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COMMERCIAL ITEM DESCRIPTION  
TAPE, PRESSURE-SENSITIVE ADHESIVE  
(PLASTIC FILM)

**The General Services Administration has authorized the use of this commercial item description by all Federal agencies.**

**1. Scope:** This Commercial Item Description covers tape intended for labeling attachment and covering closure and sealing of interior and exterior domestic containers.

**2. Salient Characteristics:**

**2.1** The tape shall have a backing consisting of a transparent plastic film, and shall be coated on one side with a water insoluble adhesive. Tape shall be sufficiently transparent to allow for easy reading of 10 point type, when tape is applied directly over it.

**2.2** The tape shall conform with the requirements specified herein and in accordance with Table 1.

**2.3 Workmanship.** The tape shall be uniformly constructed and free from defects which may impair usefulness of the material for the intended use. The adhesive shall be coated in a smooth uniform layer over the entire surface of one side of the tape backing. The tape shall be evenly and tightly wound with no voids. The edges of the roll shall be clean cut. When unwound, the tape shall not tear nor shall the adhesive separate from the backing.

**3. Regulatory Requirements:** The offerer/contractor is encouraged to use recovered materials to the maximum extent practicable, in accordance with paragraph 23.403 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

**Beneficial comments, recommendations, additions, deletions, clarifications, etc. and any data which may improve this document should be sent to General Services Administration, Federal Supply Service, Engineering Branch, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278.**

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**Table 1.  
Physical Properties**

	<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Test Method</b>
Adhesion (oz./in.) width (min.)	21.89 N/100 mm (20 oz./in.)	ASTM D 3330 Procedure A
Holding Power hours, minimum	(24 hours)	ASTM D 3654 Procedure A*
Tensile (lbs./in.) width (min.)	350.3 N/100 mm (20 lbs./in)	ASTM D 3759

\*Standard Reference Material 1810a

#### **4. Quality Assurance Requirements:**

**4.1 Product Conformance.** The product shall meet the salient characteristics of this commercial item description, conform to the producer's own drawings, specifications, standards and quality assurance practices and be the same product offered for sale in the commercial market. The government reserves the right to require proof of such conformance.

**4.2 Testing.** Testing shall be in accordance with ASTM D 3715 Section 6 with an AQL of 4 percent defective. The sample unit shall be one roll of tape.

**5. Packaging:** Preservation, packing and marking shall be specified in the contract or order.

#### **6. Notes:**

**6.1 Source of Documents.** The following documents form a part of the Commercial Item Description to the extent specified herein. Unless otherwise indicated, the issue in effect on the date of invitation for bids or request for proposal shall apply:

**6.1.1** American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard test methods can be obtained from, 100 Barr Harbor Dr., West Conshohocken, PA 19428-2959.

**6.1.2** Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

**6.1.3** Standard Reference Material is available from the National Institute of Standards and Technology; office of Standard Reference Materials; Room 204; Building 202; Gaithersberg, MD 20899.

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**6.2 Ordering Data:** Purchasers should select the preferred options permitted herein, and include the following information in procurement documents:

**A -** Purchaser should specify the width and length of tape desired.

**6.3 National Stock Number Listing (NSN).** The following is a list of NSNs assigned which correspond to this CID. The list may not be indicative of all possible NSN's associated with the CID.

7510-00-073-6094

7510-00-073-6095

7510-00-073-6096

7510-00-995-0455

**MILITARY INTEREST:**

**NONE:** DoD has no registered interest in revisions and amendments to this Commercial Item Description until further notice.

**Preparing Activity:  
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