

# tesa® L-tape 8698

## Product Information



200 µm translucent light-activated structural bonding tape

### Product Description

tesa® L-tape 8698 is a translucent light-activated structural bonding tape, especially suited for temperature-sensitive substrates. The curing process starts upon exposure to UV or blue light (standard 365 nm or 460 nm lamps). Before curing, tesa® L-tape 8698 has initial tack for easy application like a common PSA tape. After activation, there is an open time in which the substrates can be bonded. Thus, bonding of translucent and opaque substrates is possible. tesa® L-tape 8698 comes with a high immediate bonding strength which makes additional fixation after bonding unnecessary.

### Product Features

- High bonding performance, even on small bonding areas and thin design gaps
- Light-activation at room temperature, suited for temperature-sensitive substrates
- Structural bonding performance for stiffening applications
- Good tack and immediate bonding strength
- Bonding of translucent or opaque substrates
- PET backing to facilitate the die-cutting process

### Application Fields

tesa® L-tape is especially recommended for bonding various substrates and components within electronic devices that are sensitive to elevated temperatures:

- Component mounting in electronic devices
- Back cover and display module mounting
- Applications with stiffening requirements or small bonding areas and thin design gaps

### Technical Information (average values)

The values in this section should be considered representative or typical only and should not be used for specification purposes.

### Product Construction

• Backing	PET	• Post-consumer recycled content of liner	88 %
• Type of adhesive	UV-curable	• Total thickness	200 µm
• Type of liner	PET	• Color	yellow translucent

### Properties/Performance Values

- Bonding strength (push-out) 12.5 N/mm<sup>2</sup>

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### Additional Information

tesa® L-tape is a reactive adhesive. It is activated by UV or blue light (wavelengths of 365 nm or 460 nm) and can be used for bonding of opaque or translucent substrates.

#### Bonding of opaque substrates

The open time of tesa® L-tape enables the bonding of opaque substrates like plastics and metals. tesa® L-tape can be activated by UV or blue light before or after bonding to the first substrate.

**Activation before bonding:** The die-cut of tesa® L-tape is activated by UV or blue light. The covering liner of the die-cut must be light-permeable (e.g., clear PET) to enable the activation of the tape. After activation the die-cut is bonded onto the first substrate. The second substrate is then bonded within 10 minutes by applying pressure ( $\geq 3$  bar).

**Activation after bonding to the first substrate:** The die-cut of tesa® L-tape is bonded onto the first substrate. After activation by UV or blue light, the second substrate is bonded within 10 minutes by applying pressure ( $\geq 3$  bar).

#### Bonding of translucent substrates

Translucent substrates such as clear plastics can be bonded before activation by UV or blue light. At least one substrate must be light-permeable to allow the activation of tesa® L-tape. After applying tesa® L-tape to the first substrate, the second substrate is bonded by applying pressure ( $\geq 3$  bar). The bonded parts are then exposed to UV or blue light to start the curing of the adhesive.

#### Pre-lamination conditions

- Before curing, tesa® L-tape has initial tack and can be applied like a common PSA tape
- A pressure of  $\geq 1$  bar should be applied to ensure proper wet-out to the surface

#### Activation and bonding parameters

- Light source: lamp of 460 nm
- Light dose: 30-50 J/cm<sup>2</sup> at 460 nm
- Recommended pressure:  $\geq 3$  bar
- Recommended bonding time:  $\geq 10$  s

Bonding strength values were obtained under standard laboratory conditions. (Material: SUS test specimen / bonding conditions: light dose: 40 J/cm<sup>2</sup> at 460 nm; pressure: 5 bar for 30 s). To reach maximum bonding strength surfaces should be clean and dry.

tesa® L-tape can also be activated by UV Light with wavelength of 365nm:

- Light source: lamp of 365 nm
- Light dose: 15-30 J/cm<sup>2</sup> at 365 nm
- Recommended pressure:  $\geq 3$  bar
- Recommended bonding time:  $\geq 10$  s

It is important that when activating L-tape through 365 nm, heat is controlled, otherwise this could lead to curing of the film before the bonding of the second substrate due to elevated temperatures.

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This can result in:

- Loss of tack
- Poor bonding
- In more extreme cases, surface damage

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