

3M™ Surgical Tapes—Choose the Correct Tape

HYPOALLERGENIC, LATEX FREE, PRESSURE SENSITIVE

3M™ Blenderm™ Surgical Tape “Waterproof Plastic” Tape
Flexible, occlusive, transparent tape made from polyethylene film.
For protecting sites from external fluids and contaminants.

Blenderm tape—
clear, waterproof

3M™ Micropore™ Surgical Tape “Paper” Tape
Gentle, breathable tape with rayon backing. For general dressing applications and repeated taping on fragile, at-risk skin.

Micropore tape—
gentle, breathable

3M™ Transpore™ White Dressing Tape
Gentle, breathable, multi-purpose tape with a rayon-polyester blend backing. Perforated for quick, bi-directional tear. Easy to handle with gloves. Holds well to dry or damp skin. For securing dressings, tubing, and devices. Great standardization tape.

Transpore White tape—
standardization tape

3M™ Transpore™ Surgical Tape “Plastic” Tape
Transparent, perforated polyethylene film with bi-directional tear. Easily tears into very thin strips.
For securing tubing and dressings that need to be monitored.

Transpore tape—
clear, easy bi-directional tear

3M™ Durapore™ Surgical Tape “Silk-like” Tape
High strength, conformable, taffeta-backed tape with convenient bi-directional tear.
Adheres well to dry skin. For securing bulky dressings, heavier tubing and small splints.

Durapore tape—
strong backing, high adhesion to dry skin

3M™ Microfoam™ Surgical Tape “Foam” Tape
Highly conformable, water resistant, closed cell foam tape that stretches in all directions.
For compression applications and securing dressings in challenging areas.

Microfoam tape—
compression, stretch, water resistant

3M™ Medipore™ Family of Soft Cloth Surgical Tapes
Soft, gentle, breathable, conformable tapes in easy tear, perforated rolls. No liner or scissors needed. Excellent cross and diagonal stretch. Medipore H tape has stronger adhesion, yet is gentler for repeated taping. For comfortable dressings and securing over areas where skin may stretch.

Medipore family of tapes—
soft, comfortable, stretch

3M™ Cloth Adhesive Tape “Latex Free Cloth” Tape
High strength, cotton-backed tape with bi-directional tear. Unlike most “cloth adhesive” tapes, this tape is breathable, hypoallergenic, and latex free. For securing medical devices and light immobilization support.

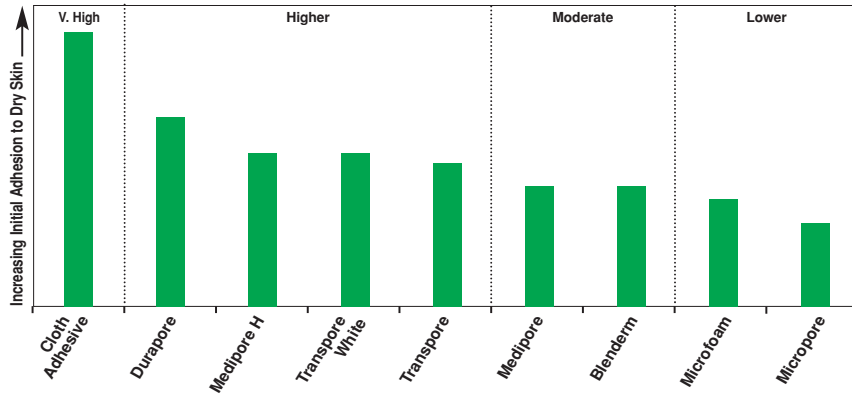
Cloth adhesive tape—
breathable, strong, high adhesion, latex free

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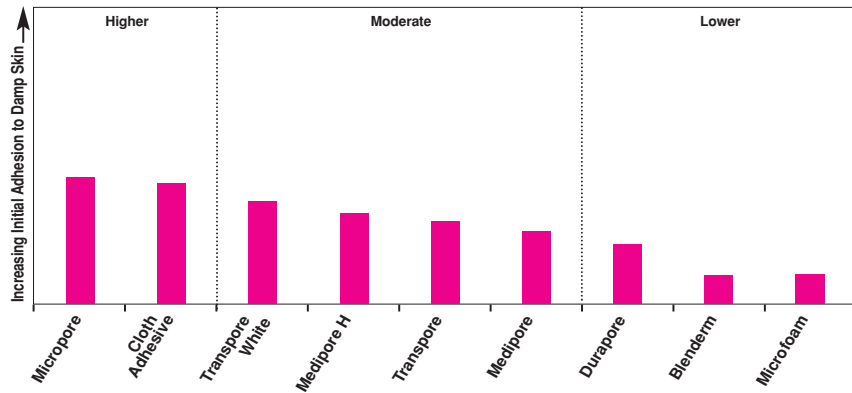
To maximize adhesion:

