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Important Update: Supply Status for Aerospace Structural Adhesive Films

Dear Valued Customer,

As a follow-up to prior communications regarding 3M's commitment to exit all per- and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) manufacturing and use across our product portfolios¹, we are pleased to confirm that 3M has fully launched 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Structural Adhesive Films AF 501 and AF 503. These solutions are our next-generation structural adhesive films with no intentionally added PFAS and have been developed as suggested alternatives to 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Structural Adhesive Films AF 163-2, AF 163-3, AF 191, and AF 3109-2.

We recognize that the qualification and certification of new aerospace materials can be an intensive process with extended timelines. Accordingly, and in response to your requests, 3M plans to continue supplying existing formulations of Structural Adhesive Films AF 163-2, AF 163-3, AF 191, and AF 3109-2 through December 31, 2031, subject to supply constraints.

In addition, 3M remains committed to innovation in aerospace bonding technologies and is actively working to develop additional next-generation structural adhesive film solutions to support a broad range of customer needs. As these solutions advance, we will provide additional information and product details.

Product Name	Estimated Availability Through ²	Suggested Alternative Product(s) for customer consideration
3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Structural Adhesive Film AF 163-2	December 31, 2031	3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Structural Adhesive Film AF 501 <i>Developmental product AF 501-2</i> <i>Developmental product AF501-2HT</i>
3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Structural Adhesive Film AF 163-3	December 31, 2031	
3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Structural Adhesive Film AF 191	December 31, 2031	3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Structural Adhesive Film AF 503 <i>Developmental product AMD 1179</i>
3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Structural Adhesive Film AF 3109-2	December 31, 2031	3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Structural Adhesive Film AF 501 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Structural Adhesive Film AF 503

¹ Previous communication dated September 23, 2024

² These dates reflect 3M's current supply plans and are estimates only. Availability is not guaranteed and remains subject to manufacturing capacity, raw material availability, and other supply considerations. All orders remain subject to material availability and acceptance by 3M. Delivery dates are estimates only and are subject to change. Nothing in this letter constitutes acceptance of any current or future order.

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In the table above, unless otherwise stated as “developmental”, the suggested alternative products are commercially available.

For the suggested alternative products marked “developmental”, it is important for you to understand that we consider these products to be experimental, which means that final specifications have not been established for the product or that the product may not have been commercialized for the proposed application or potential application being explored. Future availability, design, composition and performance properties of the developmental products are not guaranteed and are subject to change.

We encourage you to continue to assess and qualify the alternative product(s) as soon as possible. While it is your responsibility to determine if the alternative product is suitable for your application, your 3M Sales Representative or Application Engineer is available to provide assistance and/or further product information.

If you have questions regarding the products outlined above, please contact your local 3M representative for further assistance. Thank you for your continued support of 3M Structural Adhesive Film Solutions.

Sincerely,

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