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# KINESIOLOGY TAPING E-GUIDE



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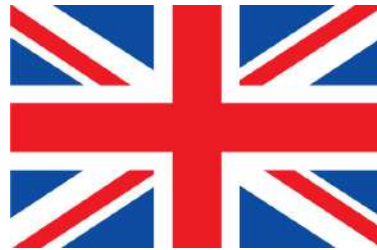
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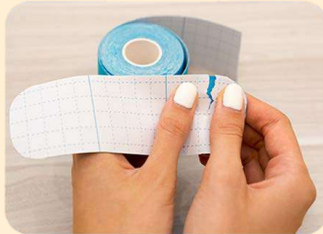
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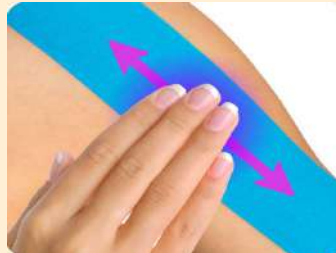
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## WHAT IS KINESIOLOGY TAPE?

The list of SPARTAN TAPE benefits is so extensive and so varied, it has earned the nickname “magic tape”. Invented in Japan in the 70’s as Kinesiology Tape, this method has challenged traditional thinking in the treatment of injuries, and today kinesiology tape is used by practitioners throughout the world to speed up recovery, treat injuries and improve sports performance. It is no wonder that it has become one of the most widely-used therapeutic modalities in both athletic and healthcare settings.

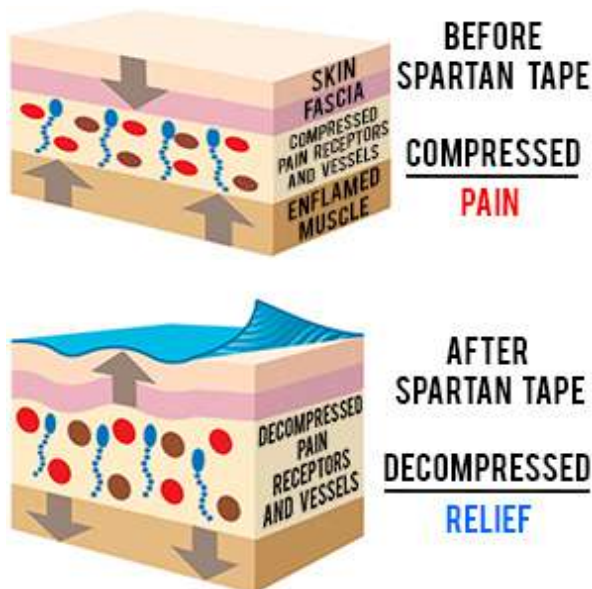
The tape’s thin, lightweight material and elastic strength gives it a similar thickness and flexibility to human skin, enabling it to bind tightly to the body without affecting its range of motion. It can be stretched to between 30% and 40% of its resting length and its prescribed wear time is around three to five days. This differs greatly to standard strapping tape, which is wrapped tightly around the problem area for the purpose of restricting movement and can’t be worn for long periods of time in order to restore circulation.

Additionally, the cotton fibers are water resistant, meaning that kinesiology tape dries quicker and allows evaporation, so it can be worn in the pool or the shower without worrying about it peeling off or reapplying it.

The vision behind the Kinesiology taping system was to design a tape and taping style which would effectively provide support to muscles and reduce pain while maintaining a functional range of motion.

## HOW DOES IT WORK?

Once the tape is stretched and placed over the skin, it recoils slightly creating small folds in the skin which lift and separate the skin slightly from the deeper tissue. This lifting effect decompresses pain receptors, blood, and lymphatic vessels and allows the vessels to open. This prevents muscles from sending pain signals to the brain, enhances blood flow and movement of lymphatic fluid.



## PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE APPLYING!



**PRECAUTION:** Consult your medical professional or therapist for advice. It's always a good idea to test a small area before using, especially if you suffer from allergic reactions. Stop using SPARTAN TAPE immediately if you see or feel any irritation

Remove the tape IMMEDIATELY and discontinue usage if you feel any **itching or redness or other allergic reaction**. Do not apply the tape over active malignancy, infection, deep vein thrombosis, open wound or skin irritation.

