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PATCH TAPE APPLICATION GUIDELINES:

- The surface to which the tape is to be applied should be free of oils, condensation, dust and dirt or other contaminants. The surface should be cleaned with a dry cloth.
- 2. The release liner should then be removed 1-2 feet at a time and the adhesive face pressed firmly on the insulation facing. Care should be taken not to stretch the tape tightly as this will create buckles and voids in the contact area. Care must also be taken to apply the tape on center so that there is adequate area on both sides of the joint for the tape to bond. Uneven width distribution also puts additional shear stress on the smaller side of the butt joint.
- 3. The tape should then be wiped firmly from the center out (like wallpaper) with the soft side of the white plastic wiping tool enclosed with each carton, if a full carton is not purchased then an appropriate 3"-4" plastic putty knife should be utilized instead. The more pressure that is applied, the more surface contact will be reached, therefore, the greater the bond surface.
- 4. The tape should then be cut and fitted with a knife and scissors. The same wiping instructions should be used as in Step #3.
- 5. Patch tape is not meant to hold together butt splices on a ceiling or wall, including factory-made seams. Insulation material should be cut back to the closest solid wall girt or ceiling purlin or other solid surface with the seam made over a solid location. Patch tape will not hold a suspended butt splice together.
- 6. Be sure to follow any additional application guidelines from the tape manufacturer as to application temperatures or proper usage. NOFP's guidelines are not meant to be definitive but to act as a guide as best practices should be utilized.