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# ALPHA-TAPE®

Our brand – made in Germany

For more than 30 years MKT - based thousands of already matched decors in Ohrdruf, Thuringia - stands for and colors with a multitude of printing in-depth expertise in the development structures and surface finishes. This way and production of thermoplastic edge- our customers get the certainty to always banding branded ALPHA-TAPE®. It is receive ALPHA-TAPE® edgebanding that is our aim to continuously improve the perfectly matched to its pattern. interplay of decor, embossing and gloss level and thus the "natural" effect of our edges. With a view to current trends in the furniture industry this aim applies especially to domestic and exotic woods, as well as increasingly to stone, metal and fantasy decors. Each edgebanding solution contains the experience of



Our ALPHA-TAPE® range includes different The haptic effect of decors and colors is Refined lacguer finishes absolutely meet designs with more than 12.000 printed additionally enhanced with the help of today's trends and will continue to gain decors e.g. wood, stone and fantasy authentic and characteristic embossing. in importance. At the same time, the reproductions as well as over 6.000 plain We offer more than 40 embossings from demands on the surfaces and robustness decors. We use gravure and digital printing "fine" to "rough", which are based on of edges are constantly increasing. With processes to reproduce expressive decors current and future trends. and colors





our ALPHA-TAPE® refinements, we offer the perfect solution for every application.

## DESIGNS

UN/UL - Plain colors

Wood, stone and

fantasy reproductions

Metal Effect

Metallica

Metallic Pro

Bicolor

# **EMBOSSINGS**

Smooth textures

Pearl textures

Wood textures

Stone textures

Creative textures

## **SURFACE REFINEMENTS**

SM – Soft Matt

Excellent Matt

Excellent Gloss

Gloss 90

Excellent Effect

Natural Effect

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To produce ALPHA-TAPE®, we use high- our quality assurance department. In this quality and specially tested plastics on way, we ensure a consistently high level modern extrusion lines. During and after of quality and quarantee the optimal production, we subject our edgebanding processing of ALPHA-TAPE® edgebanding. material to strict quality controls. At several stations, we analyze and evaluate relevant test criteria such as print image, material properties, primer application and color. All recorded data is documented electronically and ultimately collated in



# PRODUCTION

Large quantities at short notice

Thanks to our calendering method, we 12 to 405 mm and choose thicknesses time - without any

produce wide jumbo rolls up to 1.350 from 0.4 to 3.2 mm. With this unique differences in color, mm, which can be slitted precisely and and efficient production process, we are embossing or gloss grade with millimeter accuracy according to able to avoid frequent tool or extruder within the same decor. the requirements of our customers. It is changes and produce large quantities of possible to combine different widths from ALPHA-TAPE® edgebanding in a short

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# **LOCATIONS**

- 2 production sites
- 80,000 sqm ground area
- 28,000 sqm production area
- 16 production plants
- most modern slitting center worldwide

# **CAPACITY**

- Production volume of approx. 384,000 running km/year (corresponds to the distance from the earth to the moon)
- Semi-continuous production with a rolling 3-shift system and approx. 250 employees

## **METAMERISM**

- metamerism-free color series
- no problems when switching from simulated daylight (D65) to simulated office light (L84)

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# **CERTIFIED HIGH QUALITY PLASTICS**

The future belongs to PP

ALPHA-TAPE® is available in ABS and PP for conventional processing using hotmelt technology. In addition, special edge-banding solutions are available for alternative application forms, e.g. using zero-joint technology, as well as edgebanding made from sustainable raw materials such as WPC (wood plastic composite) and PP Rec (contains over 50 % PCR recyclate).

# ABS ACRYLNITRIL-BUTADIEN-STYROL

ABS is a copolymeric, thermoplastic material that has already been used in the furniture industry for over 50 years. The specific combination of individual monomers results in a particularly impact-resistant, mechanically and thermally highly resilient plastic. At the same time, ABS impresses with its very good printability, varnishability and polishability and is therefore ideal for the production and further processing of edgebanding.

