



# Technical Data Sheet

## 3M™ Damping Foil 2552

### Product Description

3M™ Damping Foil 2552 consists of a room temperature pressure sensitive viscoelastic polymer on a dead soft aluminum foil and is designed for application to vibrating panels and support members. The combination of viscoelastic polymer and a aluminum foil backing (a constrained layer damper, or CLD) has proved to be a unique construction with exceptional ability to control resonant vibrations in the temperature range of 32° to 140°F (0° to 60°C), with survivability from -25° to 175°F (-32° to 80°C).

### Product Features

- Excellent aging qualities of the polymer.
- Wide temperature range for damping. Usable from -25° to 175°F (-32° to 80°C), with peak damping from 32° to 140°F (0° 60°C).
- Liner on product offers the user die-cut capability.
- Pressure sensitive adhesive for ease of application.
- Meets flame retardancy requirements of FAR Part 25.853(a).
- Can pass ASTM E-162 and ASTM E-662 for flammability and smoke generation.

### Technical Information Note

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

### Typical Physical Properties

| Attribute Name       | Test Method | Value                        |
|----------------------|-------------|------------------------------|
| Adhesive Type        |             | Acrylic Viscoelastic Polymer |
| Total Product Weight |             | 0.17 lb/in <sup>2</sup>      |
| Backing              |             | Aluminum                     |
| Backing Thickness    | ASTM D3652  | 0.25 mm                      |
| Total Tape Thickness | ASTM D3652  | 0.38 mm                      |
| Liner                |             | 58# poly-coated paper        |

### Typical Performance Characteristics

| Attribute Name                           | Test Method | Temperature | Value                 |
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 180° Peel Adhesion                       | ASTM D3330  | 22 °C       | 7.2 N/cm <sup>1</sup> |
| Elongation at Break                      | ASTM D3759  |             | 12 %                  |
| Tensile Strength                         | ASTM D3759  |             | 220.7 N/cm            |
| Long Term Temperature Resistance         |             |             | 80 °C <sup>2</sup>    |
| Minimum Long Term Temperature Resistance |             |             | -32 °C <sup>2</sup>   |

<sup>1</sup> 12 in/min (300 mm/min)

<sup>2</sup> Long Term (day, weeks)

## Typical Environmental Characteristics

### Solvent Resistance

When properly laminated between two impervious materials, the polymer will resist intermittent exposure to mild acids and alkalis, most oils, grease, gasoline, kerosene, JP-4 fuel, hydraulic fluids, and other typical aromatic and aliphatic hydrocarbon and ketone solvents.

**Note:** Continuous submersion in chemical solutions like solvents or fuels is not recommended.

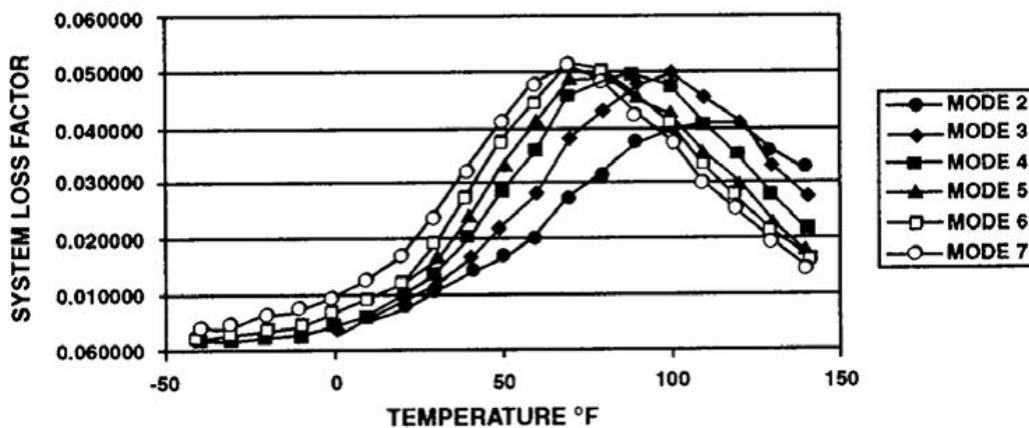
### Typical Damping Properties

The high-energy dissipative polymer used in 3M damping foil 2552 can afford excellent control of resonance-induced vibrations. When applied to a vibrating structure, the polymer used in 3M damping foil 2552 converts vibration to negligible heat. Vibration amplitudes and structure-borne noise can be consequentially reduced. The performance of most damping devices is highly dependent on the interaction between the device and the system to which it is applied. A constrained layer control system is no different than a typical damping device and its ability to provide the desired performance is affected by parameters other than temperature and frequency. Namely the geometry, stiffness and the structure to which the control system is applied will affect the performance.

