



Standard Test Method for Curling, Twisting, and Tubing on Unwind of Pressure- Sensitive Tapes¹

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1. Scope

1.1 This test method provides one procedure for determining the extent of curling, the degree of twisting, and tendency to form a tube resulting from unwinding of the tape from its roll.

1.2 The values stated in either SI or inch-pound units are to be regarded separately as standard. The values stated in each system may not be exact equivalents; therefore, each system must be used independently, without combining values in any way.

1.3 *This standard does not purport to address all of the safety concerns, if any, associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this standard to establish appropriate safety and health practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.*

2. Referenced Documents

2.1 ASTM Standards:

D 996 Terminology of Packaging and Distribution Environments²

D 3715/D 3715M Practice for Quality Assurance of Pressure-Sensitive Tapes²

D 4332 Practice for Conditioning Containers, Packages, or Packaging Components for Testing²

E 122 Practice for Choice of Sample Size to Estimate a Measure of Quality for a Lot or Process³

3. Terminology

3.1 **Definitions**—General terms used in this test method are defined in Terminology D 996.

4. Summary of Test Method

4.1 The sample roll of tape is placed on a free-turning spindle a specified distance above a horizontal plane. A strip of

tape is drawn from the roll the distance to the plane at a specified rate and released. Any subsequent curling, twisting, or tubing of the strip is observed and measured.

5. Significance and Use

5.1 This test method will provide information on the relative tendency of tapes to curl, twist, or form into a tube with touching edges. The amount of each is a predictor of the difficulty one might experience in handling strips of tape of any length during their application.

5.2 There are several causes for variation in the extent or degree of these characteristics and may vary themselves within a production lot of tape. Therefore, it is essential to use an accepted sampling plan (see Section 7) when it is desired to use this test method to compare two types of tape for acceptance sampling purposes.

6. Apparatus

6.1 *Free-Turning Spindle*,⁴ sized to fit snugly inside the sample tape core, with its axis firmly supported horizontally and adjustable in height directly above a horizontal platform. There should be no obstructions in the path between the platform and the spindle.

NOTE 1—The horizontal platform can be a bench top or the floor.

7. Sampling

7.1 *Acceptance Sampling*—Sampling shall be in accordance with Practice D 3715/D 3715M.

7.2 *Sampling for Other Purposes*—The sampling and the number of test specimens depends on the purpose of the testing. Practice E 122 is recommended. It is common to test at least five specimens of a particular tape. Test specimens should be taken from several rolls of tape and whenever possible, among several production runs of tape. Strong conclusions about a specific property of a tape cannot be based on test results on a single unit (roll) of a product.

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² *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol. 15.09.

³ *Annual Book of ASTM Standards*, Vol. 14.02.

⁴ Available from Chemsultants International, 9349 Hamilton Dr., Mentor, OH 44061-1118.