



# High Performance Masking Tape 401E

## Product Data Sheet

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### Product Description

3M High Performance Masking Tape 401E is a brown coloured creped paper masking tape for high quality performance paint masking in the automotive industry and for the industrial market.

### Key Features

- Provides outstanding quality in all paint applications in the automotive industry and in the industrial market.
- Suitable for all oven drying systems, IR or heat lamps.
- Good solvent and moisture resistance.
- Crepe paper backing for conformability that will maintain integrity when formed around corners.
- Backing saturated for easy tear – resists slivering yet hand tearable.
- Rubber adhesive with instant adhesion.
- Excellent holding power that resists lifting or curling and helps reduce rework.
- Special backsize treatment controls unwind and helps reduce waste.
- Designed for indoor use only. Tape should not be subjected to outdoor exposure or prolonged periods of sunlight as product may become very difficult to remove.

### Physical Properties

Adhesive Type	Rubber
Backing Type	Crepe paper
Tape Colour	brown

### Performance Characteristics

Adhesion to Steel AFERA 5001	10 N/25mm
Tensile Strength AFERA 5004	100 N/25mm
Elongation at Break AFERA 5004	10 %
Thickness AFERA 5006	0.160 mm
Temperature Performance	140°C for 1 hour

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**Storage** Store in clean dry place. Temperature of 21 °C and 50 percent relative humidity are recommended.

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**Shelf Life** 3M 401E has a shelf life of 12 months from date of dispatch from 3M when stored in the original carton at 21°C & 50% Relative Humidity.

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**For Additional Information** For additional product information, please contact us at the address here below.

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