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Water Contact Indicator Tape 5557

Clear evidence of water damage to assist warranty claim resolution

When water contacts the edges of this tape, the tape color changes permanently from white to red. In electronic products ranging from mobile phones to MP3 players, you'll have clear evidence of water contact without false identification from high humidity.



including high efficiency rotary.

Each layer of this multiple layer tape is engineered for specific performance.

Indicator layer:

- Absorbs water quickly and draws up color to be visible through transparent top film
- Withstands heat and humidity without changing color

Transparent PET top film:

• Thermal, flexographic, and screen print images on film show against white backing

• Protects indicator layer from soiling and moisture during handling

$3M^{\text{\tiny M}}$ acrylic adhesive:

- Resists UV, chemicals, and temperature
- Bonds with high strength to most substrates including low surface energy plastics such as polypropylene and powder coatings

Polyester liner:

• Combines with indicator layer for die-cutting ease and accuracy

Application ideas:

- Mobile phones
- PDAs, personal communicators, and pagers
- MP3, game, and CD players
- 2-way radios and cordless phones
- Digital, film, and video cameras
- Laptop computers and keyboards
- Li-MH batteries and chargers
- Other portable electronic devices

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Product Construction

Top Film	Backing	Adhesive	Color	Standard Roll Length	
Polyester	Indicator Layer	Acrylic	White	12" x 180 yds	

Typical Physical Properties

Adhesion, ozs/in (ASTM-D3330, 90° Peel Adhesion, 72 hr dwell) Stainless Steel: 82 ozs/in (88 N/100 mm) Polycarbonate: 47 ozs/in (52 N/100 mm)

 Thickness (ASTM D-3652):

 Tape:
 0.0090" (0.229 mm)

 Release Liner:
 0.0020" (0.051 mm)

Humidity Resistance¹ (55°C, 95% R.H.)



¹Tape is applied to polycarbonate panel and hung vertically in heat/humidity chamber.

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