

## Duct, Gaffer & Cloth Tape &#8211; A Guide to Industrial Tape

One myth about the word Duct Tape comes from World War II, when a tape

was manufactured for the US Military to prevent water from getting into ammunition boxes. As the water rolled off the boxes the word was born &#8211; Duct &#8211; Tape, as it was a comparison to being like a duck on the water &#8211; the water rolls off looking like the feathers are dry. The tape was also widely used to repair army tents as a quick and easy repair for the troops on the move, it was also light and easy to carry.

Since these early years the tape has been used in the building and construction industry for repairing and sealing air and heating ducts. One of the main advantages of using [Duct Tape](#) is the tape is made of cloth so it can be torn easily by hand plus it has a 75mm core which allows your hand to fit inside which helps

to wrap tape around pipes. The tape is pressure sensitive and needs pushing down to create a tight seal. Duct Tape can also be made PVC based but it has to be cut with a knife rather than just by hand, to give a clean edge.

Here is a breakdown of Duct, Gaffer and Cloth Tape:

Polycloth Ducting Tape Ref 163 &#8211; Def Standard 81/25/2 BS 3887

The best Ducting Tape we offer, its used by gas boards for putting on back plates. Its made of cloth, coated with durable plastic which ensures a reliable performance. Available in 50mm or 75mm widths on 50M rolls.

&#8226; Easy to tear by hand

&#8226; Silver in colour to blend in with ducts

&#8226; 75mm core so fitters can get their hands inside

Polycloth Ducting Tape Ref 166

This silver, cloth duct tape is used for sealing ducts / pipework. Available in widths starting at 25mm up to 100mm on a 50M length roll.

&#8226; Easy to tear by hand

&#8226; Silver in colour to blend in with ducts

&#8226; 75mm core so fitters can get their hands inside

Economy Gaffer Duct Tape &#8211; Ref 180

Directa&#8211;s Gaffer tape has the same specifications as Polycloth 166 but this tape has a more open weave .

&#8226; Available in widths starting at 25mm up to 100mm

&#8226; 50M length roll

&#8226; Comes in various colours

009 Duct Tape

This Duct Tape is made of heavy duty PVC and is used for ducts and air conditioning pipes. Available in widths from 25mm to 100mm on a 33M length roll.

&#8226; Can be cut to any width as purchased by us in log rolls

&#8226; Silver in colour to blend in with ducts

&#8226; 75mm core so fitters can get their hands inside

&#8226; An economical way of wrapping pipes with a professional finish

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