

### **SEM Specimen/Stub Adhesives**

A listing of many different adhesive methods for attaching specimens to SEM mounts.

## **Colloidal Graphite**

A suspension of pure, fine colloidal graphite in water or in isopropanol based solution. To form a conducting dry film of graphite on a variety of materials.

C107	Colloidal graphite - aqueous base	500g
C126	Colloidal graphite - isopropanol base	500g

# Silver Paint

An air drying paint containing silver flakes. Dries to form a conducting film that is ideal for sample mounting.

S269	Silver paint	10g
S270	Silver paint	50g

#### Silver Paint Thinners

A thinner to reduce the thickness of our silver paint S066 to make thin conductive tracks on the specimen for microprobe work.

S271/1	Silver Paint Thinners	25ml
S271	Silver paint thinners	100ml

### **Silver Epoxy Adhesive**

A two part silver filled epoxy adhesive providing a conducting joint and bond. Silver content 70%. Information sheet provided with each pack.

S055 Silver epoxy adhesive pack of 10g

# Conducting Carbon Cement (Leit-C)

A suspension of very fine carbon particles in a volatile carrier. Suitable for forming a conducting film bond between specimen or carbon disc to stub.

C198 Carbon cement (Leit-C) C198/1 Thinners for Leit-C

30q 30ml

# **Leit-C Plast**

A plasticine like material with low outgassing properties suitable for use in the high vacuum of the SEM. Leit-C Plast is a conductive material requiring no additional coating and is suitable for many applications in specimen preparation.

C199 Leit-C-Plast 15g

Tempfix

Microstik

A thermoplastic adhesive that when applied to a heated stub at approximately +40°C yields a sticky surface suitable for holding specimens. It dries quickly to a very smooth surface and remains stable under the SEM. T328 Tempfix

set



the SEM specimen mount. Dries guickly and is non-conductive

M167 Microstik solution 14ml



### Conducting Film Aerosol

A rapid method of spraying a conductive film onto SEM specimens such as pieces of biological tissue. Effects are not permanent so it is ideal for rapid examination in the SEM.

C212 Conducting film aerosol

397ml can

## **Carbon Discs**

A range of discs 3mm thick with diameters of 12.5mm, 15mm or 25mm for mounting specimens in the SEM.

C304/10 Carbon discs 12.5mm Ø pack of 10C305 Carbon disc 15mm ØC305/10 Carbon discs 15mm Ø pack of 10C306 Carbon disc 25mm ØC306/10 Carbon discs 25mm Ø pack of 10C306 Carbon disc 25mm Ø

**Conductive Carbon Adhesive Discs** 

For SEM stubs. An improvement on double sided tape. These new doubly adhesive carbon based discs ensure good electrical connection whilst retaining the benefits of a quick mounting method.

 C263/N
 9mm Ø

 C249/N
 12mm Ø

 C252/N
 25mm Ø

pack of 100 pack of 100 pack of 51

### Sulphur-Free Conductive Carbon Discs

Adhesive discs with low background for microanalysis **C272** Sulphur-free conductive carbon tabs 12mm Ø

pack of 120

### **Double Sided Sticky Carbon Tape**

Highly conductive tape for SEM and EDS applications The double adhesive and conductive design permits quick mounting of samples without using liquid or colloidal adhesives. The tape is relatively solid and non-porous and does not absorb small samples. Thickness is 0.16mm. **C261** Carbon tape 8mm x 20m long each

C261	Carbon tape 8mm x 20m long
C277	Carbon tape 12mm x 20m long
CXXX	Carbon tape 20mm x 20m long
C278	Carbon tape 50mm x 20m long

## **Conductive Carbon Adhesive Sheet**

For SEM or EDS we have available double sided carbon sheet for eliminating background X-rays. When cut to size it is easy to place on SEM stubs and is contaminant free.

C206 Carbon conductive adhesive sheet 5 x 12cm

pack of 10

each each each



Sticky tabs maybe affixed to most types of stubs. Once affixed to the top of a stub simply remove the peel-off tab to leave a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (12.7mm) Ø layer of adhesive to which small specimens can be fixed, or impressions such as fingerprints can be made in the adhesive for examination. Non conducting and the strong silicone adhesive does not outgas in the vacuum. The adhesive can be removed with acetone.

