

# 3M™ Thermally Conductive Silicone Interface Pad 5549S

## Product Description

3M™ Thermally Conductive Silicone Interface Pad (TCSIP) 5549S is designed to provide a preferential heat transfer path between heat generating components and heat sinks, heat spreaders or other cooling devices. 3M TCSIP 5549S consists of a highly conformable and slightly tacky silicone elastomeric sheet filled with thermally conductive ceramic particles which provide enhanced thermal conductivity and excellent electrical insulation performance. 3M TCSIP 5549S has permanent PEN film 6 micrometer thick on one side to provide for a non-tacky surface, increased puncture resistance, ease of handling and rework.

## Key Features

- Very high thermal conductivity and good electrical insulation properties
- Good softness and conformability even to non-flat surfaces
- Good electrical insulation properties
- Compression relaxation properties reduces pressure to electric components
- Slight tack allows pre-assembly
- Good wet-ability for improved and lower thermal resistance

## Product Construction/Material Description

**Note:** The following technical information and data should be considered representative or typical only and should not be used for specification purposes.

3M™ Thermally Conductive Silicone Interface Pad 5549S	
Property	Value
Color	Gray
Base resin	Silicone
Thickness	0.5 – 2.0 mm*
Primary Filler Type	Ceramic
Product Liner	PET Film Liners

\*Standard thickness range. Custom thickness options available up to 10mm. Contact your local 3M Technical Representative for more information.

<b>Permanent Polymeric Film Carrier (0.006mm)</b>
<b>Filled Silicone Elastomer</b>
<b>PET Film Liner</b>

## Applications

- Integrated circuit (IC) chip packaging heat conduction
- Heat sink interface
- Chip on film (COF) heat conduction
- LED board thermal interface material (TIM)
- HD TV IC chip
- General gap filling in electronic devices

## Application Techniques

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Substrate surfaces should be clean and dry prior to the thermal pad application to ensure best thermal performance. A clean surface can improve the thermal performance of an application.

- Isopropyl alcohol (isopropanol) applied with a lint-free wipe or swab should be adequate for removing surface contamination such as dust or fingerprints. Do not use “denatured alcohol” or glass cleaners, which often contain oily components. Allow the surface to dry for several minutes before applying the thermal pad. More aggressive solvents (such as acetone, methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) or toluene) may be required to remove heavier contamination (grease, machine oils, solder flux, etc.) but should be followed by a final isopropanol wipe as described above.

Note: Be sure to read and follow the manufacturers’ precautions and directions when using solvents.

- Apply the thermal pad to one substrate at a modest angle with the use of a squeegee, rubber roller or finger pressure to help reduce the potential for air entrapment under the thermal pad during its application.
- Remove the release liner before application.
- Assemble the part by applying compression to the substrates to ensure a good wetting of the substrate surfaces with the thermal pads. Rigid substrates are more difficult to assemble without air entrapment as most rigid parts are not flat. Flexible substrates can be assembled to rigid or flexible parts with much less concern about air entrapment because one of the flexible substrate can conform to the other substrates during application.

## Typical Physical Properties and Performance Characteristics

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Property	Method <sup>a</sup>	Value
Thermal Conductivity (W/m-K) <sup>b</sup> With Permanent Film Without Permanent Film	ASTM D5470	3.5 W/m-K 5 W/m-K
Density (g/cm <sup>3</sup> , @ 25°C)	ASTM D6111	2.8
Operating Temperature Range Long Term (Weeks-Months) Short Term (Hours-Days)	3M test method	-50°C to 125°C -50°C to 180°C
Hardness Shore 00 <sup>c</sup>	Modified ASTM D2240	70 ~ 80
Dielectric Breakdown	Modified ASTM D149 (3M test method)	3 KV/mm
Volume Resistivity	ASTM D257	1.7 x 10 <sup>14</sup> Ohms

<sup>a</sup> Methods listed as ASTM are tested in accordance with the ASTM method noted.

<sup>b</sup> Thermal K without permanent film is 5 W/m-K (Based on testing of 3M TCSIP 5549). Effective Thermal K and Thermal Resistance will be somewhat reduced with the addition of the polymeric film construction of 3M tape 5549S.

<sup>c</sup> Shore 00 results depend on test method and thickness of the sample tested. Typical results are in the 70-80 Shore 00 range @ 6 mm test thickness. Ask 3M for more details on pad softness.

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## Storage and Shelf Life

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The shelf life of 3M™ Thermally Conductive Silicone Interface Pad 5549S is 24 months from the date of manufacture when stored in the original packaging materials and stored at 21°C (70°F) and 50% relative humidity.

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