

# Scotch® Super 88

## Vinyl Electrical Tape

### 1. Product description

Scotch® Super 88 Vinyl Electrical Tape is a premium grade, 0,22 mm thick, all-weather vinyl insulating tape. It is designed to perform continuously in ambient temperatures up to 105°C. The tape is conformable for cold weather applications down to -18°C. It has high resistance to abrasion, moisture, alkalis, acids, corrosion and varying weather conditions (including UV-exposure).

The combination of elastic backing and aggressive adhesive provides moisture-tight electrical and mechanical protection with minimum bulk. Scotch® Super 88 Tape is UL Listed, CSA approved and has a VDE Marks License for IEC 60454-3-1-7/F-PVC P/90.

- ▶ Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) backing
- ▶ Pressure-sensitive rubber-based adhesive
- ▶ Compatible with solid dielectric cable insulations
- ▶ Compatible with rubber and synthetic splicing compounds, as well as epoxy and polyurethane resins
- ▶ Inhibits corrosion of electrical conductors
- ▶ For indoor or outdoor applications

### 2. Applications

- ▶ Primary electrical insulation for all wire and cable splices rated up to 600 volts and up to 105°C
- ▶ Primary electrical insulation for 600 volts bus applications, and protective jacketing for low- and high-voltage bus
- ▶ Protective jacketing for high-voltage cable splices and repairs
- ▶ Harnessing of wires and cables

### 3. Typical properties

Physical properties	Typical value
Temperature rating - UL 510	80°C
<b>Temperature rating</b>	
Continuous operating temperature (IEC60454-3-1)	-18°C up to 90°C
Max. temperature (CSA C22.2)	105°C
Colour	Black
Thickness	0.22 mm
<b>Adhesion to steel (ASTM D1000)</b>	
22°C	3.0 N/10 mm
-18°C	6.5 N/10 mm
<b>Adhesion to backing (ASTM D1000)</b>	
22°C	3.0 N/10 mm
-18°C	6.5 N/10 mm
<b>Breaking strength (ASTM D1000)</b>	
22°C	35 N/10 mm
<b>Ultimate elongation (ASTM D1000)</b>	
22°C	250%
-18°C	100%
<b>Flammability (maximum)</b>	
UL 510	1 sec.
ASTM D-1000	4 sec.
Flagging (ASTM D1000)	<2.5 mm
<b>Telescoping</b>	
24 hours W 50°C	<2.5 mm
Electrical properties	Typical value
Voltage rating (UL 510)	600V
<b>Dielectric breakdown</b>	
Standard condition	10kV (45kV/mm)
V/mm high humidity	90% of std.
<b>Insulation resistance</b>	
(High humidity method)	>1×10 <sup>6</sup> Megohms

Properties measured at room temperature (23°C) unless otherwise stated.

## 4. User information

### 4.1 Specifications

Scotch® Super 88 Vinyl Electrical Tape is based on polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and/or its copolymers, and has a rubber-based, pressure-sensitive adhesive. The tape is 0.22 mm thick, UL Listed and marked per UL Standard 510 as 'Flame-Retardant and Cold Resistant.' The tape can be applied at temperatures ranging from -18°C through 38°C, without loss of physical properties and is compatible with synthetic cable insulations, jackets and splicing compounds. Scotch® Super 88 Tape will remain stable and will not telescope more than 2.54 mm when maintained at temperatures below 50°C.

### 4.2 Engineering/architectural specification

Primary electrical insulation (branch wiring in wet or dry locations): All splices 600-Volt wire rated 105°C and below should be insulated with a minimum of two half-lapped layers of Scotch® Super 88 Vinyl Electrical Tape. All connectors having irregular surfaces should be padded with 3M™ Scotchfil™ Electrical Insulation Putty or Scotch® Linerless Rubber Splicing Tape 130°C prior to insulating with this tape.

#### Mechanical protection (outer jacketing):

All rubber and thermoplastic insulating high voltage power cable tape splices and repairs should be over wrapped with at least two half-lapped layers of Scotch® Super 88 Vinyl Electrical Tape.

### 4.3 Installation techniques

Scotch® Super 88 Vinyl Electrical Tape should be applied in half-lapped layers with sufficient tension to produce a uniform wind (for most applications this tension will reduce the tape's width to approximately 60% of its original width). On pigtail splices, the tape must be wrapped beyond the end of the wires and then folded back, leaving a protective cushion to resist cut-through. Wrap tape up-hill, taping from a smaller diameter surface to a larger diameter surface. Apply the tape with no tension on the last wrap to prevent flagging.

### 4.4 Agency approvals and self certifications

- ▶ UL Listed; UL 510 Standard "Insulating Tape" (product category OANZ), File E129200
- ▶ CSA Certification; Standard C22.2 No.197-M1983 "PVC Insulating Tape," File LR 48769
- ▶ VDE Marks License no. 130462 for Type 7: IEC 60454-3-1-7/F-PVC P90
- ▶ For RoHS information, please visit [www.3M.com/RoHS](http://www.3M.com/RoHS)

### 4.5 Shelf life and storage

This product has a 5-year shelf life from date of manufacture when stored in a humidity controlled area (10°C to 27°C and <75% relative humidity).

### 4.6 Availability

Please contact your local distributor.

## 5. Additional information

To request additional product information, see address below.

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