T199 Sticky tabs

pack of 100













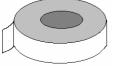




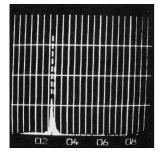




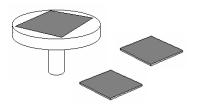








EDS spectrum of silver sheet S331



# Copper SEM Tape

**Single sided** highly conductive copper strip with pressure sensitive adhesive backing. Ideal for static charging problems using SEM/FIB applications. 30 metre rolls. Total tape thickness 0.06mm

T617 Copper tape single sided 3mm x 30mT618 Copper tape single sided 6mm x 30mT619 Copper tape single sided 10mm x 30mT188 Copper tape single sided 12mm x 30mT620 Copper tape single sided 20mm x 30mT188 Copper tape single sided 12mm x 30m

**Double sided** highly conductive copper tape with acrylic adhesive on both sides. Ideal for mounting samples directly on sample stubs and establishing an earthing path.

- T614 Double sided conductive copper SEM tape 6mm x 33m
- T615 Double sided conductive copper SEM tape 12mm x 33m

T616 Double sided conductive copper SEM tape 20mm x 16.4m

## Aluminium Tape

Two sizes of aluminium strip with pressure sensitive adhesive backing. Ideal for conductive connections etc.

**T189** Al tape 12mm x 55m x 0.09mm per roll **T190** Al tape 25mm x 55m x 0.09mm per roll **T189/1** As T189 but 0.13mm thick **T190/1** As T190 but 0.13mm thick

Total tape thickness

0.085mm

# Magic Tape

This 3M tape is transparent when affixed to objects and makes amending and updating documents easy. It is ideal for making small labels being easy to type or write on and is invisible on photocopies.

T191	Magic tape 12mm x 66m	per roll
T523	Magic tape 25mm x 66m	per roll

### Double Sided Tape

A thin double sided sticky tape in two widths suitable for mounting specimens and for general SEM work.

T063	Double sided tape 12mm x 66m	per roll
T064	Double sided tape 38mm x 66m	per roll

### **Silver Conducting Adhesive Sheet**

Highly electrically conductive sheet 5 x 12 x 0.16cm thick suitable for cutting and sizing to samples for SEM.

- Little outgassing under vacuum
- Doesn't absorb or penetrate specimens

S331 Silver conductive sheet

pack of 5

# Silicon Chip Specimen Supports

Si-chips are opaque, of low electrical resistance and have surface properties equal to glass. They are chemically inert and make good substrates for growing or mounting cells or ferritin particles. They are useful for determining resolution and contrast capabilities of the "in-the-lens" SEMs equipped with high brightness electron emitters. Si-chips are precleaned before packing.

S332 4" (10cm) silicon wafer diced into approx. 270 chips 5 x 5mm



### **High Purity Conductive Double-Sided Adhesive Carbon Tabs**

These high purity carbon tabs are especially developed for **SEM/EDS applications**. The material used is fully transparent for EDS with only trace amounts of Al and Si. The material is constructed using a non-woven liner coated on both sides with a conductive, carbon filled pressure sensitive acrylic adhesive. Total thickness of the material is approximately 150µm with an adhesive thickness of 45µm on both sides. The adhesive used has a high adhesion strength to metals, plastics, ceramics, wafers, rubber, wood, glass, paper, and small particles or fibres. The conductivity of the carbon tabs is lower than the conductivity of double sided copper tape or the double sided conductive Lift-N-Press tabs, but it is still fully compatible with SEM/EDS applications. *Ideal for Gunshot Residue work.* 

#### Main Features and Benefits

- Thin material; 150µm total with 45µm on each side of a 35µm non-woven carrier
- Plastic liner on both sides
- Useable temperature range -20°C to + 60°C
- Low outgassing rates
- Fully EDS transparent with high purity for EDS applications
- High strength thin adhesive (2x45µm) combined with high tackiness
- Long shelf life and can be stored in a refrigerator
- Resistance 50K-200K

