

## Specifications for 3M™ Safety & Security Window Film Safety S40

### 1.0 Scope

This product is an optically clear, glass shatter resistant and abrasion resistant 4-mil window film that, when applied as instructed to the glass surface of interior windows or doors, helps hold broken glass together and significantly reduces the ultra-violet light that normally would enter through the glass. This easily applied, tear-resistant safety and security window film is engineered for the following applications:

- Helps prevent flying glass shards in the following applications:
  - Spontaneous Glass Breakage
  - Seismic Events
- Helps delay intruders in break and entry incidents
- Helps protect against ultraviolet (UV) fading
- Helps meet many industry performance standards for glass fragment retention

**Product must be installed with the 3M™ Impact Protection Attachment (IPA) Sealant for all spontaneous glass breakage applications on single pane tempered glass. The product is not bulletproof and is not designed to stop intruders.**

**Product must be installed strictly in accordance with these specifications and 3M instruction guidelines.**

### 2.0 Applicable Documents

The publications listed below form a part of this specification to the extent referenced.

The 1985 American Society for Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Handbook of Fundamentals.

The American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

ANSI Z97.1 Specification for Safety Glazing Material used in Buildings

The American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM):

- ASTM E-308 Standard Recommended Practice for Spectrophotometry and Description of Color in CIE 1931 System
- ASTM E-903 Standard Methods of Test for Solar Absorbance, Reflectance and Transmittance of Materials Using Integrating Spheres
- ASTM D-882 Standard Test Method for Tensile Properties of Thin Plastic Sheeting
- ASTM D-1044 Standard Method of Test for Resistance of Transparent Plastics to Surface Abrasion (Taber Abrader Test)
- ASTM D-4830 Standard Test Methods for Characterizing Thermoplastic Fabrics Used in Roofing and Waterproofing.
- ASTM G-90 Standard Practice for Performing Accelerated Outdoor Weatherizing for Non-metallic Materials Using Concentrated Natural Sunlight
- ASTM G 26 Standard Practice for Performing Accelerated Outdoor Weatherizing for Non-metallic Materials Using Concentrated Natural Sunlight
- ASTM E-84 Standard Method of Test for Surface Burning Characteristics of Building Materials

Window. A Computer Tool for Analyzing Window Thermal Performance, Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory

### 3.0 Requirements of the Film

3.1 **Film Material:** The film material consists of an optically clear polyester film with a durable abrasion resistant coating over one surface, and a UV stabilized pressure sensitive adhesive on the other. The film has a nominal thickness of 4 mils (0.004 inches). The film is identified as to Manufacturer of Origin (hereafter to be called "3M").

3.2 **Film Properties, with coatings (nominal):**  
a) Tensile Strength (ASTM D882): 25,000 psi  
b) Break Strength (ASTM D882): 25,000 psi (100 lbs per inch width)  
c) Elongation: >125%  
d) Percent Elongation at Yield (ASTM D882): greater than 100%

3.3 **Solar Performance Properties:** film applied to ¼" thick clear glass  
a) Visible Light Transmission (ASTM E 903): 87%  
b) Ultraviolet Transmission (ASTM E 903): less than 1% (300 – 380 nm)  
c) Visible Reflection: not more than 10%  
d) Solar Heat Gain Coefficient: 0.82

3.4 **Flammability:** 3M will provide independent test data showing that the window film will meet the requirements of a Class A Interior Finish for Building Materials for both Flame Spread Index and Smoked Development Values per ASTM E-84.

3.5 **Abrasion Resistance:** 3M will provide independent test data showing that the film will have a surface coating that is resistant to abrasion such that less than 5% increase of transmitted light haze will result in accordance with ASTM D-1044 using 50 cycles, 500 grams weight, and the CS10F Calibrase Wheel.

3.6 **Adhesive System:** The film is supplied with a high mass pressure sensitive weatherable acrylate adhesive applied uniformly over the surface opposite the abrasion resistant coated surface. The adhesive is pressure sensitive (not water activated) and physically bonded (not chemically bonded) to the glass. The adhesive is essentially optically flat and meets the following criteria:

- a) Viewing the film from a distance of ten feet at angles up to 45 degrees from either side of the glass, the film itself does not appear distorted.
- b) It is not necessary to seal around the edges of the applied film system with a lacquer or other substance in order to prevent moisture or free water from penetrating under the film system.

3.7 **Impact Resistance for Safety Glazing:** The film, when applied to either side of the window glass, will pass a 150 ft-lb impact when tested according to ANSI Z97.1 (Class B).

3.8 **Impact Protection:** per ASTMs E1886 / E1996 – N/A. The film is not approved for windstorm applications.

3.9 **Blast Mitigation:** N/A. The film is not approved for blast mitigation applications.

