

# 3M

# Lithographers Tape

## 616

Technical Data

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**Product Description** 3M™ Lithographers Tape 616 is an optically transparent and photographically opaque tape.

| Construction | Backing                                | Adhesive | Color    | Standard Roll Length |
|--------------|--|----------|----------|----------------------|
|              | Unplasticized polyvinylchloride (UPVC) | Rubber   | Ruby Red | 72 yds. (66 m)       |

**Typical Physical Properties and Performance Characteristics**

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

|                            |                                  | ASTM Test Method |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Adhesion to Steel:         | 36 oz./in. width (39 N/100 mm)   | D-3330           |
| Tensile Strength at Break: | 29 lbs./in. width (509 N/100 mm) | D-3759           |
| Elongation at Break:       | 50%                              | D-3759           |
| Backing Thickness:         | 1.6 mils (.04 mm)                | D-3652           |
| Total Tape Thickness:      | 2.4 mils (.06 mm)                | D-3652           |

**Features**

- Can be qualified to meet MIL-T-40620A.
- Ruby Red UPVC film backing to allow accurate positioning.
- Resists affects of changing atmospheric conditions to allow repeated and extended “burn” times.
- Low caliper backing to minimize ghosting and provide sharper definition.
- Pin-hole free backing to provide continuous opacity to light source to help minimize retouching.
- Firm adhesive which is long aging and resistant to softening to resist oozing during application and storage.

**Application Ideas**

- Opaquing, stripping and edging.
- Splicing.

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## Major Industries

- Graphic Arts; Printed Circuit Board; Paper.

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## Storage

Store under normal conditions of 70°F (21°C) and 50% relative humidity.

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## Shelf Life

To obtain best performance, use this product within one year from date of manufacture.

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## Product Use

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