If you are **pregnant**, do a patch-test first to look for any adverse reaction when applying to your belly. The tape can support the weight of your abdomen, but it can also increase circulation. Observe for possible bruises under the tape.

If your skin bruises or tears easily OBSERVE EXTREME CAUTION while removing the tape as it may cause tearing, bruising and bleeding. We recommend using warm water with gentle soap to remove the tape. **DO NOT PULL THE TAPE OFF HARSHLY.**

Patients who are taking blood thinner medications may observe bruising under the skin due to the increased circulation effects. Consult your physician before using the tape.

This instruction manual is provided for educational purposes only and is not intended to replace medical advice. Muscle or joint pain could indicate a serious condition, you should always consult your physician before applying the tape.



1. Identify muscle areas that are sensitive to pain or fatigued. For hard to reach areas of the body, it helps if another person applies SPARTAN TAPE.



2. The area of skin should be clean, dry and free of grease in order to avoid the tape falling off too early. It is recommended to clean the skin with a degreasing agent (e.g. alcohol, surgical spirit, etc.) and to shave the skin before applying the SPARTAN TAPE. This way maximum adhesive strength will be achieved.

3. Prepare the strips of the tape by cutting the desired length and rounding up the corners as shown in a pictures below:

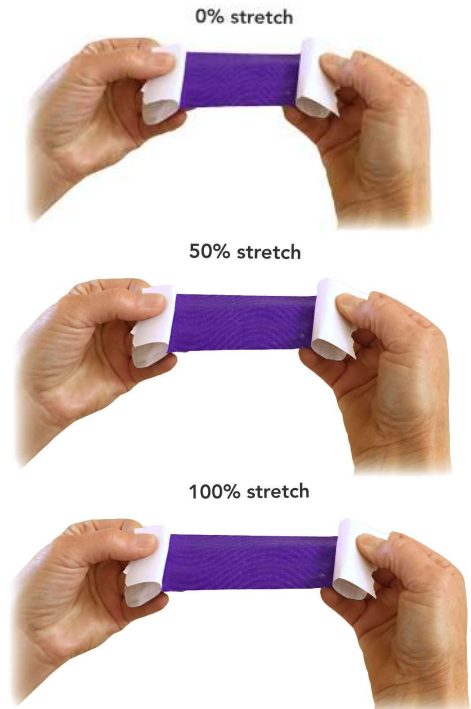




4. Prepare both anchors. Tape anchors (approximately 1.5 inches from both ends) should never be stretched. Rip the backing of the SPARTAN TAPE. Don't worry about ripping the tape, it's flexible. Peel the backing until you reach second anchor point.



5. Depending on the indication, apply the tape with or without stretching. It's easy to achieve the desired stretch: Zero percent means no stretching is applied. 100% stretch is achieved when you expand the tape fully. Take note of these two points and you can easily know where are the other stretching levels.





