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TAPE GUIDE

Choose the right tape for the right job. The **WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY** and **HOW** of tapes available through Spicers.

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THE WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY & HOW OF TAPES!

Spicers offers a large variety of tapes to meet the many needs of production, maintenance, packaging and shipping. This is an educational guide to help select the appropriate tape for the required job.

"WHAT" IS IT?	"WHERE" IS IT USED?	"WHEN" IS IT TYPICALLY USED?	"WHY" IS IT USED?	"HOW" IS IT USED?
Clear Polypropylene Hot Melt Adhesive Tape 	Shipping Production department	Seal light duty corrugated and linerboard boxes General box sealing, light packaging repair and bundling applications	Easy to unwind Economical Meets most general packaging needs	Manually applied Hand held tape dispenser Automatic machine dispenser (available for certain grades)
Clear Polypropylene Natural Rubber Adhesive Tape 	Shipping Production department	Humid conditions and when extreme temperatures are present Working in dirty and/or dusty environments Cartons/surfaces that have a high percentage of ink coverage Surfaces that are rough, ultra smooth or contain a high percentage of recycled content Waxed or treated corrugated cartons	Aggressive adhesive offer a fast, positive bond on "difficult" applications	Manually applied Hand held tape dispenser Automatic machine dispenser (available for certain grades)
Clear Polypropylene Acrylic Adhesive Tape 	Shipping Production department	When a crystal clear appearance is preferred Unpredictable weather conditions	Quick stick performance Controlled unwind for manual and automatic case sealing machines Reliable performance in all temperatures (4.45°C - 48.89°C) Resistant to aging, weathering, yellowing and UV light damage Excellent clarity High shear strength which prevents tearing or splitting	Manually applied Hand held tape dispenser Automatic machine dispenser (available for certain grades)
Kraft Paper Gummed Tape (Water activated) 	Shipping Production department	Need to ensure that a carton's seal will be very secure, i.e. during long or rough shipping conditions Taping corners, edges and irregular surfaces Lightweight or standard sized packages/cartons that will be shipped in unitized loads or full pallets	Fast, permanent adhesion Superior strength Excellent flexibility	Manual water activated tape dispenser Automatic water activated tape dispenser
Kraft Paper Reinforced Gummed Tape (Water activated) 	Shipping Production department	When extra strength, durability and reliability are required	Fibreglass yarns bonded between the high tensile strength sheets create strong reinforcement Forms a more secure bond over time	Manual water activated tape dispenser Automatic water activated tape dispenser

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Paper Masking Tape 	Production department	Bundling light packages Mask off an area	Less tack Easy to unwind Will not leave adhesive marks on substrates or ruin surfaces, ink and dried paint on walls Clean removal for most masking tape grades	Manually applied
Painters Grade Masking Tape 	Production department	Mask off areas to prevent paint bleeds and to create clean, sharp paint lines	Specially formulated pressure-sensitive, synthetic rubber adhesive designed for exposure to sunlight for up to 14 days Smooth back allows for easy exit and clean removal on most surfaces Excellent conformability	Manually applied
Cloth Duct Tape 	Maintenance department	Sealing, bundling and weatherproofing Convention set-up and construction General maintenance Book binding and repair	Meets the most demanding requirements and industry standards High strength tape with a moisture resistant design	Manually applied
Flatback Tape 	Shipping Production department	Packaging and tabbing Light duty splicing (lightweight substrates)	Very quick, positive seal under a wide range of temperatures and humidity conditions Premium grade - minimizes the amount of tape needed	Manually applied
Double Coated Polyester Tape 	Production department	Die cutting Heavy duty splicing Splicing in high speed operations Jobs that require two adhesive sides Where a clean appearance is preferred	Excellent initial tack Broad temperature range performance Excellent processing and die cutting due to feature of 0.5 mil polyester film carrier coated on both sides with solvent based acrylic adhesive and 2 mil polyester liner	Manually applied
Polyester Splicing Tape 	Production department	Heavy duty splicing Overlap or butt splicing Splicing in high speed operations Jobs that require one adhesive side	Excellent initial tack Broad temperature range performance Excellent processing and die cutting due to feature of 0.5 mil polyester film carrier coated on 1 side with solvent based acrylic adhesive and 2 mil polyester liner	Manually applied
Transfer Tape 	Production department	Permanent bonding is required Light - medium weight paper Paper to paper attachment Signs, posters, envelope sealing, direct mail pieces Paper web splicing and business forms High speed collating	Strong initial tack that permanently adheres to surfaces No carrier is needed, tape is applied directly from roll to substrate, which promotes collating at high speeds	Manually applied

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