------|
|     | 3514 | PET | 0.9 | 0.02 | 5.6 | 0.14 | 510 | 57 | 8.8 | 6.7kV |

| Product | Backing | Bac<br>Thicl | king<br>kness | To<br>Thick | tal<br>mess | UL* | Outç  | assing** | Dielectric<br>Breakdown |
|---------|---------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-----|-------|----------|-------------------------|
| Troudot | Туре    | mil          | mm            | mil         | <b>m</b> m  |     | µ/in² | µ/cm²    | Voltage                 |

Single Coated Dielectric Backing with Non-Conductive High-Temp Acrylic Adhesive

| 8006C | PET | 0.9 | 0.02 | 1.9 | 0.05  | 510 | 2  | 0.3 | 5.9kV |
|-------|-----|-----|------|-----|-------|-----|----|-----|-------|
| 1506S | PET | 1.0 | 0.03 | 2.5 | 0.063 | 510 | 10 | 1.5 | 5.5kV |

\* Listed in category OANZ2, file E230409 (per UL 510) \*\* Single-headspace extraction (160°C/30 minutes)





### **3M<sup>™</sup> Specialty Tapes**

3M<sup>™</sup> Specialty Tapes are used for a variety of applications for thin film and crystalline silicon panel manufacturing. Those with acrylic adhesives offer durability and can undergo typical lamination processes. Rubber-based adhesives offer quick-stick properties and are ideal for temporary applications.

| Product | To<br>Thick | tal<br>(ness | Backing   | Adhesive | lhesive Color          | UL    | Key Features/Applications |  |
|---------|-------------|--------------|-----------|----------|------------------------|-------|---------------------------|--|
|         | mil         | mm           | Type      | Type     |                        |       |                           |  |
| 8006C   | 1.9         | 0.05         | Polyester | Acrylic  | Clear                  |       |                           |  |
| 8006B   | 1.9         | 0.05         | Polyester | Acrylic  | Black                  | F10*  | Low Outgassing            |  |
| 8006W   | 1.9         | 0.05         | Polyester | Acrylic  | White                  | 510   |                           |  |
| 8306    | 2.2         | 0.05         | Polyester | Acrylic  | Clear                  |       | Cell Positioning          |  |
| 1306    | 2.5         | 0.06         | Polyester | Acrylic  | Black                  | 510** | Cosmetic Tracing          |  |
| 4414    | 5.5         | 0.14         | Polyester | Rubber   | Caramel<br>Translucent |       | Cable Bundling            |  |

\* Listed in category OANZ2, file E230409 (per UL 510)

\*\* Listed in category OANZ2, file E17385 (per UL 510)





### **3M<sup>™</sup> Adhesives**

A world leader in adhesive technology, 3M had developed thousands of structural and non-structural bonding products in a wide range of formulations, cure times and dispensing systems. 3M<sup>™</sup> Adhesives are optimized to meet the unique and demanding conditions of the solar industry.



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| South Korea  | South Korea   | Germany             | Japan       |  |  |
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