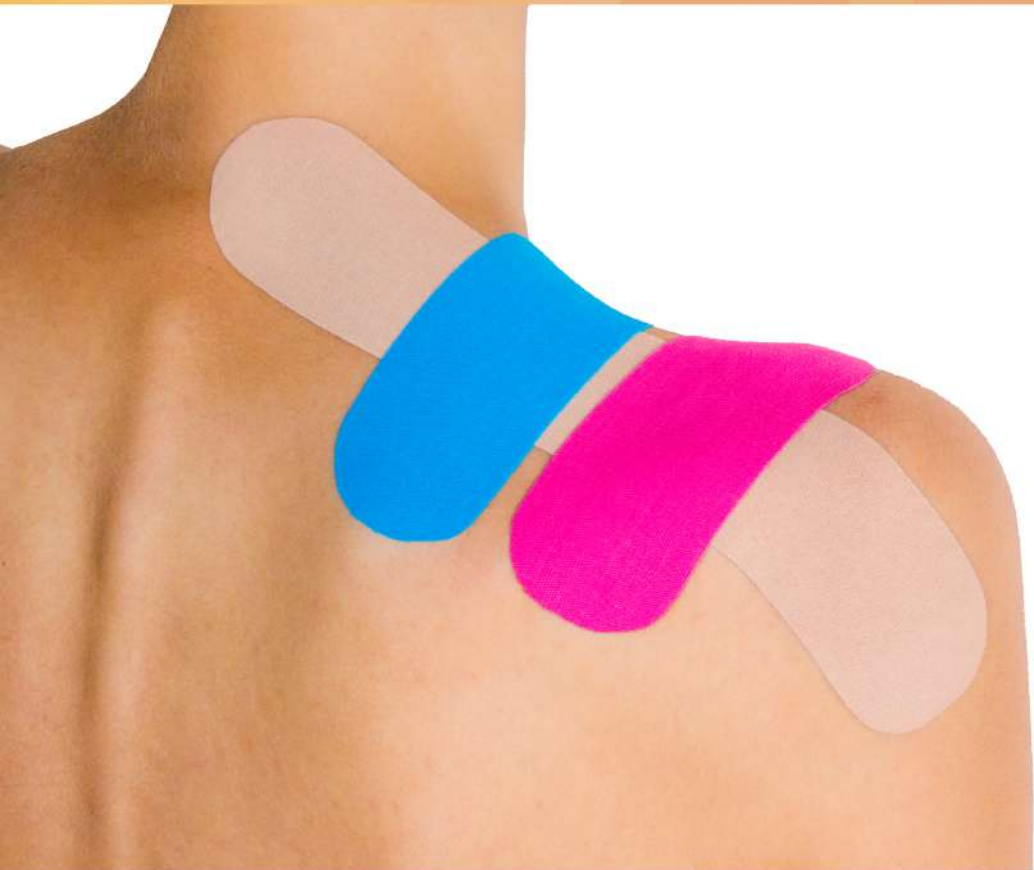
6. Apply the tape by laying it evenly from one end to the other. After application peel away backings of the anchors and apply those without any stretching. Make sure you apply tape without wrinkles on the tape or skin, this can cause blisters.



7. Rub or apply warming effect to the SPARTAN TAPE for a short time activate the heat-sensitive adhesive layer.

8. To remove the tape it is advisable to remove it in the direction of hair growth, pulling the skin flat and removing the tape at the slight angle so that the skin is not lifted. It helps to stretch the skin behind the removed tape using your finger.  
Tip: A gentle method is to soak the tape in an adhesive dissolving agent (olive oil, baby oil) for about 2-5 minutes and remove the tape slowly.

# **KINESIOLOGY TAPING METHODS**



Rotator cuff syndrome is a very common shoulder injury. Your shoulder joint is a relatively unstable ball and socket joint that is moved and controlled by a small group of four muscles known as the rotator cuff.

Use kinesiology tape to reduce neck pain by relieving pressure off the cervical muscles. By using SPARTAN TAPE continuously you can help stiff muscles 'loosen up' even without physical activity.

Tilt your head away from the shoulder. Tape around shoulder and under the shoulder blade with 25% stretch (BEIGE). Apply two strips of spartan tape as shown with 80% stretch (BLUE, PINK).



#### Reminders:

1. Wash and shave your skin
2. Round the corners
3. Anchors - no stretch
4. Activate by rubbing

Shoulder pain and injury is common. Your shoulder is the most mobile of all your joints. Just think about how much it can actually move. The reason for this movement is a very small joint contact zone. This essentially means that your shoulder is quite unstable. That is why your shoulder muscles are so vital to a normally functioning shoulder.

Application of SPARTAN TAPE will take some of the load off your deltoids. Continuous use of tape will result in pain reduction and faster recovery.

Tilt your head away from the shoulder and look down. Apply two strips of SPARTAN TAPE with 20% stretch forming V pattern (**BLUE, PINK**).



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4. Activate by rubbing

Knee pain or knee injuries are extremely common, and there are many causes. It is important to make an accurate diagnosis of the cause of your knee pain or injury so that appropriate treatment can be directed at the cause. Knee pain can arise from soft tissue injuries, ligament sprains and muscle strains, bone conditions as knee arthritis.