The tabs are supplied on a clear plastic sheet with a white plastic liner tab. Available as 6mm, 9mm, 12mm and 25mm diameter. **To use**, lift the tab from the clear backing sheet, press the sticky surface to the mount, then peel away the white liner tab, leaving the adhesive exposed. Mount the sample on the exposed adhesive. **Alternatively**, the white liner tab can be removed, the stub pressed on the exposed carbon tab and the clear plastic lifted off. The use of sharp pointed tweezers helps to lift of the tabs and liner. The carbon tabs can be easily removed with isopropanol, ethyl acetate, ethanol or acetone. The 6mm Ø carbon tabs are for use with small samples on any size stub

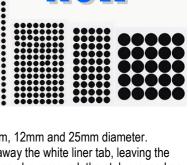
The 9mm Ø carbon tabs are compatible with 9.5mm Ø JEOL stubs

The 12mm Ø carbon tabs are compatible with 12.7mm Ø pin stubs, 12.2mm Ø JEOL stubs and 15mm Ø Hitachi stubs The 25mm Ø carbon tabs are compatible with 25.4mm Ø pin stubs, 25mm Ø JEOL stubs and 25mm Ø Hitachi stubs

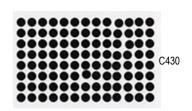
C430 High purity conductive double-sided adhesive carbon tabs 9mm Ø pack of 104

C429 High purity conductive double-sided adhesive carbon tabs 6mm Ø pack of 108

C431 High purity conductive double-sided adhesive carbon tabs 12mm Ø pack of 100

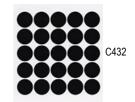


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C429





C432 High purity conductive double-sided adhesive carbon tabs 25mm Ø pack of 50

E-mail: sales@taab.co.uk

### **Super Smooth Double Sided Adhesive Carbon Tabs**

High Purity tabs developed for imaging and analysis applications particularly fine powder and fibre samples. The adhesive used is fully transparent for EDS analysis with only trace amounts of Al and Si. Super smooth and highly conductive. Total thickness of the material is 110µm with an adhesive thickness of 40µm on each side. Exhibits high adhesion to metals, plastics, ceramics, wafers, rubber, wood, glass, paper and small particles or fibres. Supplied on a clear plastic sheet with a white plastic liner tab.

- Low outgassing
- Temp range -20°c to +60°C
- Long shelf life and can be stored in a refrigerator

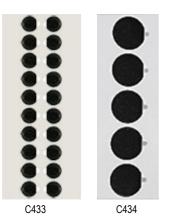
To use: lift the tab of the clear backing sheet, press the sticky surface to the mount, then peel away the white liner tab, leaving the adhesive exposed. Mount the sample on the exposed adhesive. Alternatively, the white liner tab can be removed, the stub pressed on the exposed carbon tab and the clear plastic lifted off. The use of sharp pointed tweezers helps to lift off the tabs and liner. The carbon tabs are easily removed with isopropanol, ethyl acetate, ethanol or acetone.

- C433 12mm carbon tabs are compatible with 12.7mm Ø pin stubs, 12.2mm Ø JEOL stubs and Ø15mm Hitachi stubs. Pack of 100
- C434 24mm Ø carbon tabs are compatible with 25.4mm Ø pin stubs, 25mm Ø JEOL stubs and 25mm Ø Hitachi stubs. Pack of 50

#### Super Smooth Double Sided Adhesive **Carbon Tapes**

The material is identical to the material used for the super smooth carbon tabs with one difference; the tapes are self-wound with a thin white liner on one side. The tape can be shaped into custom forms, strips and cut-outs. Available with 5mm, 8mm, 12mm and 20mm width by 20m long. To use: Cut the required length of carbon tape. Cut to shape if needed. Remove the white liner from one side and adhere to tape to the sample support. The use of sharp pointed tweezers helps to lift the liner of the adhesive. Remove the top liner and stick sample to the tape. The carbon tape can be removed with isopropanol, ethyl acetate, ethanol or acetone.

- C435 Super smooth conductive double sided adhesive carbon tape 5mm x 20m
- C436 Super smooth conductive double sided adhesive carbon tape 8mm x 20m
- C437 Super smooth conductive double sided adhesive carbon tape 12mm x 20m
- C438 Super smooth conductive double sided adhesive carbon tape 20mm x 20m







C438