# PP POLYPROPYLEN

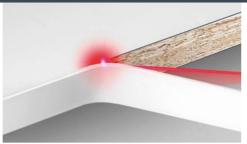
PP is a semi-crystalline, thermoplastic material that is currently experiencing the strongest growth worldwide. In addition to its primary use in films and packaging materials, PP is also becoming increasingly important in the production of furniture and edgebanding. This is mainly due to the material's high environmental compatibility and recyclability as well as its many positive material and processing properties: PP is low in stress whitening, has a low specific weight, is flame-retardant and more resistant to UV light and chemicals.

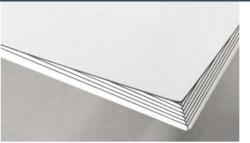
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Chemical resistance	•••	•00	•••	••0
Density	•00		•••	•••
Tensile and impact strength	•00	•••		
Damping behaviour	•00		•••	•••
Stress whitening		•00	•••	•••
UV light resistance	•••		•••	•••
Varnishability and printability	••0	•••	•00	•00
Polishability	•••	•••		
Electrostatic charging	•••		•00	•00
Thermal resistance and stability	•00	•••	••0	••0
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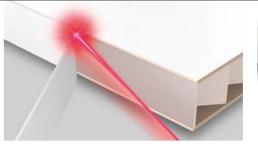
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# SPECIAL APPLICATIONS

Innovative edgebanding solutions

Our diverse ALPHA-TAPE® range also includes innovative solutions for a wide variety of special applications. Whether for softforming, zero-joint technologies, multilayer construction or lightweight honeycomb panels, each edgeband can be optimally adapted to the respective area of application, resulting in a high-quality product.

## ALPHA-TAPE® FLEXIBLE

With ALPHA-TAPE® FLEXIBLE, we have developed an extremely resilient and highly flexible edgeband that can be formed in two dimensions, similar to a wrapping foil. It is suitable for various softforming applications such as doors, grips or molded furniture parts and offers a wide freedom of design with different shapes of edging solutions without breaking or causing unsightly bending discoloration (stress whitening).

## ALPHA-TAPE ZERO®

ALPHA-TAPE ZERO® can be used for all currently available zero-joint technologies without specific modification. Based on the ALPHA-TAPE® PP edgeband, it has a color-matched, coextruded functional layer that bonds perfectly with the substrate material using laser, hot-air or NIR, in throughfeed technology or on CNC/BAZ systems, creating an invisible and seamless transition. Conventional adhesion promoters or adhesives are unnecessary during processing.

# **ALPHA-TAPE ZERO® MULTILAYER**

ALPHA-TAPE ZERO® can be fully welded with our conventional ALPHA-TAPE® PP edgebanding and with itself. It is possible to process multiple, fully-welded layers on top of each other and the edging result will still remain even and homogeneous. Even intentionally chosen color differences or contrast changes can be realized by using different colored edges or functional layers. Customized edging solutions starting at lot size one can be created, which at best have previously been realized by special profiles.

## ALPHA-TAPE ZERO® HONEYCOMB

Thanks to the positive characteristics of ALPHA-TAPE ZERO® and its functional layer (firm, co-extruded, nonadhesive, colour-consistent) it is also possible to use this product for the edging of PP-honeycomb panels (lightweight construction components) with the help of a special formulation. Perfectly manufactured furniture pieces can also here be achieved with all available zerojoint technologies, whether in through feed method or on CNC/BAZ machines and require no additional modifications of the edge.

## ALPHA-TAPE® FLAME-PROOF ABS

ALPHA-TAPE® FLAME-PROOF ABS offers consistent fire protection and meets strict European standards. Thanks to its self-extinguishing properties, these edges ensure that in the event of a fire, they will not further promote the burning when the ignition source is removed. Manufactured from full colored ABS, it combines a decorative finishing of panels with excellent impact resistance, workability, design versatility and heat resistance. Thanks to its halogen-free flame retardant, it is perfect for wall panels and furniture.