#### The loss factor of a material is a dynamic property that can define damping performance:

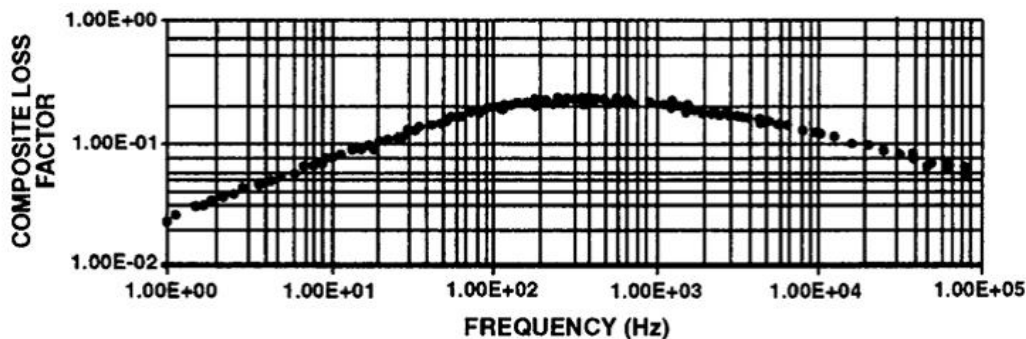
The following data are the results of 3M damping foil 2552 being tested per ASTM E756-83. A sample was applied to a 8.0 inch by 0.5 inch by 0.06 inch steel beam. The beam was tested over a temperature range of -40° to 140°F, in increments of 10°F. Beam modes 2 through 7 were monitored for system damping measurements.

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**Test Method:** The following data were obtained by doing a frequency sweep from 1 to 100 radians/sec (0.16 to 16 Hz) at 5 different temperatures: -20°, 10°, 0°, 10°, and 22°C. A 3 point bend geometry was used on the Rheometrics RSA II. Time - temperature superposition was used to create the master curve for a reference temperature of 22°C.

3M™ Damping Foil 2552 on 18 mil Stainless Steel  
T = 22°C



#### Data Interpolation:

To determine the damping properties at ambient temperature 72°F (22°C), proceed as follows:  
1) Locate the desired frequency on the bottom HORIZONTAL scale.

- 2) Follow the chosen frequency up to the point of intersection with the plotted data.
- 3) From this intersect, go left to the vertical scale.
- 4) Read the COMPOSITE LOSS FACTOR for the chosen frequency.

**Note:** Please note that the data has been determined by combining 3M™ Damping Foil 2552 with a panel of 0.018" thick stainless steel with a hardness of T-22 and is presented as a reference to the damping that can be achieved when combined with a material of this description and tested at ambient temperature of 72°F (22°C).

## **Handling/Application Information**

### **Application Examples**

- Industrial applications.
- Electronic equipment and appliances.
- Reduce resonant noise, vibration and fatigue in metal, plastic panels and support structures.
- Almost anywhere plastic or metal contact with materials can result in potentially damaging vibration.

## **Industry Specifications**

FAR Part 25.853(a)  
[NFPA 130 test report for details \(ASTM E162, ASTM E662, BSS 7239\)](#)

## **Storage and Shelf Life**

Store under normal conditions of 16° to 27°C (60° to 80°F) and 40 to 60% relative humidity in the original packaging, out of direct sunlight. For best performance, use this product within 24 months from date of manufacture.

## **Available Sizes**

| Attribute Name          | Value   |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Maximum Available Width | 23.5 in |
| Minimum Available Width | 2 in    |

## **Available Sizes - Detailed**

### **Roll Lengths:**

- Standard length 36 yd
- 2" to 4": up to 180 yd
  - Wider widths available to 180 yd
  - Dispensers available for purchase through 3M

### **Sheets and Die-Cut parts:**

3M can introduce you to fabricators with a background of handling this product and the capability to provide sheet goods and die cut dampers to customer specifications.

### **Custom Dispensers:**

Designed for manual or automatic operation, this custom dispenser removes protective liner from 3M™ Damping Foil 2552 before cutting to a predetermined length. Built to hold and dispense 6" core with a roll size up to 2" wide by 108 yd Engineered for table top usage, this custom dispenser measures 31"L x 22"H x 10"W and weighs only 45 pounds.

## **Automotive Disclaimer**

### **Select Automotive Applications:**

This product is an industrial product and has not been designed or tested for use in certain automotive applications, such as automotive electric powertrain battery or high voltage applications, which may require the product to be manufactured in a IATF certified facility, meet a Ppk of 1.33 for all properties, undergo an automotive production part approval process (PPAP), or fully adhere to automotive design or quality system requirements (e.g., IATF 16949 or VDA 6.3). Customer assumes all responsibility and risk if customer chooses to use this product in these applications.

## **Information**

Precautionary Information: Refer to product label and Material Safety Data Sheet for health and safety information before using the product. For information, please contact your local 3M Office. You can click or scan QR code to see contact detail or visit [www.3M.com](http://www.3M.com) Important Information: All statements, technical information and recommendations contained in this document are based upon tests or experience that 3M believes are reliable. However, many factors beyond 3M's control can affect the use and performance of a 3M product in a particular application, including the conditions under which the product is used and the time and environmental conditions in which the product is expected to perform. Since these factors are uniquely within the user's knowledge and control, it is essential that the user evaluate the 3M product to determine whether it is fit for a particular purpose and suitable for the user's method or application. All questions of liability relating to this product are governed by the terms of the sale subject, where applicable, to the prevailing law. Values presented have been determined by standard test methods and are average values not to be used for specification purposes. Our recommendations on the use of our products are based on tests believed to be reliable but we would ask that you conduct your own tests to determine their suitability for your applications. This is because 3M cannot accept any responsibility or liability direct or consequential for loss or damage caused as a result of our recommendations.

## **ISO Statement**

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