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# 3M™ Automotive Refinish Masking Tape 388N

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## Technical Data

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3M Part Numbers	3M Part Descriptor
06652	¾ in. x 60 yds. (18 mm x 55 m), 48 rolls per case
06653	1 in. x 60 yds. (24 mm x 55m), 36 rolls per case
06654	1 ½ in. x 60 yds. (36 mm x 55 m), 24 rolls per case
06656	2 in. x 60 yds. (48 mm x 55 m), 24 rolls per case

## Product Description

3M™ Automotive Refinish Masking Tape is a yellow crepe paper masking tape designed specifically for excelling at all general masking applications in the collision repair industry. Its robust paper backing resists solvents and moisture while being flexible enough to fit most curves and contours. The proprietary rubber-based adhesive formula allows the tape to stick and stay on a variety of surfaces.

## Features, Advantages, Benefits

Feature	Advantage	Benefit
Proprietary rubber-based adhesive	Instant adhesion to all vehicle substrates and good holding power	Allows for fast and efficient application
Specially treated paper backing	Solvent and moisture resistance and controlled unwind	Minimizes bleed through, and unwind makes tape easier to handle
Semi-smooth crepe paper backing	Thin, conformable backing	Produces sharp, clean, quality paint jobs
Balanced construction	Sticks, stays and removes cleanly	Efficient masking tool helps save time & money

## Product Uses

Designed for use in the collision repair industry (cars, trucks, other specialty vehicles) for general paint masking.

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## Performance Properties

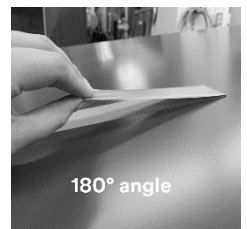
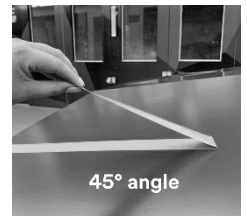
NOTE: The following technical information and data should be considered representative or typical only and should not be used for specification purposes.

<b>Adhesion to Steel</b>	33 oz/in (ASTM D-3330)
<b>Tensile Strength</b>	26 lbs/in (ASTM D-3759)
<b>Elongation at Break</b>	9% (ASTM D-3759)
<b>Temperature Use Range</b>	Up to 250°F (121.1°C) for 30 mins
<b>Tape Thickness</b>	6.3 mils (0.16 mm) (ASTM D-3652)

## Directions for Use

Tape is designed for indoor use – exposure to sun and heat may cause tape to become more difficult to remove.

- Make sure surfaces are thoroughly clean and dry before applying masking tape.
- Some surfaces, such as rubber gaskets and moldings, should be cleaned with a solvent to remove residual release agents from the manufacturing process before applying masking tape.
- For best adhesion, surface temperatures should range from 60°F to 90°F when tape is applied.
- For easier application and removal, apply long continuous strips of tape in flat, straight areas and break the tape often when going around contours or curves such as wheel arches. The objective when back masking and over-taping is to keep the tape lying flat and rolled back, away from the paint edge in order to produce the cleanest look.
- Tape removal:
  - For *general applications*, tape should be removed back over itself at a 45° angle.
  - For removal on *delicate surfaces* (such as old weathered paint), tape should be removed as close to a 180° angle as possible.



## Applications

General masking applications, including use on apron tapers & other masking machines.

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## Storage and Handling

Store product in the original carton under normal conditions of 70°F and 50% relative humidity. When stored at the recommended conditions in original, unopened containers, this product has a shelf life of 18 months.

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## Precautionary Information

Before using this product, please reference Product Label and/or Safety Data Sheet for Health and Safety Information. Note: Laws controlling the acceptable amounts of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) vary by state, and in some cases by locality. For surface preparation and clean-up activities, consult federal, state and local regulations regarding use of products containing VOCs in your area.

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