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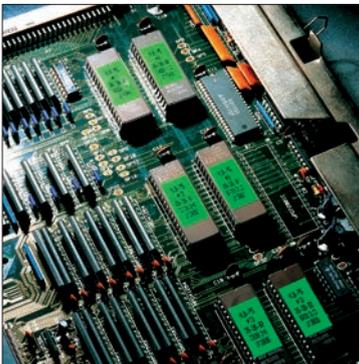
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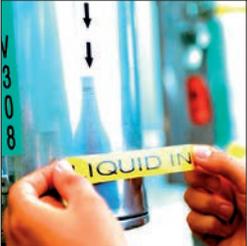
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# Brother P-touch laminated labels have been designed to last, wherever you use them

Whether you need a professional labelling solution for the office, industry or home, Brother P-touch laminated labels have been designed with you in mind. We've thought about exactly when, where and how you might need to use our labels and put them through a series of rigorous tests, which means that even when they're exposed to heavy abrasion, heat, cold, sunshine, water and chemicals, our labels have been designed to last.



# Brother P-touch laminated labels

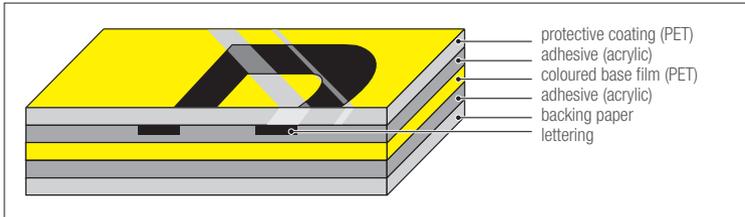




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## Why do Brother P-touch laminated labels last longer?

Unlike ordinary labels, our laminated tape technology ensures that a layer of super-clear polyethylene laminate protects your text.



Brother P-touch laminated TZe tapes consist of six layers of materials, resulting in a thin, extremely strong label. Characters are formed with a thermal transfer ink and sandwiched between two protective layers of PET (polyethylene film). The result is a virtually indestructible label that can withstand even the harshest conditions.

In fact, we are sure about the durability of our labels because we've tested them to the extreme, against the effects of abrasion, temperature, chemicals and sunlight. Our results prove that Brother P-touch laminated labels out-perform competitor labels, staying legible and attached, so you can be confident of a professional quality label that has been designed to last.

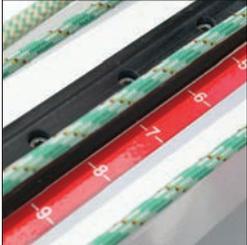
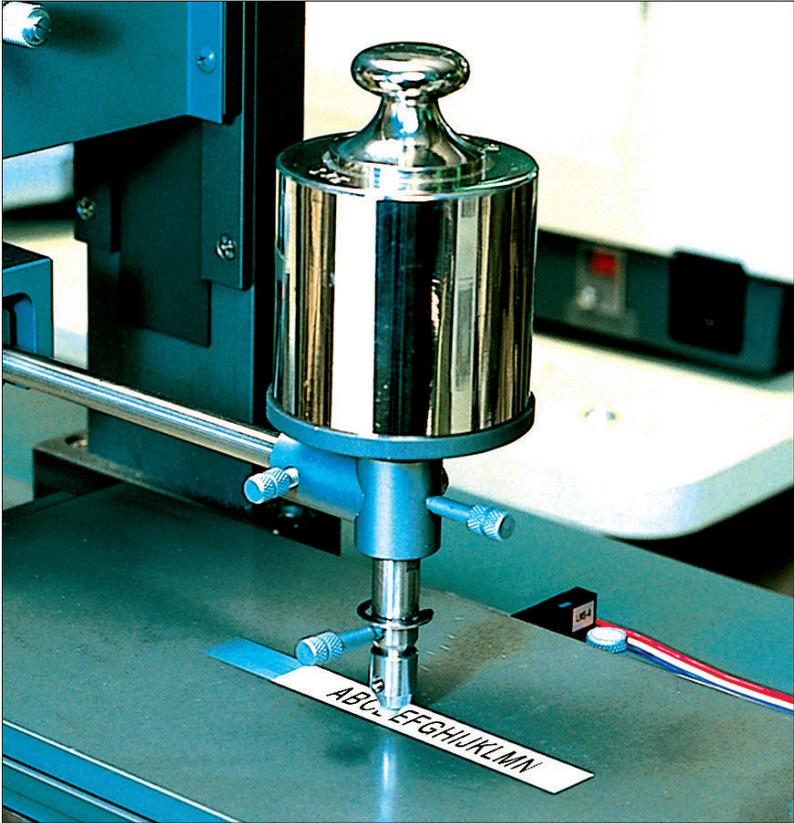
The following pages will show you exactly how our labels are tested to the extreme.