Split the tape in two on one end and round the corners. Lay this strip of SPARTAN TAPE as pictured with no stretch (BLACK). Apply the second strip just below the knee for support with 50% stretch (BLUE).



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4. Activate by rubbing

Most tendon injuries are the result of gradual wear and tear to the tendon from overuse or aging. Anyone can have a tendon injury, but people who make the same motions over and over in their jobs, sports, or daily activities are more likely to damage a tendon.

Application continuous use of kinesiology tape helps to the Achilles heel relieve pressure from this area. It is also advisable to apply tape even when not engaging in any physical activity because it can provide support to the heel.

Tape up Achilles as pictured with 50% stretch (**BLUE**). Apply two short strips of the SPARTAN TAPE with 80% stretch over points with pain (**BLACK, BEIGE**).



#### Reminders:

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3. Anchors - no stretch
4. Activate by rubbing

Neck pain or a stiff neck are extremely common can affect your life in so many different ways. Whether it is sharp neck pain, dull muscular aches, headache, or an inability to fully move your head, a sore neck can be very frustrating yet it's simple to fix in the majority of cases.

To reduce neck pain by relieving the pressure of the cervical muscles use SPARTAN TAPE. Continuous application of this tape can help stiff muscles "loosen up" even without physical activity.

Stretch the neck by tilting the head forward and tucking the chin to your chest. Apply two strips of the SPARTAN TAPE with 25% stretch over pain areas (BLACK, PINK). Apply the third strip of SPARTAN TAPE over the pain area with 80% stretch (BLUE).



#### Reminders:

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4. Activate by rubbing



Shoulder pain and injury is common. Your shoulder is the most mobile of all your joints. In most cases, if you are suffering shoulder pain it is because your muscles are simply not strong enough or they are uncoordinated.

Limited performance in a number of exercises can be caused by weak or injured muscles. To provide stability to the deltoid area and offer additional support for the shoulder joint use kinesiology tape continuously.

Apply the first strip of SPARTAN TAPE while holding your hand in front of the body (**PINK**). Apply a second strip with your hand tucked behind your back (**BLUE**). Stabilize with a third strip (**BEIGE**). All three strips should be applied with no stretch at all.



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4. Activate by rubbing

Acromioclavicular (AC) joint injury is a term used to describe an injury to the top of the shoulder, where the front of the shoulder blade (acromion) attaches to the collarbone (clavicle).

It can be caused by a traumatic event, such as a fall directly on the outside of the shoulder, or by repetitive overuse. AC joint injuries can be identified and effectively treated by a physical therapist, often avoiding the need for surgery.

Turn your head away from the shoulder and look down. Apply two strips of SPARTAN TAPE over the pain area with 80% stretch to form x pattern (1). Apply two more strips with 80% stretch over the pain area (2).



#### Reminders:

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4. Activate by rubbing

The bicep is a long muscle on your upper arm that acts as a flexor by raising your forearm. In most cases, damage to the biceps tendon is due to a lifetime of normal activities. As we age, our tendons slowly weaken with everyday wear and tear. This degeneration can be worsened by overuse — repeating the same shoulder motions again and again.

Application of kinesiology tape will provide support to the biceps by taking some of the load when lifting objects. Continuous usage of this tape can help stiff muscles “loosen up” even without physical activity.

Stretch the bicep by holding the arm out to the side. Apply one strip of the SPARTAN TAPE along the bicep with 25% stretch.



#### Reminders:

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4. Activate by rubbing

Elbow pain and injury respond favorably to physiotherapy intervention when early treatment is sought. An accurate diagnosis is vital to the correct management of your elbow pain. Elbow pain can be caused by local muscle, tendon or joint injury. Alternatively, elbow pain can be referred from your neck joints. It's similar to sciatica of the upper limb.

To take off the pressure from outside of the elbow joint use the kinesiology tape. Apply to the affected elbow even without physical activity and use it continuously to promote faster healing.

Extend arm with fingers pointing down. Anchor the SPARTAN TAPE above the elbow and run just to above the wrist with no stretch (**BLUE**). Apply the second strip of SPARTAN TAPE over the pain area with no stretch (**BEIGE**).