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# STOPGAP

The strong edge sealing

A thorough cleaning of uneven surfaces often proves difficult. Dirt, mold and other contaminants can accumulate in the microscopic depressions, attack the surface and make it look unsightly. Our hydrophobic STOPGAP sealant effortlessly fills these irregularities, prevents deposits and protects against moisture. It is not only suitable for edged pieces of furniture, but even for wooden materials and real wood panels and ensures permanently attractive, protected surfaces. STOPGAP offers many application options and is available for both manual and machine use.



# STOPGAP PEN

The adhesive gap is the weakest area of edged furniture. For easy use at home, we have developed the STOPGAP PEN, which has been specially optimized for manual application. The practical pen shape combines functionality with a useful design. The sponge integrated under the pen cap enables the water-repellent liquid to be applied evenly and precisely and ensures fast, clean and effective surface sealing.



## STOPGAP FLUID

For large-area applications, we offer our hydrophobic agent in different container sizes (0.9 liters, 5 liters and 20 liters). STOPGAP FLUID can be applied manually with a microfiber cloth, spray bottle, roller or brush. After about 15 seconds, excess material can be wiped up using a clean microfiber cloth. Optionally, the product can be heated at up to 80 °C. Furthermore, machine application is also possible with our STOPGAP STARTER KIT.

# STOPGAP STARTER KIT

The complete system for edgebanding systems

For sealing edgebands in fully automatic hardware. We have perfectly optimized production lines we have developed our the system under production conditions STOPGAP STARTER KIT. This complete and have already defined the presets for system consists of our highly effective guick and simple commissioning. hydrophobing agent and a mature





STOPGAPSTARTER KIT is installed as the last unit on the machine. Thanks to the spraying system, the water-repellent agent can be applied to the desired glued joint using fine precision nozzles. The treated parts can then be processed immediately and are protected against the penetration of dirt, water and steam in the long term. Increase the quality and durability of your furniture and pass on tangible added value to your customers.

**ACCESSORIES ACCESSORIES** 



# ALPHA-TAPE® DIGITAL EDGE

Endless possibilities

quality of ALPHA-TAPE® with an impressilent reproducibility. Our digital printing vely authentic print image. Thanks to the can be combined with all MKT finishes extended repeat and the deceptively real decor reproduction, we achieve a particularly natural look and can reproduce decors with an outstanding depth effect. Thanks to special processing techniques and maximum color consistency, the decors are always reproduced in consis-

Our digitally printed edges offer the tent quality, enabling us to achieve exceland offers endless possibilities.

# **AVAILABILITY**

Our digital edge is available in PP and ABS. We offer thicknesses from 0.4 to 3.2 mm and widths from 16 to 405 mm as well as various embossings.

# ALPHA-TAPE® STOCK PROGRAM

Available edges from stock

# ALPHA-TAPE® ABS & PP

Due to strong demand, we have been implementing our stock program for several years. Our customers benefit from an immediately available range of edgebanding in different white, grey and black tones in standardized thicknesses as well as in different surface refinements and structures. Our premium product ALPHA-TAPE® METALLICA is also available from stock in various designs.

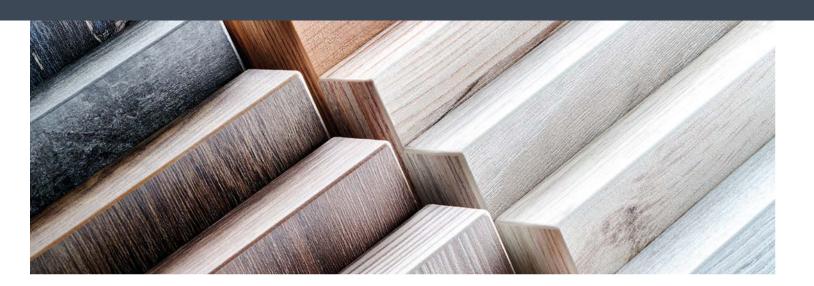


Matching the FINEFLEX Metallic series from Fine Decor, we offer our ALPHA-TAPE® PP EXCELLENT edgebanding in six trendy metallic colors with identical colors and structures. Our EXCEL-LENT MATT finish convinces with identical surface properties such as anti-fingerprint and soft-touch as well as a very high resistance to chemicals, light and scratches.

