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Self-fusing Tape

for Weatherproofing Applications

Self-fusing and marking tape is a time saving alternative to traditional butyl rubber sealant tapes. The silicone tapes are produced from specially formulated UV resistant silicone rubber. When applied to RF connectors the tape wraps bond together giving the connection an additional layer of protection against water, dirt and vibration. Compared to conventional tapes Fusion tapes are both easy to apply and remove from connections. Available in three colors options Fusion tapes can also be used to color code tower top cable installations, making it easy to locate cables for monitoring purposes.



Mechanical

356°F/180°C Thermal Stability

- 65°F to +500°F (- 50°C to +260°C) Temperature Range 10¹³ ohm-cm min. (ASTM D257) Volume Resistivity Self Adhesion 2 p.p.i. min. (ASTM D2148) Hardness 50±10 Shore A (ASTM D2240) Moisture Absorption 0.9% (46 hrs. in H₂0 @ 70°F)

Dielectric Strength 300 VPM

Performance Advantages

Resists moisture, oxygen, and ozone to assure continuous high insulation values.

Conforms smoothly when wrapped around complex forms.

Bonds to itself at room temperature within 24 hours.

Remains non-tacky to the touch and does not adhere to other surfaces, or substrates.

Insulates with single wrap, thereby reducing labor time and cost.

Dampens vibration and resists heat and mechanical shock as well as UV.

Inherently flame retardant and when burned forms a non-conductive ash. Meets the horizontal burn test criteria prescribed in FAR 25.853.

Self-fusing tapes provide a uniform thickness even around sharp edges. Fiberglass fabric encapsulated inside the silicone rubber, prevents wicking and maintains high insulation resistance under high humidity conditions. These controlled stretch tapes provide a uniform insulation barrier.

All tapes are protected by a special interleaved liner.



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