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4. Activate by rubbing

Tennis Elbow is an injury to the muscles that extend the wrist and fingers. The site of injury is typically the lateral epicondyle, a bony bump on the outside of the elbow where these muscles attach. Tennis Elbow symptoms that have lasted more than 6 weeks are considered to be sub-acute and beyond three months, as chronic tennis elbow.

To take off the pressure from outside of the elbow joint use the kinesiology tape. Apply to the affected elbow even without physical activity and use it continuously to promote faster healing.

Bend your elbow 90 degrees. Apply the SPARTAN TAPE with 80% stretch over the pain area (BLUE, PINK). Secure with the long strip of 25% stretched SPARTAN TAPE (BEIGE).



#### Reminders:

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3. Anchors - no stretch
4. Activate by rubbing

Wrist pain or injury is common and can usually be successfully diagnosed and treated by your physiotherapist. Wrist pain can occur as a result of sports injuries, work injuries or simply everyday arm use. Wrist pain can be caused by local muscle, tendon or joint injury.

In order to reduce pain and support the wrist in the area - use kinesiology tape. It is recommended to apply tape before physical activity if you have a history of wrist pain.

Point down with your hand. apply one strip of the spartan tape with 80% stretch over wrist pain area (BEIGE). Point up with your hand and apply 80% stretched strip to the underside of your wrist (PINK). Point down again and apply strip over your hand with 25% stretch (BLUE).



#### Reminders:

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4. Activate by rubbing

Carpal tunnel syndrome is a painful disorder of the hand caused by pressure on your median nerve as it runs through the carpal tunnel of the wrist. Symptoms include numbness, pins and needles, and pain (particularly at night). Anything that causes swelling in the wrist can cause carpal tunnel syndrome, including repetitive hand movements, pregnancy and arthritis.

To reduce the pressure on your wrist use the kinesiology tape continuously. It will also provide more power and strength by stabilizing the muscles and reduce the pressure of carpal tunnel causing swelling and pain.

Point your hand as shown and apply a long strip of SPARTAN TAPE with no stretch (BLUE). Apply a second strip of SPARTAN TAPE over your wrist with 50% stretch (PINK).



#### Reminders:

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4. Activate by rubbing

The core chain is made up mostly of the muscles that comprise your abdomen and your lower back. These muscles act to stabilize the body and provide support during movement and changes in posture. A strong core equates to improved balance and better strength gains.

To provide stability and support to the muscles and spine apply kinesiology tape. This It is advisable to use tape in both static or dynamic activities, such as prolonged standing, pulling movements, squats, or even picking up objects from the floor.

Lean back to stretch the abdominal muscles. Apply two strips of the SPARTAN TAPE next to each other, both with 25% stretch as pictured (BLACK, PINK).



#### Reminders:

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4. Activate by rubbing



Muscle pain is the most common source of back pain. Muscle fatigue, excessive loads or poor lifting or sitting postures are the most common problems. Inefficient, weak, or back muscles that lack endurance or normal contraction timing can lead to poor joint stabilization and subsequent injury to your back muscles, ligaments, joints or even spinal discs.

To provide support to the posterior group muscles and the spine applies the kinesiology tape. Continuous usage of this tape also provides stabilization when performing high - energy movements such as sprinting, weight lifting.

Bend forward and apply two strips of the SPARTAN TAPE vertically with 25% stretch as pictured (BLUE, PINK).



#### Reminders:

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4. Activate by rubbing

Eighty percent (80%) of people will experience lower back pain at some stage of their life. It is one of the most common reasons for people missing work and seeing a doctor or physiotherapist. But lower back pain is something you can avoid with some inside knowledge, back care strategies and some back exercises.

To provide stability and support to the lower back muscles and spine uses SPARTAN TAPE. To help in lower back pain by increasing circulation for faster recovery use this tape continuously.

Lean forward and apply two strips of the spartan tape horizontally with 80% stretch as pictured (BLACK, BLUE). As with any other taping instruction, please, don't forget to anchor correctly.



