



Polyurethane Protective Tape and Boots Removal and Repair Procedures

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Removal Procedures:

There are three recommended methods to remove 3M™ Polyurethane Protective Tape and Boots.

1) **Physically remove the 3M Polyurethane Protective Tape** or Boot by lifting an edge and peeling the tape back at an angle of 90° to 180°. If an edge sealer has been used, residual material can be sanded off using a DA (dual action) sander and 280 grit sandpaper, or the edge sealer may be softened with a small wallpaper steamer and scraped off with a phenolic scraper or plastic squeegee. Adhesive residue left on the surface may be removed by applying acetone, isopropyl alcohol*, or 3M™ Citrus Base Cleaner to a clean rag or cheesecloth and scrubbing any remaining adhesive residue from the area. A 3M™ Scotch-Brite™ General Purpose Hand Pad 7447 may aid in removing stubborn areas of adhesive, especially around any surface protrusions, such as rivet heads, etc.



Wallpaper Steamer

2) A **wallpaper steamer** may be used to remove 3M Polyurethane Protective Tape and Boots and edge sealer. This can be accomplished by directing a jet of low pressure steam from a wallpaper steamer at the peel point of the tape and sealer. Use of a phenolic scraper or plastic squeegee will aid in removal. Any remaining adhesive residue can be removed using acetone, isopropyl alcohol, or 3M™ Citrus Base Cleaner* as described above.



Edge Sealant Removal

3) **3M™ Tape and Residue Remover** may be used to remove the tape in its entirety. Apply a 1/8" thick layer of the 3M Tape and Residue Remover to the surface of the tape. Allow to dwell for approximately four hours. Covering the 3M Tape and Residue Remover with a layer of plastic food wrap or aluminum foil will prevent evaporation and cross-contamination. After this dwell period, the tape can be pulled from the structure. Any remaining adhesive residue can be removed with another application of the 3M Tape and Residue Remover. **Note:** 3M Tape and Residue Remover is not intended to be used with 3M Polyurethane Protective Tape 8641.



3M™ Tape and Residue Remover

***Note:** When using solvents and other chemical products, extinguish all ignition sources, including pilot lights, and follow the manufacturer's precautions and directions for use. Consult local air quality regulations that may regulate or prohibit the use of surface preparation and cleaning materials based on solvent (VOC) content.

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Repair Procedure:

If damage to the 3M™ Polyurethane Protective Tape or Boot has occurred, a “field” repair can be made as follows:

- 1) Carefully trim any areas of damaged or loose tape from the affected area.
- 2) Remove the tape and clean the area as described in the removal instructions.
- 3) Determine whether a flush patch or an overlap patch will be used. Repairs can be made more quickly with overlap patches, but flush patches will have better aesthetics.
- 4) Cut a piece of repair tape to the size required. If an overlap patch is being used, cut the tape to allow for a 1"-1-1/2" overlap. If a flush patch is being used, allow for a 1/8" gap to be filled with sealant.
- 5) Prime the repair area with a primer such as 3M™ Adhesion Promoter 86A* using the minimum amount necessary to achieve complete coverage. If an overlap patch is being used, prime the overlap area as well. Adjacent areas may be masked if desired prior to applying the primer. Wait a minimum of 10 minutes before applying the patch.
- 6) Remove the adhesive liner and carefully apply the patch to the area using a rolling down motion to exclude air and accommodate surface irregularities. Do not attempt to reposition the patch. Press down firmly on the patch to ensure complete adhesion.
- 7) For edge sealing, use 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive DP190 Gray or 3M™ Edge Sealer ES2000 according to the mixing instructions to fill the gaps around the patch. Use a rubber glove on a finger or a squeegee to smooth out the sealant.
- 8) The patch will be serviceable immediately if edge sealer is not used, or as soon as adequate cure is achieved if edge sealer is used. When using 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive DP190 Gray, adequate cure for flight can be achieved in 8 hours @ 70°F (21°C). When using 3M™ Edge Sealer ES2000, adequate cure can be achieved in approximately 2 hours @ 70°F (21°C).
- 9) If it is desired to paint the repaired area, refer to the 3M Technical Bulletin “Polyurethane Protective Tape, Painting Instructions” (70-0702-6358-0) for the recommended procedure.

Product	3M ID	UPC	Package
3M™ Tape and Residue Remover , 35975, 1 pint	60-4300-5079-3	00-051131-35975-8	6/case
3M™ Citrus Base Cleaner, 24 fl oz	62-4615-4930-5	00-021200-76394-6	12/case
3M™ Scotch-Brite™ General Purpose Hand Pad, 7447, 20 pads per box 3 boxes per case	61-5001-2323-9	20/box 00-048011-04029-5	60/case
3M™ Adhesion Promoter 86A 1 Pint Can 7" x 7" Wipes	70-0707-4280-7 70-2022-7012-3	00-021200-31592-3 00-021200-96361-2	12 pints/case 5 packets/pouch
3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive DP190 Gray Duo-Pak, 50 ml (1.7 fl oz)	62-3553-1435-2	00-021200-22647-2	12 per case
3M™ Edge Sealer ES2000 Clear Duo-Pak, 50 ml (1.7 fl oz)	70-0062-7013-9	00-021200-96227-1	12 per case

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Safety and Regulatory

- 3M™ Polyurethane Protective Tape is **100%** solids and contains no hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), volatile organic components (VOCs). Respiratory protection is not required under normal use conditions.
- Polyurethane Protective Tape meets US Federal and California regulations for landfillable materials. The product is potentially recyclable.
- Packaging materials meet US Federal and California regulations for landfillable materials and are recyclable or reusable.
- This product is considered to be an article that does not release or otherwise result in exposure to a hazardous chemical under normal use conditions.

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