



# VHB™

## 9473PC Adhesive Transfer Tape

### Product Data Sheet

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<b>Product Description</b>	9473 has a very firm acrylic pressure-sensitive adhesive. It features very high shear holding power.	Bond strength increases substantially with natural ageing.
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**Physical Properties**  
Not for specification purposes

<b>Adhesive Type</b>	Acrylic	<b>3M ref</b> : A-10
<b>Thickness</b> (ASTM D-3652) Tape Liner Total	0.25 mm      10 Thou 0.10 mm 0.35 mm	
<b>Release Liner</b>	Poly Coated Tan Paper.	Printed Green 3M VHB™
<b>Tape Colour</b>	Clear	
<b>Shelf Life</b>	12 months from date of despatch by 3M when stored in the original carton at 21°C (70°F) & 50 % Relative Humidity	

**Performance Characteristics**  
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<b>Peel Adhesion to Steel</b> <small>180° peel @ room temp, 72 hr dwell, jaw speed 300mm/min ASTM D-3330</small>	14.2 N/10mm	Please see Peel Adhesion Continued on next page.
<b>Static Shear Strength</b> <small>weight held for 10,000 mins to stainless steel with ½ sq in (3.23 sq cm) overlap</small>	1000g @ 20°C 1000g @ 65°C 1000g @ 95°C 1000g @ 120°C 500g @ 150°C 500g @ 175°C	Minutes to failure 10,000+ 10,000+ 10,000+ 10,000+ 10,000+ 5,000+
<b>Temperature Performance</b> Minutes/Hours Days/Weeks	260°C 150°C	



**Application Techniques**

Bond strength is dependent upon the amount of adhesive-to-surface contact developed. Firm application pressure develops better adhesive contact and thus improving bond strength.

To obtain optimum adhesion, the bonding surfaces must be clean, dry and well unified. Typical surface cleaning solvents are isopropyl alcohol/water mixture (rubbing alcohol) or heptane. Use proper safety precautions for handling solvents.

It may be necessary to seal or prime some substrates prior to bonding.

a. Most porous or fibred materials (e.g. wood) will require sealing to provide a unified surface.

b. Some materials (e.g. copper, brass, plasticised vinyl) will require priming or coating to prevent interaction between adhesive and substrates.

Ideal tape application temperature range is 20 to 38°C. Initial tape application to surfaces at temperatures below 10°C is not recommended because the adhesive becomes too firm to adhere readily. However, once properly applied, low temperature holding is generally satisfactory.

In some cases bond strength can be increased and ultimate bond strength can be achieved more quickly by exposure of the bond to elevated temperatures (e.g. 65°C) for one hour. This provides better adhesive wetout on to the substrates.

**CAUTION**

The following situations must be evaluated thoroughly to determine whether VHB products are suitable for the intended use.

Applications of 4950F which require performance at severe cold temperatures must be thoroughly evaluated, if the expected use will subject the VHB Joining System fastener to high impact stresses. For cold temperature applications from 0 to 10°C use 4951 (see VHB Special Feature products data sheet).

**Applications**

VHB Joining Systems are suited for use in many interior and exterior industrial applications. In many situations, they can replace rivets, spot welds, liquid adhesives, and other permanent fasteners. Each product in the VHB family has specific strengths. These can include high tensile, shear and peel adhesion and resistance to solvents, moisture and plasticiser migration. All VHB tapes should be thoroughly evaluated by the user under actual use conditions with intended substrates, especially if expected use involved extreme environmental conditions.

VHB Joining Systems are suitable for bonding a variety of substrates, including sealed wood, many plastics, composites and metals. Plastics which can be a problem are polyethylene, polypropylene, teflon, silicones and other low surface energy materials.

Plasticised vinyl bonding is dependent upon the types and concentrations of plasticisers which can migrate into the adhesives causing a reduction in bond strength; 4945 is most resistant to plasticiser migration. (see VHB Special Feature products data sheet).

Galvanised surfaces are potential problems and should be carefully evaluated.

To prevent corrosion on copper and brass, only lacquer coated material should be used with VHB Joining Systems.

**Thorough evaluations are recommended when bonding is required to any questionable surface.**

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