#### Reminders:

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3. Anchors - no stretch
4. Activate by rubbing

Groin pain is a common sporting injury in high speed running, change of direction or jumping and landing sports. The musculature is complicated with highly stressed anchor points and the involvement of pelvis joints plus your lumbosacral spine. The joints most likely involved in groin pain include your pubic symphysis, sacroiliac joints, hip joints and your low lumbar spine.

To reduce pain and discomfort by relieving pressure from the groin muscles use kinesiology tape. Continuous application of this tape increases circulation also helps reduce inflammation resulting promotion for faster recovery.

Lie on your back with your leg out to the side at a 45° angle to stretch the groin. Anchor the SPARTAN TAPE at the top of inner-thigh and run to just above the knee with 25% stretch (BLACK). Repeat the same procedure with another strip of SPARTAN TAPE (BLUE).



#### Reminders:

1. Wash and shave your skin
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3. Anchors - no stretch
4. Activate by rubbing

Poor form, inadequate training, and sudden intense activity can cause muscle tears, which lead to inflammation and pain. Hamstring injuries can be very painful, so it is important to properly train and warm - up for any physical activity.

To reduce pain by taking off some of the tension from the muscles use kinesiology tape. Faster recovery of the hamstrings results from the increased circulation in the area by applying kinesiology tape continuously.

Set the painful leg behind you and lean forward to stretch hamstring muscles. Apply two strips of SPARTAN TAPE with 25% stretch as pictured (BLACK, BLUE).



#### Reminders:

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4. Activate by rubbing

A quadriceps is a group of 4 large muscles forming the front of the thigh that acts as hip flexors and extensors of the leg at the knee joint. Common causes of quad pain are muscle strains, overuse, and rapid deceleration. Activities involving jumping, sprinting and running can cause micro-tears in the muscles, which can cause pain and tenderness.

To reduce pain and discomfort by relieving pressure from the quadricep muscles use SPARTAN TAPE. Continuous application of this tape increases blood circulation and also helps reduce the pain which promotes faster recovery.

Stretch the quad and apply two strips of the SPARTAN TAPE over the pain area with 25% stretch as pictured (PINK, BLUE).



#### Reminders:

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4. Activate by rubbing

Calf pain is a common occurrence in sports that include running, jumping, hopping and landing activities. Your calf muscle group essentially consists of two muscles (gastrocnemius and soleus) that attach to your Achilles tendon. Calf injuries can occur to both muscle and tendon structures.

To reduce pain and discomfort by relieving pressure from the calf muscle use kinesiology tape. The increased circulation also helps reduce the pain and promotes faster recovery by applying tape continuously.

Stretch the calf and apply one strip of the SPARTAN TAPE on the inside side of your leg with 25% stretch as pictured (PINK). Apply the second strip with no stretch to form V pattern (BLUE).



#### Reminders:

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4. Activate by rubbing

Shin splints are caused by overstraining of your muscles where they attach to your shin. The most common cause is overuse or overtraining associated with poor foot and leg biomechanics. Shin splints can be caused by a number of factors which are mainly biomechanical (abnormal movement patterns) and errors in training.

To reduce pain and discomfort by relieving pressure from the calf muscle use kinesiology tape. The increased circulation also helps reduce the pain and promotes faster recovery by applying tape continuously.

Bend leg at a 45-degree angle and point toes away from the shin. Tape up shin is of pain with the long strip of SPARTAN TAPE with 50% stretch (BLUE). Apply two strips of the tape: one above and one below the point of pain with 80% stretch (BEIGE).



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4. Activate by rubbing

Ankle injuries are extremely common. The most common ankle injury is a sprained ankle, but ankle pain can have numerous sources. Something as simple as walking on an uneven footpath can cause a rolled ankle, resulting in an ankle sprain. Ankle injuries can potentially occur at any age.

Application of SPARTAN kinesiology tape addresses the issue of ankle stability by providing additional support to your ankle joint. Continuous application of this tape will give you confidence during the activity.

