



Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

(Masking tapes)

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Objective:

know how to identify when and what proper tapes to use for any application

Scope:

Define the scope of the SOP—mention the departments, processes, or activities to which this SOP applies.

Responsible personnel:

All field employees

Masking Tapes

There are many types of masking tape and even more brands. All have different uses and functions on a job site. Here is just a quick overview of the types of tape that you will use at ACP Painting and a quick explanation of their different uses.

Referred to as “2020”:





NOTE: This means that a job that will last less than 3 days this tape will come up easily, makes for easier clean up. This is our most used product and works great for quick tacking down and floor use as long as it doesn't pass the 3 days.

- Designed for use on vinyl, carpet, metal, and plastic
- Strong adhesive
- Bonds aggressively, yet has a smooth unwind
- ACP uses this tape as an all purpose tape
- 3-day clean removal leaves behind no sticky residue or damage
- This is a Scotch brand but there are many brands that produce this type and will have similar uses and specifications.
- Use to tape materials together, short term same day use on most materials.

Referred to as "Blue Tape":



- **Warning-** just being blue in color does not define its use, be sure to read the label.
- 14-day clean removal leaves behind no damage or sticky residue
- Designed for use on multiple surfaces such as smooth or lightly textured walls, trim, baseboards, tile and glass
- UV and sunlight resistant
- **NOTE:** ACP uses this as a delicate surface tape. It will last just about any job when it comes to cleaning up and no left behind mess. When in doubt use this tape.

Referred to as "Orange Tape "

Scotch Heavy Duty Masking Tape.



- features a high-visibility orange color with a thick, robust backing.
- Designed for interior or exterior job site paint masking applications on non-damageable surfaces.
- Use on vinyl, carpet, metal, and plastic. Scotch Heavy Duty Masking Tape is recommended for use with or on lacquer coatings.
- This tape holds to surfaces for up to 3 days and then removes easily without leaving any sticky residue behind.
- ACP uses this as a general purpose interior or exterior tape. Strong adhesive makes it good for masking stucco but a little strong for windows or surfaces when leaving for multiple days.

Referred to as "Yellow Concrete Tape":



- Designed for use on exterior surfaces such as smooth and semi-smooth metal, vinyl, painted wood, and glass
- Innovative poly-tape is weatherproof and provides tear-free removal



- 10-day clean removal leaves behind no damage or sticky residue
- Very strong adhesive
- Flake resistance waterproof backing
- UV and sunlight resistant
 - Works well in humid conditions
- Note: This tape is only used by ACP for concrete exterior. This showed the best results in direct sunlight in Arizona to leave no sticky residue behind or adhesive, This is more expensive tape so only use it when taping plastic or paper to concrete that will be in sunlight, any joints of plastic or paper use 20/20.

Scotch Blue pro sharp:

- USE INDOOR OR OUTDOOR: Designed for use on multiple indoor or outdoor surfaces, such as smooth or lightly textured walls, trim, baseboards, wood, tile, and glass.
- 21 DAY CLEAN REMOVAL: Ensures clean removal for up to 21 days after application, leaving behind no damage or sticky residue, even after exposure to sunlight.
- ACP primarily uses this tape for masking window frames because it sticks well to them and has an extended clean release time.
- Although it is advertised as “edge lock” we prefer blue frog tape for that type application



Stucco Tape:



- UV-resistant polyethylene film tape;Excellent conformability;Maintains a watertight seal;Removes cleanly;High-tack synthetic rubber adhesive
- **Note:** this tape is mostly used by ACP on stone or pavers and in rare cases on stucco. It is more expensive than most tape and should only be used on exteriors when other tapes are failing to adhere.

Froger Tape



Medium adhesion blue Frog Tapes

- Pro grade painter's tape for most common paint applications
- Premium grade, multi-surface blue painter's tape
- Edge treated with patented PaintBlock® Technology for super sharp paint lines
- Recommended for use on cured painted walls and trim, glass and metal
- Removes cleanly from most surfaces for up to 14 days
- Interior/exterior use
- Medium adhesion
- **Note:** This is the most commonly used FrogTape by ACP. This tape is great for making sharp transition lines. Its technology makes it so you do not need to caulk your tape to create a sharp razor line finish. This tape is also expensive and should only be used on job leads instructions and after gaining experience on when to use it.
- **Pro tip:** Always use a damp wet rag after applying frogger tape and wipe down the applied tape to activate the sealing technology to create the sharp line.



Tapes for sensitive surfaces.

(Wallpaper, stained laminate, poor quality painted surfaces etc.)

FrogTape Delicate Surface Painter Tape:



- Edge-treated with patented PaintBlock Technology for sharp paint lines
- Recommended for use on finished wood, fresh paint (dry to the touch), wallpaper, veneer, laminate, vinyl and drywall (primed only), natural or sensitive stone tile and windows with film.
- Removes cleanly from most surfaces for up to 60 days
- Premium adhesion to help eliminate the need for touch-ups
- Tape canister for clean, protected storage
- Interior use
- Light adhesion
- **Note:** This tape is great for recently painted surfaces on the job. Will not peel on previously painted surfaces. Makes very sharp lines and is only to be used upon job leads instructions.

Scotch® Delicate Surface Painter's Tape 2080



- **USE-ON SURFACES:** Designed for use on delicate surfaces such as painted drywall, freshly painted walls (painted at least 24 hours ago), wood floors, wallpaper, veneers, and cabinets
- **60-day interior clean removal** leaves behind no damage or sticky residue. Not intended for exterior use.
- **RECOMMENDED FOR:** Accent walls, decorative stripes, or patterns ,natural or sensitive stone tile and windows with film

Hard to stick surfaces

Scotch rough surface tape



- **USE-ON SURFACES:** Designed for use on concrete, brick, stucco, and rough wood
- **CLEAN REMOVAL:** 5-day interior and 3-day exterior clean removal leaves behind no damage or sticky residue
- **ADHESIVE LEVEL:** Very strong
- ACP uses this when other tapes just wont stick.



Gorilla tape (for the most extreme adhesion)



- Gorilla tape is 3X stronger for a hold that lasts. Made with double-thick adhesive, strong reinforced backing and a tough all-weather shell, this duct tape is great for projects and repairs both indoors and out. Gorilla tape sticks to smooth, rough and uneven surfaces, including wood, stone, stucco, brick, metal and vinyl. Gorilla tape, for the toughest jobs on planet earth.
- ACP has used this on exterior stucco when nothing else will stick. (Use only as needed, Its expensive , tough to use and only 30yds per roll)

****These are the main tapes that you will see working with ACP. There are many types of tape manufactured by different brands. Through experience, you will discover the most suitable tapes for various applications. Each job has certain requirements and various products may yield the same results, but there must be a balance between what is best for the task and what is cost effective. Your job lead has learned this balance through their experience therefore they are your best resource for questions regarding the appropriate material for the task at hand.****

****Review and Revision:****

These tapes have all been field tested and approved for their specific applications.

****Distribution:****

All field employees.