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# Abrasion Test



# Abrasion Resistant Labels

Brother's tape lamination technology ensures that Brother P-touch laminated labels can even withstand heavy abrasion.

## The Abrasion Test Procedure

A 1kg sanding device was passed over Brother P-touch laminated labels, and non-laminated competitor labels. After 50 return passes the characters underneath the Brother P-touch laminated label were completely unaffected and the lamination was only slightly scratched.



## Abrasion Tests Results

Brother P-touch laminated TZe label



✓ = No effect on print quality

Competitor non-laminated label



✗ = Print quality affected



Brother P-touch Laminated Label



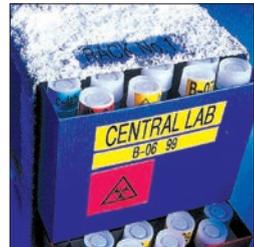
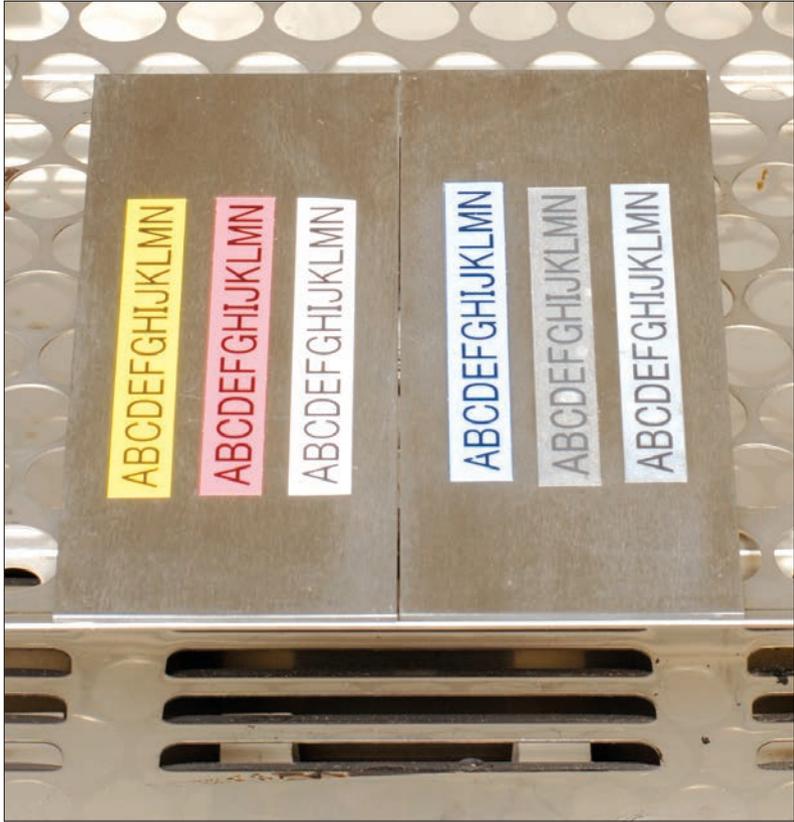
Non-Laminated Competitor Label



**Abrasion  
Resistant**

Can  
withstand  
heavy  
abrasion

# Temperature Test



# Temperature Resistant Labels

Whether you want to use our labels in freezing conditions or extremely warm environments, our labels have been designed to last. In fact, results show that Brother P-touch laminated labels can withstand temperatures from -80°C to +150°C.

