



Scotchmate™

Polyester Reclosable Fasteners

Product Selection Guide

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Products **3M™ Scotchmate™ Polyester Reclosable Fastener**

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Loop

SJ3477

SJ3487FR

Hook

SJ3476

SJ3486FR

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Product Description

3M™ Scotchmate™ Reclosable Fasteners consist of two strips of fabric which mate together with light finger pressure. The hook strip is covered with tiny, stiff hooks, about 300 hooks per square inch (46/sq. cm.). The loop strip is covered with thousands of soft, pliable loops. When pressed together by hand, the hooks and loops mate to form a secure fastening attachment. Simply pull the strips apart by hand to unfasten. These Scotchmate hook and loop fasteners are made of 100% polyester. They are preshrunk to provide dimensional stability and flatness.

Plainbacked Products

Scotchmate SJ3476 Hook • Scotchmate SJ3477 Loop

Standard Sew-on: These standard products provide a tailored appearance for garments and fabrics. They provide adjustable closure, and are washable and dry cleanable.

Scotchmate SJ3486FR Hook • Scotchmate SJ3487FR Loop

Flame Resistant Sew-on: Improved flame resistance compared to SJ3476 hook and SJ3477 loop fasteners, meets F.A.R. 25.853 paragraph (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii). These are 60 and 12 second vertical burn tests, respectively.

Pressure Sensitive Adhesive (PSA) Products

These products allow hook and loop fasteners to be attached to substrates with the convenience and ease of adhesive attachment. Simply peel off the liner and press in place.

Scotchmate SJ3576 Hook • Scotchmate SJ3577 Loop

Premium Performance Acrylic PSA: For many static load applications where temperatures may reach 200°F (93°C). Provides reliable performance over a wide range of temperature and environmental extremes.

Scotchmate SJ3586FR Hook • Scotchmate SJ3587FR Loop

Flame Resistant Synthetic Rubber PSA: A high performance flame resistant adhesive, enabling these hook and loop fasteners to meet the requirements of F.A.R. 25.853 paragraph (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii). These are 60 and 12 second vertical burn tests, respectively.

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Typical Physical Properties

Note: The following technical information and data was collected under controlled laboratory conditions and should be considered representative or typical only and should not be used for specification purposes.

3M™ Scotchmate™ Polyester Reclosable Fasteners				
	Plainbacked		Pressure Sensitive Adhesive Coated	
Hook:	SJ3476	SJ3486FR	SJ3576	SJ3586FR
Loop:	SJ3477	SJ3487FR	SJ3577	SJ3587FR
Adhesive Type:	None	None	Acrylic	Rubber ^a
Liner on Adhesive ^b :	None	None	Clear 3.5 mils PP with White 3M Logo	White PE with Red 3M Logo
Width, Inches (mm) ^c : ± 1/16 in. (1.6 mm)	5/8 (16) 3/4 (19) 1 (25) 1 1/2 (38) 2 (51)	5/8 (16) 3/4 (19) 1 (25) 1 1/2 (38) 2 (51)	5/8 (16) 3/4 (19) 1 (25) 1 1/2 (38) 2 (51)	5/8 (16) 3/4 (19) 1 (25) 1 1/2 (38) 2 (51) 4 (102)
Standard Colors ^d :	Black Beige White	Black Beige	Black Beige White	Black Beige
Roll Length ^e , yds. (m):	50 (45.7)	50 (45.7)	50 (45.7)	50 (45.7)
Fabricated Forms Available:	Cut Pieces	Cut Pieces	Cut Pieces	Cut Pieces
Shelf Life ^f :	2 Years	2 Years	2 Years	1.5 Years

- a. Contains synthetic rubber with no added latex.
- b. PP: Polypropylene; PE: Polyethylene.
- c. Not all widths for all products or colors may be available.
- d. White color not available on 3M™ Scotchmate™ Flame Resistant products due to possible discoloration. All products are available in additional non-standard colors. Contact your 3M sales representative or 3M authorized distributor for minimum quantities and lead times.
- e. Under packaging conditions 70°F (21°C) and 50% R.H.
- f. From date of manufacture, when stored in original packaging at 70°F (21°C), 50% R.H.

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Attachment Techniques

The following information is intended to assist the designer considering the use of 3M™ Scotchmate™ Reclosable Fasteners. Final product performance depends on actual conditions, including the fastener selected, the conditions in which the fastener is applied and the time and environmental conditions in which it is expected to perform. Because many of these factors are uniquely within the user's knowledge and control, it is required that the user evaluate the 3M product to determine whether it is fit for a particular purpose and suitable for the user's method of application and desired end use.

As a general rule, four square inches of fastener area per pound of static load to be supported is suggested as a starting point for evaluation. More or less area may be needed depending on specific conditions or end use applications.

There are typically six different methods for attaching Scotchmate to various surfaces. For complete details on techniques and options for attaching fasteners, please see Attachment of 3M Scotchmate™ and Dual Lock™ Reclosable Fasteners technical bulletin (70-0709-3929-6). The most important techniques for these Scotchmate products are summarized below.

Pressure Sensitive Adhesive attachment: This method is useful for those products with a pre-applied pressure sensitive adhesive (3M™ Scotchmate™ Reclosable Fasteners SJ3576, SJ3577, SJ3586FR and SJ3587FR). The fasteners and substrate surfaces should have equilibrated for a minimum of 1 hour at temperatures of 68°F (20°C) or greater before application. These adhesive backed fasteners should be applied to surfaces that are smooth, dry and free of oils, mold release agents or other surface contaminants.

