

# 3M Scotch Brand Tape Declared ‘Historical Landmark’ By American Chemical Society Panel of Scientists

ST. PAUL, Minn.--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--The American Chemical Society (ACS), the world’s largest scientific society, has designated 3M Scotch Brand Tape as an “historical chemical landmark,” citing its ubiquitous use in the modern world and 3M’s innovative role in adhesives technology.

ACS board of directors chair Dr. Judith L. Benham presented a special bronze plaque marking the distinction to Dr. Fred J. Palensky, 3M executive vice president, Research and Development, and chief technology officer, in a ceremony today at 3M Center.

Each year since 1993, an international committee of prominent chemists, chemical engineers, museum curators, and science and technology historians evaluates the nominations and grants landmark recognition to the historic achievements they deem most notable, seeking seminal scientific achievements that have stood the test of time and have had a significant impact on society.

Invented more than 75 years ago, 3M Scotch tape is now sold in some 900 varieties. In May of this year, its primary inventor, Richard Drew, was posthumously inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame in Akron, Ohio. Drew, who also invented 3M’s removable masking tape, overcame numerous challenges in the lab, over a period of several years, before he succeeded in creating the world’s first clear, waterproof pressure-sensitive adhesive tape that could be produced in rolls and easily applied by the user.

3M sells more than 4.1 million miles of Scotch tape annually, or enough to circle the Earth 165 times.

“We are very grateful to receive this recognition from the American Chemical Society,” said Joaquin Delgado, vice president, Research, Development and New Business Ventures for 3M Consumer and Office Business. “3M’s achievements in adhesives in the 1920s and ‘30s set the company on course to become one of the world’s premier innovators in a broad range of technologies. The development of Scotch tape was a seminal event in more ways than one.”

## About the American Chemical Society

The American Chemical Society--the world’s largest scientific society--is a non-profit organization chartered by the U.S. Congress and a global leader in providing access to chemistry-related research through its multiple databases, peer-reviewed journals and scientific conferences. Its main offices are in Washington D.C., and Columbus, Ohio.

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