## The Temperature Test Procedure

Brother P-touch laminated labels were attached to stainless steel plates at room temperature, then heated and cooled for a specified time. After 72 hours at -80°C no noticeable change in tape adhesive or colour had occurred. After 2 hours at +150°C, despite slight discolouration of the tape, the text on the label remained completely intact\*. We recommend TZe-M931/951/961 (black on matt silver) as most resistant to discolouration under high temperatures, and Flexible-ID tapes as most suitable when used in an Autoclave/Sterilising unit.



## Test Results

### Label performance after exposure to heat and cold

Temperature	Hours	Brother Laminated Labels
-80°C	72	●
-30°C	72	●
-0°C	240	●
+50°C	240	●
+100°C	240	▲*
+150°C	2	▲*

\*When used under extremely high temperatures or for long periods of time the laminate film may be separated, discoloured or shrink. If in doubt, request a free tape sample from Brother to perform your own testing.

● = No noticeable change

▲ = Text is legible but there was some tape discolouration. Matt silver tapes are most resistant to discolouration due to heat, and Flexible-ID tapes as most suitable when used in an Autoclave/Sterilising unit



Test: Temperature

Temperature: +100°C

Duration: 240 hours

Labels: Brother P-touch Laminated Label



Temperature  
Resistant

Resistant to  
temperatures  
of -80° to  
+150°

# Fade Test



Fade Meter (Time -  $\Delta E$ )

Tape Colour	118h	236h	478h*
Transparent	9.66	15.69	24.69
White	0.83	1.58	3.18
Red	1.65	5.95	54.61
Blue	1.27	2.85	5.71
Yellow	22.59	55.57	57.2
Green	1.24	1.62	3.77
Fluorescent Orange	46.57	50.33	54.43
Fluorescent Yellow	81.02	85.09	84.66
Black	0.55	0.18	1.11
Extra Strength Adhesive - White	0.83	1.58	3.18
Flexible ID - White	1.49	2.35	3.94

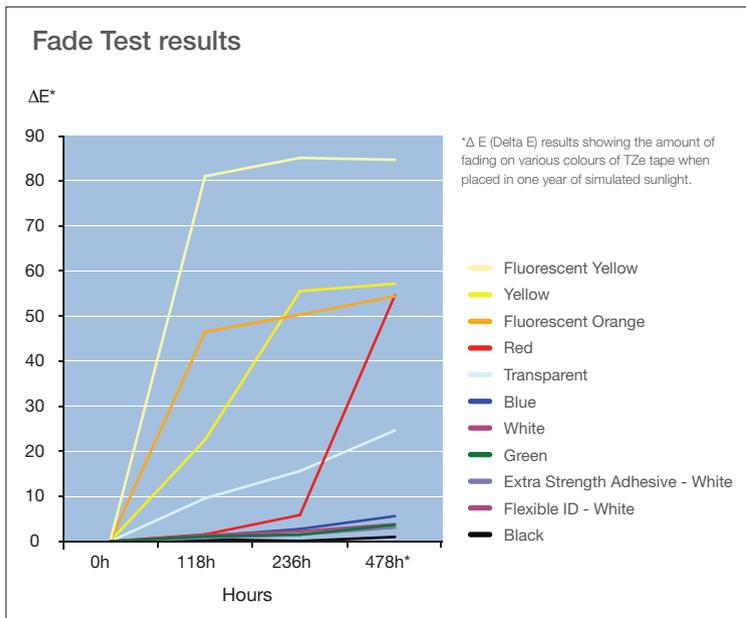
\*478 hours approximates to 1 year in outdoor sunny conditions

# Fade Resistant Labels

Wherever you use P-touch laminated labels, they have been designed to stay as clear and legible as the day they were applied.

