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SFTW-203-3/8-48-BLACK**





# SFTW-203 Tubing

3:1 Very Flexible Polyolefin

## Data Sheet

### Product Description

3M™ SFTW-203 is a 3:1 shrink ratio tubing that offers an outstanding balance of electrical, physical and chemical properties for a wide variety of industrial and military applications. SFTW-203 is made of very flexible, heat-shrinkable polyolefin which is mechanically tough, chemically resistant, and can be easily surface printed.

SFTW-203 tubing has been engineered to offer a low shrink temperature of 100°C (212°F). This allows the tubing to shrink rapidly, and minimizes heat exposure and possible damage to temperature sensitive substrates.

SFTW-203 tubing meets the performance requirements of MIL-DTL-23053/5 Class 1, and is UL Recognized (File No. E48398) for flame retardance. It is rated for continuous operation from -55°C (-67°F) to 135°C (275°F), and withstands elevated temperatures of 300°C (572°F) for brief periods.

### Typical Applications

The extra flexibility and low shrink temperature of SFTW-203 tubing make it ideal for shrink-fit jacketing and insulation of flexible wire bundles and temperature sensitive components. The 3:1 shrink ratio makes SFTW-203 the insulation of choice for end terminations where the connector body is larger than the cable and for repair applications where the tubing must be slid over a connector. SFTW-203 can also be used to insulate an oversized component in line to the wiring.

### Shrink Ratio

SFTW-203 has a 3:1 shrink ratio. When freely recovered, the tubing will shrink to 33% of its as-supplied internal diameter. The recovered wall thickness of the tubing is proportional to the degree of recovery.

### Standard Colors

Black.

### Standard Packaging

Boxes of four-foot lengths, or large spools. Cut pieces subject to factory quotation.

### Ordering Information

Order SFTW-203 by product name, size equivalent to expanded inner diameter, color, and package type. Always order the largest size that will shrink-fit snugly over the item to be covered.

Example: SFTW-203, 1/2", black, 4 ft lengths.

### Standard Sizes and Dimensions

Ordering Size	Expanded I.D. (Minimum)		Recovered I.D. (Maximum)		Recovered Wall Thickness (Nominal)	
	in.	(mm)	in.	(mm)	in.	(mm)
1/16	.059	(1,5)	.020	(0,5)	.018	(0,45)
1/8	.118	(3,0)	.039	(1,0)	.022	(0,55)
1/4	.236	(6,0)	.079	(2,0)	.026	(0,65)
3/8	.354	(9,0)	.118	(3,0)	.030	(0,75)
1/2	.472	(12,0)	.157	(4,0)	.030	(0,75)
3/4	.709	(18,0)	.236	(6,0)	.030	(0,75)
1	.945	(24,0)	.315	(8,0)	.039	(1,00)
1 1/2	1.535	(39,0)	.512	(13,0)	.045	(1,15)

Note: Dimensions in inches are approximate.

### Typical Properties

#### Applicable Specifications

MIL-DTL-23053/5, Class 1; UL File E48398; CSA LR 38227

#### Physical

Tensile Strength 2600 PSI  
 Ultimate Elongation 400%  
 Longitudinal Change ±5%  
 Secant Modulus (2% elong.) 8700 PSI  
 Specific Gravity 1.29  
 Heat Shock No cracking, flowing or dripping (4 hrs. @ 250°C)  
 Water Absorption 0.2%  
 Heat Aging Elongation (168 hrs. @ 158°C) 350%  
 Low Temperature Flexibility (4 hrs. @ -55°C) No cracking  
 Flammability Self extinguishing

#### Electrical

Dielectric Strength 700 V/mil  
Volume Resistivity 10<sup>15</sup> ohm-cm

#### Chemical

Corrosive effect Non-corrosive  
Solvent Resistance  
Tensile Strength 1100 PSI  
Dielectric Strength 400 V/mil  
Fungus Resistance Inert

Technical information provided consists of typical product data and should not be used for specification purposes. Unless otherwise noted, all tests are performed at room temperature.

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