# ALPHA-TAPE® ABS & PP ZERO UNILIN MASTER OAK

We present our perfectly matching ALPHA-TAPE® ABS and ALPHA-TAPE ZERO® PP edgebanding in ten wood designs and two plain colors for the Master Oak series from Unilin. This perfect match impresses with its authentic design, our SOFT MATT finish and identical surface properties such as high scratch resistance and color fastness.

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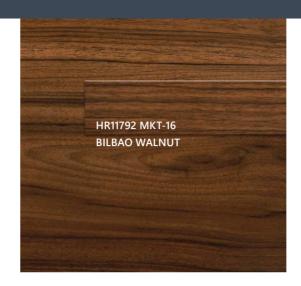




The perfect edgebanding is already matched

With ALPHA-TAPE® DESIGN ALLIANCE we offer a perfectly matched ALPHA-TAPE® edgebanding almost simultaneously with the latest trend decors from market-leading surface manufacturers. Our partners include the decor printers Schattdecor, Interprint, Lamigraf, Decor Druck Leipzig and Impress as well

as the furniture foil manufacturers Continental and Fine Decor. Color, printing structure, surface finish and gloss grade of our edges are ideally matched to the templates, making them the perfect complement to our partners' products.



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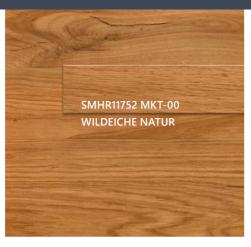
**ROOKWOOD OAK** 

As a result of the continuous expansion of its product range, Schattdecor has developed from a decor printing company to a global market leader and surface specialist. With many years of technical and design expertise, Schattdecor creates innovative products with printed, impregnated and finished surfaces which can be designed as wood, stone, soli-color and fantasy decors.

Interprint is one of the market-leading decor printers. The company sees itself as a creative driving force for the industry, which supplies its customers from the furniture and flooring industry with innovative solutions. Wood, stone and creative decors from Interprint design the surfaces of numerous materials in the field of wood-based materials.

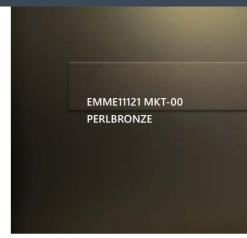
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is perfect for kitchen, bathroom and living interiors and other applications. room furniture as well as for wall paneling.



With skai® PureLux, Continental has deve- Fine Decor develops and produces loped a sustainable lacquered laminate decorative films made of PET for the series made of PET that is available in furniture industry and impresses with its trendy plain colors. With an elegant matt premium surfaces. The company focuses surface, soft-touch feel and high resis- on highest quality and sustainability to tance to scratches, light and chemicals, it create modern solutions for furniture,

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# MKT GOES GREEN

Our sustainability concept

To enhance our sustainability, we develop offer a sustainable edgebanding solution our "green" culture, future-orientated strategies and products with a significant amount of PCR (Postfor an environmentally friendly produc- Consumer-Recycled) material, which and constantly increase the recycled and processing as our conventional content in our ALPHA-TAPE® edges. ALPHA-TAPE® PP edges. Our energy and actively contribute to environmental

We use natural raw materials has the same impressive design, quality With ALPHA-TAPE® PP REC, we already management system, a central part of

DIN EN ISO 50001:2018 aims to reduce energy losses and increase energy efficiency along the value chain. In this way, we reduce greenhouse gas emissions

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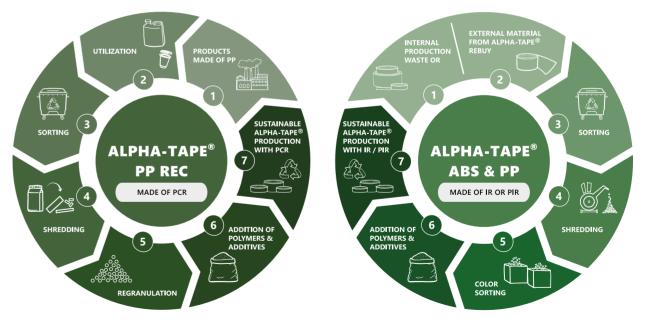
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# SUSTAINABLE ALPHA-TAPE® EDGEBANDING