Several Brother P-touch laminated labels in various colours were attached to stainless steel plates, and exposed to simulated outdoor UV radiation of approximately 12 months, and changes in the base colour of the tape could be observed (test compliant with JIS K7350-2/ISO 4892-2).

The printed text on all tapes remained unchanged and was perfectly legible. The red, yellow and fluorescent tapes, however, showed some fading to the tape background colour. Other tape colours showed little or no change.



Resistant to ultraviolet exposure

## Water and Chemical Submersion Test



# Water and Chemical Resistance

Water and chemical resistance tests were conducted in two stages:

**Stage 1** - The water and chemical submersion test

**Stage 2** - The water and chemical abrasion test

## Stage 1

### Water and Chemical Submersion Test Procedure

To test Brother P-touch laminated labels against the effects of water and chemicals, the tapes were firstly attached to glass slides and immersed in a variety of liquids for 2 hours. No change in the print quality occurred and the labels remained affixed to the slides.

Although some labels soaked in certain chemicals showed slight separation of the laminate film, rubbing the labels with the same chemicals had no effect at all. So even if chemicals are spilled on your Brother P-touch laminated labels, a quick wipe should be enough to prevent any damage.

### Test Results for Brother P-touch Laminated Labels

Toulene	Hexane	Ethanol	Ethyl Acetate	Acetone	Mineral Spirit	Water	0.1N Hydrochloric	0.1 Sodium Hydroxide
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

• = no print discolouration



**Test:** Water and Chemical  
**Chemical:** Ethanol Submersion  
**Duration:** 2 hours  
**Labels:** Brother P-touch Laminated Label



Water  
Resistant



Chemical  
Resistant



Water  
Resistant



Chemical  
Resistant

Water  
resistant

Resistant to a  
wide range of  
industrial  
chemicals

## Water and Chemical Abrasion Test



# Water and Chemical Resistance

## Stage 2

### Water and Chemical Abrasion Test Procedure

Brother P-touch laminated tape was affixed to several glass plates. A 500g weight with a chemical and solvent infused cloth was passed over each label 20 times. As the results below show, the print quality of Brother P-touch laminated labels was unaffected, unlike our competitor's non-laminated labels.

### Test Results

	Toulene	Hexane	Ethanol	Acetone	Ethyl Acetate	Water	0.1N Hydrochloric	Mineral Spirit	0.1 Sodium Hydroxide
P-touch Laminated Label	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Non-Laminated Competitor Label	X	●	●	X	X	●	●	●	●

● = Print quality unaffected

X = Print quality affected

### Labels After Testing

Test: Chemical Abrasion

Chemical: Acetone



Brother P-touch Laminated Label



Non-Laminated Competitor Label



**Water Resistant**

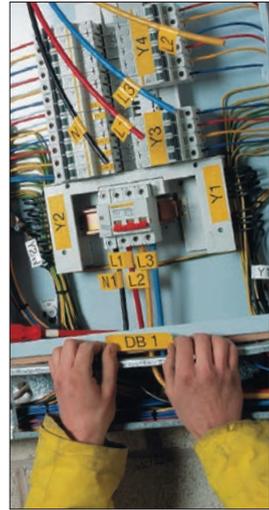
Water resistant



**Chemical Resistant**

Resistant to a wide range of industrial chemicals

# Strong Adhesion Test



# Strong Adhesion

## The Adhesion Test Procedure

To test the adhesive strength of Brother P-touch laminated tapes, 12mm standard, extra strength adhesive, flexible ID and security tape were affixed to a variety of materials at room temperature and left for 30 minutes. Adhesive strength was tested by removing the tape at an angle of 180 degrees. This testing method complies with Japanese Standard JIS Z0237 testing.

## Test Results

The table explains that an adhesive strength of approximately 6 Newtons\* was maintained with most materials. Our strong adhesive tape maintained an average of 50% more adhesive strength compared to our standard tape and is suitable for more demanding surfaces such as polypropylene.

