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# Adhesive-Backed Materials & Sail Numbers

## Frequently Asked Questions

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**Q: I see you offer stick on numbers but do you sell letters?**

A: Sailrite does not carry pre-cut adhesive-backed letters, but we do sell insignia material which can be cut to make custom letters and numbers. When applying to Dacron sailcloth or vinyl, no sewing is necessary. If used on something like Sunbrella, sew around the perimeter of each letter to firmly secure.

**Q: Can I place adhesive backed numbers over seams?**

A: It is acceptable to put the insignia (numbers) over seams. The pressure sensitive adhesive sticks very well. The only time I have had any trouble with this is if the corner of the number stops right on the seam. Try to position things so the material straddles the seam.

**Q: Can I use the adhesive-backed numbers that Sailrite sells on my mainsail cover?**

A: Yes, sail numbers can be used on mainsail covers, but the pressure sensitive adhesive is not aggressive enough to firmly secure the numbers to the Sunbrella fabric without sewing. The adhesive is strong enough to hold the numbers in place to make sewing around the perimeter of each character much easier.

**Q: Do I need to sew adhesive-backed numbers on my sails?**

A: No, the pressure sensitive adhesive is designed to stick permanently to Dacron, Laminate, and Nylon sailcloth without sewing.

**Q: What adhesive repair tape can be used with sails made from laminate fabrics?**

A: Kevlar Repair Tape would work best. It is a Kevlar laminate (1 mil) with an adhesive backing. It is always wise to match the stretch characteristics of the repair material as closely as possible to the specs of the sailcloth.

**Q: Can I repair a rip in my clear vinyl window material?**

A: The only attractive repair is to replace the window panel. Patching will be obvious and unsightly. If you need to patch a rip, Sailrite suggests the use of a clear adhesive repair tape like Tear Aid Type B instead of any sewing. For holes in windows, sewing on a patch is required. Use a .020 Plastipane as the patching material.

**Q: Does Sailrite have any Dacron repair tape for a sail that is wider than the typical 2" wide tape product?**

A: Sailrite carries the typical 2" wide tape product, 3 – 4 oz. adhesive-backed Dacron (taffeta) tape, but also carries a few other options. This tape material is also called insignia material and is used for sail numbers. We sell 54" Insignia material by the yard and also UV Insignia in widths of 10", 14" and 18". All may be used for sail repair.

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