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# Physical Properties of 3M<sup>™</sup> Scotchshield<sup>™</sup> Security Window Film S2400

This Technical Bulletin was prepared to assist you in understanding some of the key differences in product performance between 3M<sup>™</sup> Scotchshield<sup>™</sup> Security Window Film S2400 (urethane-based) and polyethylene terephthalate (PET) resin-based window films of similar thickness. These key differences are shown and explained below.

Overall, the S2400 film will function differently than PET-based window films by absorbing energy as the film stretches farther than PET-based films. In addition to being urethane based, S2400 is the thickest 3M Window Film available at 24mils (0.024-inch thick). In this bulletin, S2400 is compared to a PET film of similar thickness (22mils or 0.022-inch thick).

## Graves Tear, a key measure of tear strength performance

The Graves Tear test (ASTM D1004, Standard Test Method For Tear Resistance (Graves Tear) Of Plastic Film And Sheeting) measures the force to propagate tearing in the film using a film sample with a stress concentration point. As the sample is elongated (displacement), the resisting force is measured. The recorded value considers both force and amount of stretch. This is sometimes referred to as the "area under the curve."



The general shape of the Graves Tear curve for urethane-based S2400 is different from that of PET-based films, as urethane has a much higher elongation (see "Elongation" section below). Overall, the "area under the curve" for S2400 is 2/3rds higher than that of a 22-mil PET film of a similar thickness, thus enabling S2400 to better absorb energy from an impact.

	Graves Tear Resistance	Relative Values
3M™ Scotchshield™ Security Window Film S2400 (24-mil)	24.6 lbf*in	166%
PET-based window film (22-mil)	14.8 lbf*in	100%

# Elongation, a key measure of energy absorption

A large difference in elongation of the films is shown in the chart below and is expected, since urethane is softer and more flexible than PET. For wind-borne debris, impact, explosion, or break and entry incidents where force is applied to glass of a window or door, higher elongation will help absorb more energy from the force of the impact.

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Elongation of S2400 is 4 times (4x) that of a 22-mil PET film (ASTM D882, Standard Test Method For Tensile Properties Of Thin Plastic Sheeting). Refer to the chart and diagrams below for test results and methodology.

	Maximum Elongation	Relative Values
3M™ Scotchshield™ Security Window Film S2400 (24-mil)	560%	430%
PET-based window film (22-mil)	130%	100%

#### Elongation: Film at Break Position



## Break Strength, a physical property test for films

Break Strength measures the maximum stress or force that a film can withstand before breaking when being stretched or pulled in opposite directions. This is used to compare specific products. Since urethane is a softer material than PET, the Break Strength value for S2400 will be lower than for a PET-based film, but much greater elongation is required before the S2400 will break.

	Break Strength	Relative Values
3M™ Scotchshield™ Security Window Film S2400 (24-mil)	77 lbs/in	16%
PET-based window film (22-mil)	469 lbs/in	100%

# Tensile Strength, a physical property test for materials

Tensile Strength measures the maximum stress or force that a material can withstand before breaking when being stretched or pulled in opposite directions. This is used to compare relative strengths of materials and does not consider product thickness. Since urethane is a softer material than PET, the Tensile Strength value for S2400 will be much lower than for a PET-based film.

	Tensile Strength	Relative Values
3M™ Scotchshield™ Security Window Film S2400	3,200 psi	15%
PET-based window film	22,000 psi	100%

# Health & Safety

WARNING. To help reduce the risk of personal injury and/or property damage associated with glass breakage, when working on or near glass surfaces, always use appropriate personal protective equipment and follow the Technical Bulletin "3M™Window Film Glass Checklist" to identify the risk of glass breakage associated with the application of window film to glass surfaces.

**CAUTION**. When using any equipment, tools, or cleaning solutions in connection with the processing and application of this Product, always follow the manufacturer's container labels and/or instructions for safe operation.

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