## 4.0 Requirements of the 3M Authorized Window Film Dealer

4.1 **Documentation.** The 3M Authorized Window Film Dealer shall provide documentation that the dealer is authorized by 3M to install said window film as per 3M's specifications and in accordance with specific requests as to be determined and agreed to by the customer.

4.2 **Verification.** Authorization of 3M Authorized Window Film Dealer may be verified through the company's 3M ID Number.

4.3 **References.** The 3M Authorized Window Film Dealer will provide a commercial building reference list of ten (10) properties where the dealer has installed window films. This list will include the following information:

- \* Name of building
- \* The name and telephone number of a management contact
- \* Type of glass
- \* Type of film
- \* Amount of film installed
- \* Date of completion

The foregoing information will be collected and stored in accordance with [3M's Global Privacy Policy](#).

## 5.0 Requirements of the Manufacturer

5.1 **Core Labeling.** 3M will clearly identify and label each film core with the product designation and run number.

5.2 **Manufacturer.** Materials are manufactured by:  
3M Commercial Branding and Transportation Division  
3M Center, Building 280  
St. Paul, MN 55144-1000

## 6.0 Application

6.1 **Examination:** Examine glass surfaces intended to receive new film and verify that they are free from defects and imperfections, which will affect the final appearance and potentially the as-installed performance. Correct all deficiencies before starting film application.

6.2 **Preparation:**

- a) A clean and dust-free work area should be provided when the films are installed, paying attention to ventilation systems which may deposit contamination from other work areas.
- b) The window and window framing must be cleaned thoroughly with a neutral cleaning solution. The inside surface of the window glass may need to be scraped with stainless steel razor blades with clean, sharp edges to ensure the removal of any foreign contaminants without damaging the glass surface.
- c) Drop cloths or other absorbent material are to be placed on the windowsill or sash to absorb moisture accumulation generated by the film application.


6.3 **Installation:** The film must be applied strictly in accordance with 3M specifications and 3M instructions by a 3M Authorized Window Film Dealer.


- a) Materials will be delivered to the job site with the manufacturer's labels intact and legible.
- b) To minimize waste, the film may be cut to specification utilizing a vertical dispenser designed for that purpose. Film edges must be cut neatly and square at a uniform distance of 1/8" (3 mm) to 1/16" (1.6 mm) of the window-sealing device.
- c) Film is wet-applied using clean water and slip solution to facilitate positioning of the film onto glass.
- d) To help ensure efficient removal of excess water from the underside of the film and to maximize bonding of the pressure sensitive adhesive, plastic bladed squeegees are to be used.
- e) After installation, any leftover material will be removed, and the work area returned to its original condition. Use all necessary means to protect the film before, during and after the installation.

## 7.0 Guidelines for 3M Window Film Inspections, Cleaning, and Maintenance

Please refer to Technical Bulletin “Guidelines for 3M Window Film Inspections, Cleaning, And Care” for important information on how to inspect, clean, and maintain the installed window film application. **IMPORTANT:** Do NOT wash windows for the first thirty (30) days after installation.

## 8.0 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.

## 9.0 Important Product Notices

**IMPORTANT PRODUCT AND APPLICATION LIMITATIONS:** Many factors can contribute to potential hazards and damages arising from wind, impact, seismic, explosion, or break and entry incidents, including the window film selected, type and thickness of glass, building construction, exterior pressure, proximity of impact occurrence, quality of window or door frames, intruder size and strength, and type of tools used to gain entry. Certain 3M™ Window Films require the use of 3M™ Impact Protection Attachment (IPA) Sealant on glass window and door frames for windstorm, break & entry, and explosion mitigation applications and for spontaneous glass breakage applications on single pane tempered glass. The sealant may also be recommended for certain other spontaneous glass breakage, safety glazing, and seismic applications. Always refer to the 3M Technical Data Sheets and 3M Technical Specifications to determine whether these combinations are required. **CAUTION: While 3M™ Window Films, when applied in accordance with 3M instructions, may help reduce the impact of flying glass shards under certain conditions and potentially delay intruders, these films do not prevent property damage, personal injury, or death. CAUTION: Window films are not bulletproof and not designed to stop intruders.** Always consult with security professionals and a 3M Authorized Window Film Dealer prior to selecting any window films to determine suitability for the intended application.

**IMPORTANT STATE OF FLORIDA NOTICE:** This product is not approved in the State of Florida for use as hurricane, windstorm, or impact protection from wind-borne debris from a hurricane or windstorm. In compliance with Florida Statute 553.842, this product may not be advertised, sold, offered, provided, distributed, or marketed in the State of Florida as hurricane, windstorm, or impact protection from wind-borne debris from a hurricane or windstorm.

## 10. Warranty Information

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