

**BRADY B-427 THERMAL TRANSFER PRINTABLE TRANSLUCENT VINYL TAPE**

TDS No. B-427  
Effective Date: 06/15/2015

**Description:**

**GENERAL**

**Print Technology:** Thermal Transfer

**Material Type:** Translucent vinyl

**Finish:** Provided in a self-laminated format with a white printable zone and a translucent overlaminating area.

**Adhesive:** Permanent acrylic

**APPLICATIONS**

B-427 is an excellent material for wire and cable identification. This material has good clarity, conformability and is self-extinguishing. B-427 has outstanding water and oil resistance.

**RECOMMENDED RIBBONS**

Brady Series R4300 black and R4500 colored (red, blue, green) for thermal transfer printing.

**REGULATORY/AGENCY APPROVALS**

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Brady B-427 is RoHS compliant to 2005/618/EC MCV amendment to RoHS Directive 2002/95/EC.

**Details:**

| PHYSICAL PROPERTIES             | TEST METHODS  | AVERAGE RESULTS  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Thickness                       | ASTM D 1000<br>-Total Thickness   | 0.0040 inch (0.102mm)  |
| Adhesion to:                    | ASTM D 1000   |  |
| -Stainless Steel                | 20 minute dwell<br>24 hour dwell  | 38 oz/in (42 N/100 mm)<br>49 oz/in (54 N/100 mm)                 |
| -Polypropylene                  | 20 minute dwell<br>24 hour dwell  | 25 oz/in (28 N/100 mm)<br>33 oz/in (36 N/100 mm)                 |
| Tack                            | ASTM D 2979<br>Polyken™ Probe Tack<br>(1 second dwell, 1 cm/sec separation) | 13.3 oz (378 g)  |
| Drop Shear                      | PSTC-7 (except use 1/2" x 1" sample)  | 3.3 hours  |
| Tensile Strength and Elongation | ASTM D 1000<br>-Machine<br>-Cross   | 12 lbs/in (210 N/100 mm), 152%<br>11 lbs/in (193 N/100 mm), 195% |
| Flammability                    | ASTM D 1000<br>Average Burn Time  | ABT less than 10 seconds   |

Performance properties tested with white printable zone of B-427 printed with Brady Series R4300 black thermal transfer ribbon. Samples wrapped around 0.080" OD TFE wire in a self-laminating format.

| PERFORMANCE PROPERTIES   | TEST METHODS   | TYPICAL RESULTS   |
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| High Service Temperature | 30 days at 158°F (70°C)                                  | Slight discoloration. No visible effect at 140°F (60°C) |
| Low Service Temperature  | 30 days at -40°F (-40°C)                                 | No visible effect                                       |
| Humidity Resistance      | 30 days at 100°F (37°C), 95% R.H.                        | No visible effect                                       |
| Weatherability           | ASTM G155, Cycle 1<br>30 days in Xenon Arc Weatherometer | No visible effect                                       |

| PERFORMANCE PROPERTIES | CHEMICAL RESISTANCE |
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| CHEMICAL REAGENT                     | SUBJECTIVE OBSERVATION OF VISUAL CHANGE |                     |
|--------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
|                                      | SUBSTRATE/ADHESIVE                      | SERIES R4300 RIBBON |
| <b>Cleaners and Solvents</b>         | No visible effect                       | No visible effect   |
| Isopropyl Alcohol                    | No visible effect                       | No visible effect   |
| Mineral Spirits                      | No visible effect                       | No visible effect   |
| Northwoods™ Buzz Saw Terpene Cleaner | No visible effect                       | No visible effect   |
| Formula 409®                         | No visible effect                       | No visible effect   |
| Deionized Water                      | No visible effect                       | No visible effect   |
| <b>Fuels, Oils and Lubricants</b>    |   |                     |
| Gasoline                             | Moderate unwrap                         | No visible effect   |
| Brake Fluid                          | No visible effect                       | No visible effect   |
| SAE 30 WT Oil at 70°C                | No visible effect                       | No visible effect   |
| Yellow 77® Wire Pulling Lubricant    | No visible effect                       | No visible effect   |
| Deionized Water                      | No visible effect                       | No visible effect   |
| <b>Aerospace Related Fluids</b>      |   |                     |
| JP-8 Jet Fuel                        | No visible effect                       | No visible effect   |
| Skydrol® 500B-4                      | Material destroyed                      | NA                  |
| MIL-H-5606 Oil                       | No visible effect                       | No visible effect   |

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