



# Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil Tape

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### Technical Data

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**Product Description** A 5 mil aluminum foil tape with a transparent acrylic adhesive to use when a heavier weight foil (than 425 tape) is required.

Construction	Backing	Adhesive	Color	Standard Roll Length
	Aluminum foil	Acrylic	Shiny silver	60 yds. (55 m)

### Typical Physical Properties and Performance Characteristics

**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:	43 oz./in. width (47 N/100 mm)	D-3330
Tensile Strength:	59 lbs./in. width (1033 N/100 mm)	D-3759
Backing Thickness:	5 mils (.13 mm)	D-3652
Tape Thickness:	7.2 mils (.18 mm)	D-3652
Elongation at Break:	10%	D-3759
Water Vapor Transmission Rate:	.1g H <sub>2</sub> O/100 sq. in./24 hrs. (1.55 g/m <sup>2</sup> /24 hrs.)	
Weight:	.0217 lbs./yd./in./width (.0109 kg/m/24 mm)	

### General Information

- For applications requiring greater thickness than 425 tape.
- Meets UL 723 specification for class L low flammability.
- Foil backing provides an excellent reflective surface for both heat and light.
- Aluminum foil backing and acrylic adhesive system combine to offer long aging both indoors and out.
- The high coefficient of expansion offered by the aluminum allows expansion and contraction with changes in temperatures, along with thermal conductivity.
- Performs in a range from -65°F to over 300°F (-54°C to 149°C). Higher temperatures for shorter periods of time.
- Store in a clean, dry place at 60-80°F (15-27°C) and 40-50% relative humidity no longer than 24 months from date of manufacture.

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## Application Ideas

- Barrier, protector and thermal conductor in appliance (electronics) industry.
- Use when customer specification calls for a 5 mil (.13 mm) foil as a barrier for vinyl coated wires in many applications in appliance industry.
- Patch tears in skins of aircraft and truck trailers.

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## Features

- 5 mil (.13 mm) aluminum foil backing

- Acrylic adhesive

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## Advantages

- Heavy Protection  
Heavier than many foil backings
- Heat reflective
- Non-flammable  
Meets U.L. 723 class L
- Long aging

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## Benefits

- Helps protect parts from water, dust and chemical damage
- Helps protect parts from heat
- Will not aid combustion
- Helps reduce replacement cost

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## For Additional Information

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