Position your ankle at 90 degrees. Tape down your outer ankle across the heel with 50% stretch (BLACK 1, 2). Apply the second strip of the SPARTAN TAPE from the inside of the foot and loop around the heel, finishing on the bottom of your foot with 50% stretch (PINK 1, 2). Finish taping with the third strip of SPARTAN TAPE starting from outside of the foot and looping around the heel to finish on the bottom of your foot again with 50% stretch (BEIGE 3, 4).



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Your plantar fascia is a thick fibrous band of connective tissue originating on the bottom surface of the calcaneus (heel bone) and extending along the sole of the foot towards the toes. Your plantar fascia acts as a passive limitation to the over flattening of your arch. When your plantar fascia develops micro tears or becomes inflamed it is known as plantar fasciitis. Plantar fasciitis is most often associated with impact and running sports, especially those that involve toe running rather than heel running styles.

To relieve pressure for plantar fascia use kinesiology tape. It can also provide support to the heel, so it is highly recommended to apply tape even when not engaging in any physical activity.

Point toes up toward shin. lay down a strip of the SPARTAN TAPE along the bottom of foot and up back of heel as shown with 50% stretch (**BLUE**). Apply another strip of tape from an inside side of your ankle with 80% stretch (**BLACK**). Lay the last strip of the tape with 80% stretch (**BEIGE**).



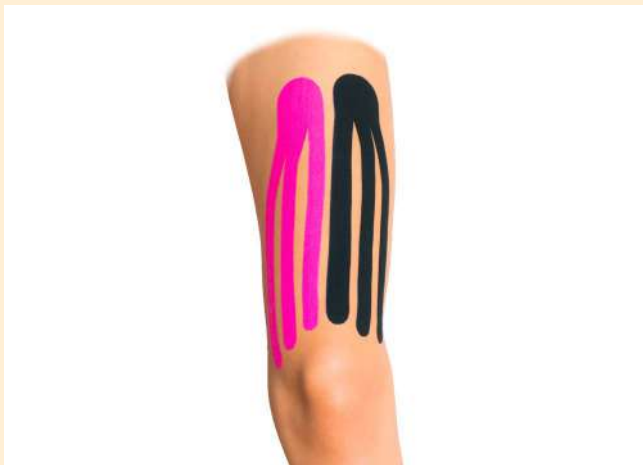
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**SPARTAN TAPE** will help you to reduce swelling and bruising by lifting the skin away from the swollen tissue below. Basically, the kinesiology tape is rich of elasticised properties which creates a sub-dermal vacuum that assists your lymphatic and venous drainage systems to work more efficiently. It increases circulation also reduces inflammation, pressure and pain and promotes faster recovery.

You can partially replicate this holding your skin and lightly pulling together your fingers. The result will be an "orange-peel" appearance, loose skin and lots of remove below your skin for the swelling drainage to occur.

Place body part into a flexed position. Anchor tape at top of swelling and apply the **SPARTAN TAPE** with no stretch so there is space between the individual "legs" (**PINK, BLACK**).



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## HOW TO REMOVE SPARTAN TAPE

**Please be careful when removing the tape, don't just rip the tape off!**

**First of all, make sure you are removing the tape in the same direction as the growth of the hair underneath it.**

**Start slowly, folding the corners of the edge back gradually, and ensuring that you are sliding the removed tape on the still applied tape, as opposed to pulling the tape away.**

**As you're peeling off the tape, hold your skin down with your other hand and either tap it or pull it gently in the opposite direction of the tape. This helps the skin and the tape to separate more efficiently but with no discomfort.**

**If the tape has been applied over a particularly hairy part of the body, it helps to press down on the tape as you are peeling it off, as the pressure helps avoid further pain. However, It's wise to tape on a shaved the area, keep this in mind for future tapings.**

**TIP: Apply oil directly onto the tape, rub it in and wait for around 5 to 10 minutes before removing it slowly. This will help to reduce the stickiness of the tape and make it easier to remove.**

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

**Q: I cannot get the tape to stick properly. What can I do?**

**A: The reasons may vary, but here is some advice:**

- › Shave the skin area you want to tape up.
- › Clean all the moisture, dirt, oils or cream from skin area you want to tape up (alcohol works well). Using alcohol before taping is VERY IMPORTANT if you live in hot and humid climate zone.
- › Apply tape 30-45 minutes prior to your activity.
- › Round the tape corners.
- › Make sure you have 'anchors' at the end of each tape (Anchors are explained on page 9).
- › Apply anchors with NO stretch.
- › If the area concerned has amounts of activity or stress, you may need more than a 1.5" anchor each end, try 2" or 2.5".
- › Do not finish one strip of the tape on another.
- › Immediately after applying, rub tape firmly to increase heat and activate the adhesive as it is heat activated (IMPORTANT).
- › Do not touch the adhesive.
- › Do not leave wrinkles.

