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Saint-Gobain® CHR® Tapes are available for a wide range of demanding accessory applications, such as masking for stripping and painting, lining and seaming of miscellaneous cargo and bulkhead compartments, and general purpose sliding applications in cargo pits. In addition, manufacturing of structural components and engine repair in aircraft/aerospace requires a variety of tapes to protect and mask valuable and indispensable on-board systems.

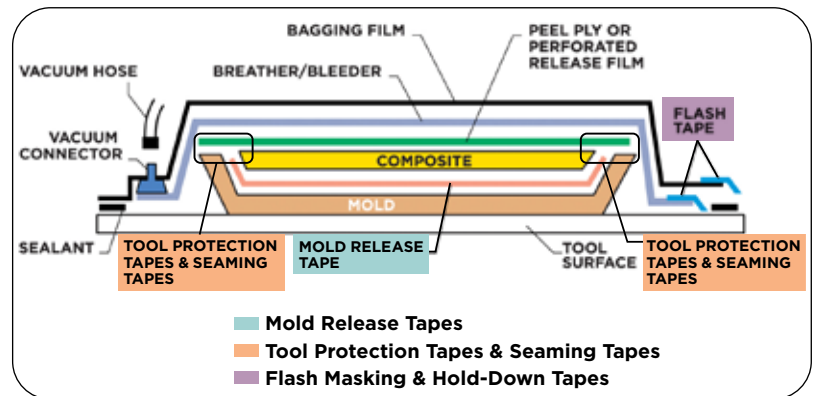
Mold Release Tapes

Products: PTFE Film Tape

Function: Release surface for composite materials, tool protection

Features: Smooth non-stick surface, conformable, temperature resistant & clean release with no residue.

PTFE Film Tape: CHR 2045-5 is manufactured from skived PTFE film to offer conformability and coated with high-temperature silicone adhesive. 2255-5 is chemically inert, stable and non-toxic. 2045-5 is available 48 inches (1219 mm) wide, which helps to minimize the number of seams in a mold for large parts.



Tool Protection Tapes & Seaming Tapes

Products: Extruded, High Modulus, and Skived PTFE Tapes and FEP Tapes

Function: Release surface for composite materials, tool protection

Features: Smooth non-stick surface, conformable, PTFE Glass Cloth for strength, temperature resistant and clean release with no residue.

Extruded PTFE Tape: CHR 2275-2, 2285-2 & 2296-2 are manufactured from extruded, oriented, high modulus PTFE film coated with high-temperature pressure sensitive adhesive. The bright color makes the tape easy to find on composite parts and tooling, especially with large parts like airplane wings and wind turbine blades. In high temperature curing applications, 2275 (dark orange), 2285 (bright orange) and 2296 (bright yellow) have been used for flash masking.

High Modulus PTFE Tape: CHR 2255-2 is the most common product used in composite molding (**CHR 2250-2** is the non-silicone version). 2255 and 2250 are used at the edges of molds and also to cover seams between release layers to give the Mold Release Tape longer life. PTFE Film tapes such as 2045-3 offer a smoother surface and a thicker PTFE layer which can give longer life compared with PTFE glass cloth tapes.

FEP & ETFE Tape: CHR 2355 & CHR 2455 are conformable, stretchy tapes that are used with 2255-2 for masking the corners of the tool. **CHR 2455** has a matte surface finish while **CHR 2355** is smooth.

Flash Masking & Hold-Down Tapes

Products: Polyimide Tapes **CHR** K201 & K202 (Commonly referred to as “Flash Tape”, “Flashing Masking Tape,” or “Flash Breaker Tape”) and Polyester (PET) Tapes **CHR** M824, M832, M887, M895, M851, M783, M852 & M855

Function: Mask bond lines and remove flash

Features: Temperature resistant and no residue with non-silicone options

Polyester Tapes: Silicone is undesirable in wet composite molding processes and contamination can lead to part failure, difficulties in painting & other downstream processes. Rubber adhesives are a more appropriate choice as they work up to temperatures at or around 400°F (200°C). During the composite molding process, flash tape is applied to the outside of the composite build-up on the mold, also referred to as a “tool.” Tools are extremely expensive and made from specialty metals such as invar. The tapes protect the tool from the resin and are typically 1 or 2 inches wide. If resin leaks out during the process, remove the tape and it removes the overage (also called “flash”).

Composite Molding Tapes

Substrate	Adhesive	Tape Backing Thickness						Short Term Temp. Rating (1-5 hours) °F (°C)	Product Features
		Product Code							
		0.001 in (0.025 mm)	0.002 in (0.050 mm)	0.003 in (0.075 mm)	0.005 in (0.127 mm)	0.006 in (0.152 mm)	0.010 in (0.250 mm)		
Extruded PTFE	Silicone		2285, 2296, 2275					600°F (310°C)	Bright Colors: 2285-2 Orange, 2296-2 Yellow, 2275-2 Dark Orange
High Modulus	Rubber		2250-2					400°F (200°C)	Non-Silicone, Clean Removal
High Modulus	Silicone		2255-2					600°F (310°C)	Dimensionally Stable, Low Twisting and Curling
Skived PTFE	Silicone			2045-3	2045-5			600°F (310°C)	Widest available product in the market at 48 inch (1219 mm) width
FEP & ETFE	Silicone		2355, 2455					400°F (200°C)	High Conformability
Polyimide	Silicone	K201	K202					600°F (310°C)	High Temperature Flash and Hold Down Tape
Polyester (PET)	Rubber	M851 Green	M852 Green		M855 Green			400°F (200°C)	Non-Silicone Flash and Hold Down Tape
Polyester (PET)	Rubber		M783 Pink					400°F (200°C)	High Adhesion, Non-Silicone Flash and Hold Down Tape
Polyester (PET)	Silicone	M824 Blue	M832 Blue		M895 Blue			400°F (200°C)	Economy Flash Tape and Hold Down Tape
Polyester (PET)	Silicone		M887 Emerald					400°F (200°C)	Economy Flash Tape & Hold Down Tape – Alternative Color

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