Edges made from external & internal recycled materials

For the production of our ALPHA-TAPE® TAPE® ABS and PP edges, we use IR or Through the addition of virgin material, PP REC edgebanding, we use high-quality PIR (Post-Industrial-Recycled) material, we produce durable, high-quality edge-PCR material from safe sources with which we recycle from production waste banding with a sustainable claim.

consistently high quality. For our ALPHA- and/or the ALPHA-TAPE® REBUY program.



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# ALPHA-TAPE® REBUY

Our edgeband buy-back program

Leftover stock that unnecessarily takes up recyclate and use it for the production of cancellations or collection changes can be returned to us. Since 2021, we have been program for sustainable recycling of unused material. After prior analysis, we buy back remaining stocks of our ALPHA-TAPE® edges, recycle them into pure

storage capacity due to stockpiling, order new ALPHA-TAPE® edgebands. ALPHA-TAPE® REBUY offers numerous advantages for customers who want to reduce their offering ALPHA-TAPE® REBUY, a buyback ecological footprint. By optimising the raw material cycle, the service life of our edgebands is extended, which contributes to the sustainable use of resources. Instead of disposing of excess material through

thermal processes, our buyback program reduces waste and significantly lowers CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. In addition, customers can reduce their disposal and storage costs, free up storage capacity and utilise it more efficiently.



# PRODUCTION OF ALPHA-TAPE®

We use a mixture of virgin material and recycled material based on ABS and PP for the production of our ALPHA-TAPE® edgebanding.



## TRANSPORT TO CUSTOMER

We package our ALPHA-TAPE® edges and deliver them to customers worldwide. where they are further processed into a wide range of products for the furniture industry.



## NOTIFICATION OF UNUSED GOODS

Unused ALPHA-TAPE® ABS and PP edges can be returned to us in their original packaging for a financial benefit. For this purpose, the customer contacts our service department and after confirmation, a provisional refund is determined and the return is authorised.



## TRANSPORT TO MKT

The goods registered for repurchase are packed by the customer and returned to



## **MATERIAL ANALYSIS & RECYCLING**

Our quality assurance department checks the condition of the material and its recyclability. If the return conditions are met, a credit note is issued. The material is then sorted, processed, shredded into pure recyclate and reintegrated into the production of new ALPHA-TAPE® edges.

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# MKT BEE SPONSORSHIP

Honey from responsible beekeeping

ronment, we took on a bee sponsorship and processed directly on site, it remains in 2024 to actively support the ecosystem fresh, nutritious and authentic. A genuine and protect honey bees. Around our natural product with character! company site in Ohrdruf, our bee colonies are busy pollinating numerous native wild plants and crops. With our sponsorship, we ensure the further existence of these important insects and preserve the diversity of nature in our region. Another positive effect is the production of high-quality, natural honey with an

As part of our commitment to the envi- unique taste. Gently harvested by hand



# SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

Green electricity from a German wind farm

Since January 2025, we have been setting contribution to achieving global climate a strong signal for a sustainable energy targets. At the same time, long-term supply: We purchase our electricity planning ensures stable energy costs and directly from a German wind farm as increases our competitive edge through agreement (PPA), thereby supporting the use of resources. We want to actively take purchase of electricity from renewable advantage of the opportunities presented sources. This enables us to purchase by the changing energy markets, make a around 3,000 MWh of wind energy valuable contribution to decarbonization per year from guaranteed sustainable and help to create a sustainable future sources and reduce our CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by for our company, our industry and future around 2,100 tonnes per year. The direct generations. purchase of renewable energy enables us to produce in a more environmentally friendly way and makes an active

part of a long-term power purchase sustainable innovation and responsible



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