**Q: Can I get an allergic reaction from kinesiology tape?**

**A: Everybody has different skin. Some have sensitive skin, others don't. UberTape is designed to be kind to skin. However, due to biological complexity, there is no guarantee against a reaction for any product that you place on your skin. With this in mind, we highly recommend you read the Safety Instructions near the end of this document before using the kinesiology tape.**

**Q: Is SPARTAN TAPE waterproof?**

**A:** Yes. However, exposing it to water will reduce its expected lifespan, as it can interfere with the adhesive. Please note that it will not prevent water from soaking through to the covered area. Rather, it is waterproof in that the adhesive will not suddenly fail if it gets wet.

**Q: How long will the kinesiology tape stay on?**

**A:** This depends on a number of factors, including the location of taped area, skill in application and oil/hair on the skin. Points to consider include: High activity areas like the knee or foot encounter more stress, leading to a shorter duration. Expect 2 - 3 days once skilled in the application. Areas such as shoulders or back last much longer. Do not wear the tape for more than 5 days in a row. When first using the tape, use for a short period so you can check for any allergic reactions.

**Q: SPARTAN TAPE gave me blisters.**

**A:** Blisters occur after wearing overstretched tape or wearing stretched anchors (which should always be applied with no stretch). Everyone's skin is different, so if the instructions ask for 100% stretch, but causing you blisters, experiment with reduced stretch after skin heals up.

**Q: SPARTAN TAPE damaged my skin while removing.**

**A:** Tape that is still strongly adhered to skin after 5 days but may be loosened by soaking with baby oil or olive oil for 15-20 minutes before removing. Try to remove in cooler conditions as tape adhesive is activated by heat. Remove the tape slowly by pressing on the skin at the end of the taped area while gently rolling or peeling the tape back. Please read all the tape removal tips on page 35.

**Q: Do the different colors have different properties?**

**A: No. They are identical. There is no difference in strength of the adhesive. The different colors are purely for cosmetic purposes and aesthetics.**

1. Pregnant women should visit a doctor for advice on taping.
2. Do not expose the tape to direct sunlight or high temperatures.
3. Keep Kinesiology Tape out of reach of children.
4. When applying the tape, make sure it does not pinch the skin. Apply the tape gently.
5. Should applying Kinesiology Tape cause prolonged skin irritation in the form of itching, redness or rash for over 30 minutes, the tape should be removed immediately in accordance with the instructions. Contact a doctor if necessary.
6. Avoid taping fresh wounds, parts affected by thrombosis and skin irregularities in the case of a propensity to skin allergies.
7. Do not use the tape in connection or reciprocally with other treatment methods (fango, massage therapies, electrical stimulation treatment).
8. Before applying, the skin must be clean and free of grease.
9. If you are not sure how to apply the tape correctly, you can contact a therapist for an initial professional therapeutic treatment.
10. It is advisable not to wear the tape for longer than 5 days. Any remaining adhesive residue must be removed. Please let your skin rest a few hours between tapings.
11. In the event of acute injuries or complex symptoms you should consult a doctor or physiotherapist regarding taping.
12. Spartan Tape is available in a variety of colors. The technical characteristics of all colors of SPARTAN TAPE are the same.
13. It is advisable to consume more liquids (water or apple juice) when taped.
14. Avoid heat build-up due to clothing (wool/cotton)!

**Model Type:**  
Kinesiology Tape

**Material:**  
97% Cotton, 3% Spandex

**Adhesive:**  
Latex-free Hypoallergenic adhesive

Kinesiology Tape complies with  
Directive 93/42/EEC



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