

# 3M™ Tegaderm™ +Pad Transparent Dressing with Absorbent Pad

## Commonly Asked Questions

**Question:**

Is there natural rubber latex in 3M Tegaderm +Pad Transparent Dressings with Absorbent Pad?

**Answer:**

3M™ Tegaderm™ +Pad Transparent Dressing with Absorbent Pad Does Not Contain Natural Rubber Latex Or Dry Natural Rubber As Components In The Product, or Its Packaging.

If you have any questions please call the 3M Health Care Customer Helpline, 1-800-228-3957 (in the U.S.).

**Question:**

Is the product waterproof?

**Answer:**

Yes, Tegaderm +Pad island dressing is waterproof and impermeable to bacteria.

**Question:**

Are Tegaderm +Pad dressings breathable?

**Answer:**

All Tegaderm dressings are breathable. They allow moisture vapor to be evaporated from the skin and they are permeable to oxygen. There is much confusion in the marketplace regarding breathability of transparent dressings. It is further complicated by competitive comparisons by the various manufacturers, each promoting their own product as "most breathable." Laboratory bench data, rather than clinical performance measurements, are the basis for these comparisons.

**Question:**

Is the absorbent pad the same as the 3M Microdon sheeting material?

**Answer:**

Yes, it is the same material, except the island dressing pad is slightly thicker to provide better absorbency.

**Question:**

What differentiates the 3M "non-adherent pad" from the competitive pads?

**Answer:**

The unique 3M pad was originally designed for burn patients as a non-adherent absorbent contact layer to allow wound healing with less trauma and pain. The 3M pad fuses a porous, breathable film to an absorbent layer. It is designed to:

- Not delaminate and leave fibers in the wound. Fibers can result in disruption of the healing process and predispose the wound to infection.
- Prevent infiltration of healing tissues into the surface of the pad, minimizing both disruption of the healing tissues and pain on removal.
- Rapidly wick exudate up and away into the absorbent layer, protecting the peri-wound skin and reducing the potential for maceration.

**Question:**

Is Tegaderm +Pad dressing suitable for use on chronic wounds?

**Answer:**

Yes, the dressing is indicated for partial thickness wounds with low to moderate exudate. The dressing may also be used as a "cover" dressing for full thickness wounds when used in conjunction with appropriate additional packing or absorbent materials (3M™ Tegagen™ Alginate Dressing is an excellent choice).

**Question:**

Can Tegaderm +Pad dressings be used in conjunction with 3M™ Cavilon™ No Sting Barrier Film?

**Answer:**

Yes, the acrylate adhesives used in the dressing are compatible with the polymer in the 3M No Sting Barrier Film.

**Question:**

What is the recommended wear time for Tegaderm +Pad dressings?

**Answer:**

The customer should, of course, follow their institutional protocols, since change intervals are dependent on many factors. However, in the absence of signs of clinical infection, or if the pad has not become saturated with wound exudate, the dressing can safely remain in place for up to 96 hours.

**Question:**

Are these products available to "kit" or "tray" manufacturers?

**Answer:**

Yes, all sizes are available in sterile form. Nonsterile product will be available in the near future.



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