The substrate should be cleaned to remove any surface contaminants with an appropriate cleaning method for the type and quantity of surface contaminants to be removed from the substrate. **Note:** Follow the manufacturer's precautions and directions for use of the cleaning method(s) chosen.

After the substrate is clean, the liner is removed from the fastener and without touching the adhesive, the fastener is applied to the surface using pressure. To help ensure complete adhesive contact to substrate the fastener is rolled down with firm pressure. Adhesive bond strength increases with time, as the adhesive flows into the substrate structure. Handling strength is achieved immediately. Approximately 50% of ultimate bond strength is achieved at room temperature in the first 20 minutes, 90% after about 24 hours and 100% after about 72 hours for acrylic adhesives. For the rubber based adhesives, 100% bond strength is obtained in about 24 hours.

Heat (Press) Bonding: 3M™ Scotchmate™ Reclosable Fasteners SJ3586FR and SJ3587FR can be attached to many fabric and foam articles with a technique called press bonding. The fastener is adhered to the article, as indicated above, and bond strength is increased by typically applying heat and pressure to the adhesive side of the fastener through the fabric or foam article. Equipment can range from a simple household laundry iron to commercial press units. Product performance will depend on the nature of the fabric or foam and other conditions within any specific application. For this reason it is essential that the user evaluate the Scotchmate product to determine if it is fit for a particular purpose and suitable for the user's method of application.

Typical press bonding conditions:

Bonding Temperature:	250 to 425°F (121 to 218°C)
Bonding Pressure:	30 to 100 psi (207 to 690 kPa)
Bonding Time:	3 to 30 seconds

Mechanical Attachment: The bond strength can be increased by mechanically attaching the fastener to difficult to adhere to surfaces such as textured plastics and wood by using staples. Alternatively wood products can be sealed and pressure sensitive adhesive backed fastener applied as discussed above.

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Attachment Techniques (continued)

Sewing

3M™ Scotchmate™ Plainbacked Reclosable Fasteners (SJ3476, SJ3477, SJ3486FR and SJ3487FR) can be attached with manual or semi-automatic sewing machines, generally utilizing the same thread used in the garment or fabric. Six to ten stitches per inch (25.4 mm) is suggested. The ability to wash or dry clean the fabric with attached fastener should be tested under expected end use conditions for suitability.

Ultrasonic Bonding

Scotchmate plainbacked reclosable fasteners can be bonded to themselves or polyester fabrics with ultrasonic sealing equipment. This method can be used to provide straps and other fabricated forms.

General Information

3M™ Scotchmate™ Pressure Sensitive Reclosable Fasteners can be bonded to a wide variety of materials. Some are listed below. Because product performance will depend on actual conditions within any specific application, it is essential that the user evaluate the Scotchmate product to determine if it is fit for a particular purpose and suitable for the user's method of application.

	Hook: Loop:	Scotchmate SJ3576 SJ3577	Scotchmate SJ3586FR SJ3587FR
Bare Metals:		✓	✓
Painted Metals:		✓	✓
Powder Paint:		–	✓
Fiberglass:		–	✓
Structural Composites:		–	✓
Glass:		✓	✓
Sealed Wood:		✓	✓
Plastics –			
ABS:		✓	✓
Acrylic:		✓	✓
Polycarbonate:		✓	✓
Polystyrene		✓	✓
Rigid Vinyl:		✓	✓
Polypropylene:		–	✓
Polyethylene:		–	✓

Choosing Polyester or Nylon Reclosable Fasteners

Scotchmate Reclosable Fasteners are available in polyester or nylon hook and loop configurations. There are performance and use differences that may be experienced when using these products. The following table lists the differences between the two types of fasteners to aid in selecting the best fastener material for the customer's final product.

	Polyester	Nylon*
Cycle Life	1,000	5,000
Moisture Gain	<1 weight %	<10 weight %
Dynamic Tensile	10 pounds/sq. inch	7.5 pounds/sq. inch
Dynamic Shear	18 pounds/sq. inch	4.8 pounds/sq. inch
Wet Strength	Retains strength	Loses strength
Direct Sunlight Exposure	Excellent UV resistance	Fair UV resistance (esp. the loop)
Combustion Gases	Polyester may produce less toxic off gases under certain flammability conditions.	

*Please refer to our 3M™ Scotchmate™ Nylon Reclosable Fastener Product Selection Guide to review the products available with nylon hook and loops.

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Certification/ Recognition

MSDS: 3M has not prepared a MSDS for these products which are not subject to the MSDS requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's Hazard Communication Standard, 29 C.F.R. 1910.1200(b)(6)(v). When used under reasonable conditions or in accordance with the 3M directions for use, the products should not present a health and safety hazard. However, use or processing of the products in a manner not in accordance with the directions for use may affect their performance and present potential health and safety hazards.

TSCA: These products are defined as an article under the Toxic Substances Control Act and therefore, are exempt from inventory listing requirements.

Military Spec. MIL-F-21840: All of our polyester products described in this publication meet the physical requirements of MIL-F-21840, Type II Class 3. Note that Class 5 requirements are met by mating SJ3571 to SJ3576 or SJ3586FR.

For Additional Information

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