	Stainless Steel	Glass	PVC	Acrylic	Polypropylene	Polyester Coated Wood
Standard TZe Tape	7.6	7.2	8.6	6.9	3.3	6.4
Extra Strong Adhesive TZe tape	10	10.1	11.5	11.5	7.4	11.5
Flexible ID tape	7.6	6.4	7.8	7	6.2	6.6
Security tape	2.8	4.3				

\* Results in Newtons for 12mm width tape



Strong Adhesion



Strong Adhesion

Strong adhesion to a wide range of surfaces





# Choose the right tape for the job

Brother P-touch laminated tapes are available in a wide range of tape colours, widths and styles. Your application and your choice of P-touch model should guide your ultimate tape selection. The table below will also help you to determine the correct tape for your applications.

		TZe Laminated	Strong Adhesive	Flexible ID	Security	Heat Shrink
Flat Surface 	Smooth	●	●	●	●	✗
	Textured	▲	●	▲	✗	✗
Curved Surface 	Smooth	▲	●	●	▲	✗
	Textured	▲	●	▲	✗	✗
Cable Flag 	Smooth	▲	▲	●	✗	✗
	Textured	▲	▲	●	✗	✗
Cable Wrap 	Smooth	▲	▲	●	✗	●†
	Textured	▲	▲	●	✗	●†

● Recommended    
 ▲ Acceptable    
 ✗ Not Recommended

† Model name	Width	Recommended cable diameter
HSe-211	5.8mm	Ø1.7mm to 3.2mm
HSe-221	8.8mm	Ø2.6mm to 5.1mm
HSe-231	11.7mm	Ø3.6mm to 7.0mm
HSe-241	17.7mm	Ø5.4mm to 10.6mm
HSe-251	23.6mm	Ø7.3mm to 14.3mm



Choose the right tape for the job

**Choosing The Right Tape**

# Further Tests

## The Autoclave Adhesion Test Procedure

Brother P-touch flexible ID tape was affixed to flat and smooth stainless steel at room temperature. The condition of the tape was observed after it was processed in an autoclave under the following test conditions.

Autoclave test machine: Steam steriliser GETINGE HS22

Test program: B cycle P11 \*EN (European Standard) prEN13060 standard compliant

Pre-vacuum: 4 times

Sterilising temperature: 134 °C

Sterilising duration: 5 minutes

Drying duration: 20 minutes

## Test Results

		1 cycle	5 cycles	10 cycles	20 cycles	30 cycles	
TZe	Flexible ID	Text blurring	•	•	•	•	
		Tape discolouration	•	•	•	•	Δ *1
		Laminate film separation	•	•	•	•	Δ *2
		Tape peeling	•	•	•	•	•

\*1 some tape discolouration may be observed

\*2 some separation off the laminate film may be observed

The table shows high durability of our flexible ID tape during the test. After several process cycles, some slight discolouration was observed. Nevertheless, the printed text stayed legible.



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# Further Tests

## The Oil Submersion and Adhesion Test Procedure

Brother P-touch laminated tapes were firstly attached to stainless steel plates and immersed in various oils for 2 hours at room temperature. The tapes were then wiped with a cloth soaked in each of the various oils.

TZe	Standard laminated/ Extra Strength Adhesive/Flexible ID	Oil type		Insoluble coolant				Soluble coolant			
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H		
		Immersed (2 hours)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Wiped	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		

During both tests, no change to the print quality occurred, and the labels remained affixed to the slides.

Oil type: CASTROL synthetic coolants

A=Honilo 981

B=Variocut B30

C=CareCut ES1

D=lloform BWN205

E=Hysol X

F=Alusol B

G=Syntilo 81 E

H=Syntilo 9954



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# Frequently Asked Questions

## How accurate are the tests in simulating real-world examples?

Every effort was made to ensure the tests accurately simulate real-world examples. However when tapes are used in the real-world, many factors could change the results of these tests, such as surface material, heat, moisture, pressure, chemicals etc. If in doubt, always test Brother P-touch laminated tapes in your own environment to ensure they meet your requirements.

