

REMOVING VHB TAPE

3M™ VHB™ Tapes are a family of double-sided foam tapes made from high performance acrylic adhesives. The superior performance of 3M™ VHB™ Tapes means they can often be used to replace mechanical fasteners for joining a wide range of materials. VHB tape is resistant to both ultraviolet rays from the sun and is generally weatherable.

VHB tape can be removed using WD-40, Goo Gone™ or a simple mixture of water and lemon oil. Since 3M designed VHB tape to be irremovable, 3M also manufactures two devices, the Smart Tool and the Stripe-Off Wheel, that are guaranteed to remove the VHB tape and residue from virtually any surface.

We recommend extreme caution regarding the application of the VHB washer to real wood surfaces as removal can cause damage to the surface. Always test a small section of surface prior applying any removal solvents.

Recommended Steps for Safe Removal of Tape and Residue

- Apply a liberal amount of WD-40, Goo Gone™ or a mixture of warm water and lemon oil to the corner of a clean, dry towel or terry cloth. WD-40 can be sprayed directly to most surfaces and can help to loosen tape in difficult to reach areas.
- Another effective tip is to place WD-40 in the hole of the washer and around the perimeter and allow to soak in as the VHB takes time to soften. Depending on your surface, plastic and metal putty knives can useful tools to get under the washer and lift away.
- Fold the cloth over and gently buff the area containing the VHB tape. Apply a moderate amount of pressure and use small circular motions to remove the VHB tape and residue. Apply additional solvent as needed.
- Repeat this process until the VHB tape has been successfully removed. If this process proves inadequate, we strongly recommend purchasing the 3M™ Stripe-Off Wheel or the 3M™ Smart Tool. These products were designed specifically for the removal of VHB tape and residue and are self-explanatory in nature upon purchase.

