# Appliance Buyers' Guide





## Key Application Solutions

Assembly	Foaming	Gasketing	Transportation
ATTACHING & MOUNTING	AIR/GAS VENTING	PVC FOAMS	SURFACE PROTECTION
TAPES  Double sided tapes attach spacers, trims, nameplates, bumpers, gaskets and more  HIGH BOND FOAMED ACRYLICS	Porous tapes and foams are used to cover venting holes to escape and draw foam thoughout the cavity  MASKING TAPES  Used to hold on trim pieces	Seal against air, dust, and moisture between components along seams  VINYL NITRILE FOAMS  Used for seaming areas that are exposed to higher	Compressible foam sealants create air tight seals under demanding conditions  STRAPPING AND BUNDLING  Filament and removable
Offer structural bonding strength without the mess and delays caused by liquids and fasteners	during the foam injection process  BONDING & MOUNTING	temperatures, or where higher insulation value is needed	tensilized polypropylene tapes secure shelves and drawers, or help bundle parts together
MASKING PRODUCTS  Mask off components before painting with general area films, paper masking tapes, fine line	Double sided tapes are used to secure bolt spacers and fixtures to cabinet walls	SILICONE RUBBER, SPONGE, & FOAM  Create thermal and electrical insulation around lighting, heaters, and electrical fixtures	PROTECTIVE SPACING PADS & SPACERS Foam and rubber protective
tapes, and powdercoating masking film tapes  ANTI-SLIP MATERIALS  Low skid PU foams keep shelves from sliding or act as foot pads to keep appliances stable	HOLE COVERING TAPES  Foil tapes and heavy duty clear tapes are used to cover holes and seams to prevent foam leaks	Sound absorbing and heat reflective materials are used around compressors, motors, and evaporator coils to control sound and manage heat	pads prevent movement or load shifts during transportation

### INSIGHTS

#### WE'RE DOING THINGS OTHERS CAN'T.

#### Oven Glass Attachment

Attaching glass in oven doors has always been a source of frustration. Mechanical fasteners don't look good or adapt to thermal expansion and contraction. Most high bond tapes are not thick enough to properly fill gaps in the door skin, so many oven manufacturers are forced to use multi layered tapes.

These products are seldom configured to the exact thickness. The wrong thickness of tape leaves gaps in the bond line and distorts the door causing aesthetic and functional issues. Members of the Budnick team found a high bond tape that can be made thicker than what was previously available in the industry. We also developed proprietary converting processes to provide the super thick, high bond tape in a production friendly part.

The black Budnick custom parts aren't noticeable, eliminate fasteners, create distortion free lines, adapt to thermal expansion and contraction, reduce hot spots in the door, prevent screw damage, and even avoid repetitive motion injuries.





## CASE STUDY

#### Oven Door Assembly

#### Customer Need

Our customer, an appliance manufacturer, was using an expensive double coated foam in an oven door assembly as a gap filler. Their previous supplier was stacking two of the double coated tapes together that were separated by aluminum foil. This method was somewhat useful but was not the right thickness. Additionally, there were issues with the foam parts merging back together on the rolls after having been cut.

#### The Budnick Solution

We collaborated with one of our vendors and began testing a high bond, acrylic foam tape. The appliance manufacturer's engineers were intrigued when they learned the foam tape could be designed to a particular thickness, prompting our vendor to design a 140 mil thick foam.

The foam was then butt cut on a press. We were able to create a 1/16" gap between the parts on the roll to prevent them from merging back together. Today we provide over 800 parts per roll to the customer. We sell them in roll form as a convenience to the customer's inventory system.

#### Enhanced Productivity

The production workers no longer struggle with parts sticking together and breaking. The parts now come presented on a double coated liner. The workers prefer this, as the top release liner is removed, exposing the adhesive on multiple parts. As a result production times have improved and the gap is sufficiently filled in the oven door.

## WHY BUDNICK?

#### Custom Products and Services Enhance Your Productivity

The Budnick team partners with our customers to increase the performance of both the product and the process. We offer thousands of materials from dozens of manufacturers and convert to the most user-friendly form for each of your unique applications. These customized solutions can reduce your overall costs and simplify the application and/or removal of adhesive coated parts. With specialists in sourcing, engineering, prototyping, dispensing, and applying your tape, we work hard to identify your best solution.

#### The Converting Experts

Our development specialists average more than 20 years of experience in the tape industry. With instant access to technical gurus at 12 major tape manufacturers and an internal support team of more than 20 people, we can quickly resolve challenging custom application issues, source the optimal material, engineer the ideal part, and convert your material to exacting tolerances

#### Your Satisfaction is Our Priority

Budnick is a customer focused organization. To fully understand your needs and drive value for your company, we partner with you to learn your business, the needs of your job function, and your unique applications.

#### We're Easy to Work With

While we have great systems and procedures in place, we realize that sometimes you have special circumstances and you just need some friendly help to get out of a jam, so we empower our associates to do what it takes to keep you running.



Budnick makes industrial manufacturers more productive when using adhesive tapes, foams, films, papers, foils, and other flexible materials. We utilize over 60 years of experience and more than 50 technologically advanced converting machines to custom slit, die cut, print, spool, laser and waterjet cut these materials into cost-efficient and labor saving customer parts.

#### Services

Application Engineering
In-Line Laser Cutting
Rewind Slitting
Lathe Slitting

Rotary Die Cutting Flatbed Die Cutting

Traverse Winding (spooling)

XYZ Axis Table Plotter

Sheeting

Laminating
Perforating
Waterjet Cutting

Flexographic Printing

**Inkjet Printing** 

Sequential Numbering

Bar Coding

Island Placement Adhesive Coating Pattern Coating
Extended Liners

Private Labeling & Packaging

**Custom Fabricating** 

Large Adhesives Inventory

**Inventory Management** 

Contract Converting

Project Consulting

Prototyping

#### Adhesive and Non-Adhesive Materials

Double Coated Tapes
Adhesive Transfers
Non-Woven Materials
Foams (adh. or no)
High Bond Acrylics
Masking Papers
Filament Tapes
Cloth Tapes
Laminates

UHMW material
Tensilized Polypropylene
Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
Unplasticized PVC
Polyimide
Polyester
Polypropylene
Paper
Foil

Polyethylene
Polyurethane
Polytetrafluoroethylene
Glass Cloth
Label Stocks
Gaskets
Films
Plastics
Rubber

Heat Activated Tapes
Water Activated Tapes
Sound Damping
Reclosable Fasteners
Rubber and Plastic Extrusions
Silicone Sponge and Rubber
3M HAF Filters

Magnetic Stocks and Tapes

**Fabrics and Textiles**