## How thick are TZe tapes?

TZe tapes are around 160 micro metres in thickness, but this varies slightly by tape type.

## Which colour tape is recommended for high temperatures?

We recommend TZe-M931/951/961 (Black on matt silver) as most resistant to high temperatures in terms of discolouration.

## When I remove the label will messy adhesive remain?

### How can I remove it?

Tapes can be removed from most materials with relative ease leaving little or no adhesive on the material. Extreme heat, humidity and certain chemicals may result in some residual adhesive being left but this can be removed in most cases with Ethanol.

## Which tape is recommended for cable labelling?

TZe Flexible ID tape for wrap or flag labelling or HSe Heat Shrink Tube.

## Do TZe tapes create any outgassing?

The following gases may be produced when labels are in a hot environment such as in front of an air conditioner: toluene, n-butanol, 2-ethylhexyl alcohol, butyl carbinol acetate. These levels are however very low.



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# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Can TZe tapes be submerged in alcohol?**

Submersion of TZe tapes in alcohol is not recommended for extended periods due to the possible deterioration of the tape adhesive.

## **Do TZe tapes contain silicone?**

Since the tape liner itself is silicone coated on both sides, there is a chance that small amounts of silicone may remain on the adhesive layer underneath the label even after the liner is peeled off.

## **Do TZe tapes contain latex?**

TZe tape uses acryl based adhesive materials and do not include latex.

## **Does TZe tape contain lead?**

There is no lead in the cassette case, tape or ink.

## **Can TZe tapes be used on circuit boards?**

We do not recommend that TZe tapes are used on circuit boards due to the sensitivity of circuit boards to dust, static electricity and acid (although these are at very low levels in TZe tapes)

## **Can TZe tapes be used to label food?**

TZe tape can be used safely on food packaging but should not be in contact with the food itself.

## **Can TZe tapes be used on copper?**

As adhesive materials used in our tape are acrylic and weakly acid we do not recommend that TZe tapes are used on copper.



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# Frequently Asked Questions

## **How long should security tape be attached before peeling off?**

We recommend that TZe security tape is affixed for at least 24 hours in order to work effectively.

## **Do TZe tapes contain chloride?**

Chloride materials are used in TZe tapes (except clear or silver).

## **Where is the chloride contained in the TZe tape layers?**

It is contained in the coloured base film layer.

## **Do TZe tapes contain polyvinyl chloride (PVC)?**

There is no PVC in the cassette case, tape or ink. The colour layer of the base film includes some chlorine compound which means TZe tapes cannot be categorised as halogen-free.

## **Do tapes contain REACH SVHC?**

Please see [www.brother.eu/reach](http://www.brother.eu/reach) for the latest information.

## **Do the tapes contain recycled material?**

TZe tapes contain at least 5% of recycled material.

## **Can TZe tapes be used for the marking of electrical and electronic equipment (EEE) that is covered by the RoHS Directive?**

TZe tapes are in conformity with the requirements of the RoHS Directive, and do not contain restricted substances (lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, polybrominated biphenyls (PBB) and polybrominated diphenyl ethers (PBDE) above the allowed limit values.



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# Frequently Asked Questions

## Are TZe tapes RoHS compliant?

TZe tape cassettes themselves do not fall under the definition of EEE, but are considered as consumables and not subject to the directive requirements. However, Brother works closely with our supply chain partners and others in the industry, including material and component suppliers, to ensure the RoHS compliance for TZe tapes.

## UL Certification

A number of our TZe tapes have been tested by Underwriters Laboratories, a renowned independent testing laboratory. Our tapes have passed their rigorous safety standards and gained UL certification and we continue to test more tapes. For latest certification details and a list of certified tapes please contact your local Brother office.

## Notes

1. A random sample of tape types were selected and used to perform these tests. Accordingly, results may have differed slightly, depending on the type of tape used.
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