- (1) apply to clean, dry surfaces
- (2) use gentle but firm pressure to the tape
- (3) cover adequate surface area
- (4) obtain full contact between tape and surfaces (no gaps)

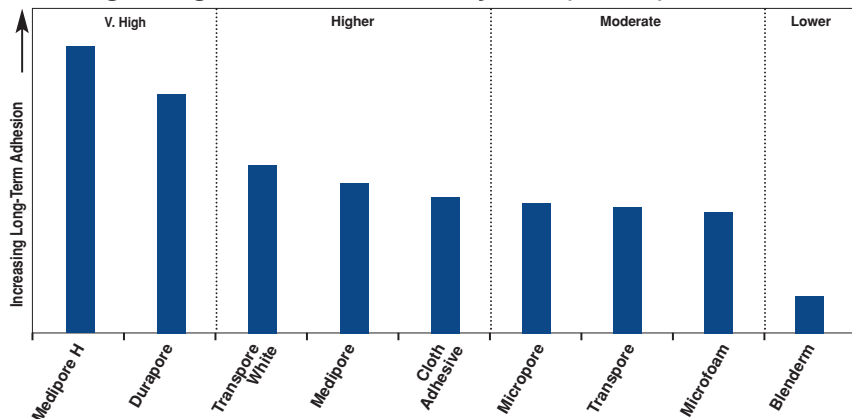
Average Initial Adhesion to Dry Skin



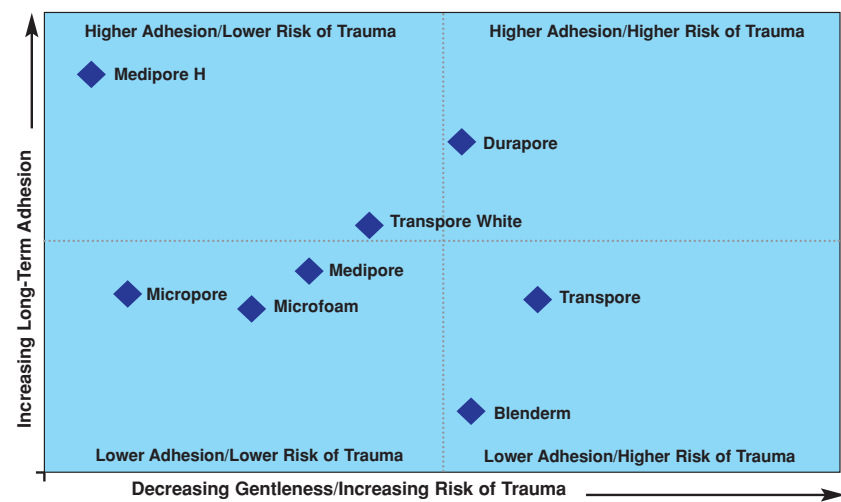
Average Initial Adhesion to Damp Skin



Average Long-Term Adhesion to Dry Skin (72 hrs.)



Relationship Between Adhesion and Risk of Skin Trauma



Overview of the 3M™ Surgical Tapes

	Lower Adhesion	Moderate Adhesion	Higher Adhesion	Very High Adhesion
Dry Skin	<i>Microfoam</i> <i>Micropore</i>	<i>Medipore</i> Blenderm	Durapore <i>Medipore H</i> Transpore White Transpore	Cloth Adhesive
Damp Skin	Durapore Blenderm <i>Microfoam</i>	<i>Transpore White</i> <i>Medipore H</i> Transpore <i>Medipore</i>	Cloth Adhesive <i>Micropore</i>	

Key: *Tapes that stretch*, *Very gentle tapes*, *Gentle tapes*



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