

# ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS STATEMENT

Glue Dots<sup>®</sup> Brand Products are produced using a variety of synthetic, rubber-based adhesives. The nature of this type of product is that once it is extruded, it will not cure over time. It will remain tacky and the properties of the adhesive will not change without an outside influence. When the adhesive experiences an outside influence, it may change temporarily or may change permanently, depending on the type of influence.

### <u>Temperature</u>

This is a temporary change. Should the adhesive experience elevated temperatures, the glue will become softer and tackier to the touch but once back to room temperature, the properties of the adhesive will return to their original state. With cold temperatures, the glue will become harder and less tacky to the touch but once back to room temperature, the properties of the adhesive will return to their original state.

### <u>Moisture</u>

Synthetic rubber based adhesives are impervious to water. When exposed to moisture, the surface of the glue will become moist and will not be easy to adhere to. However, if a bond has previously been created, the adhesive properties of the adhesive itself will not be affected.

## Dirt/Dust/Oils

This will cause a permanent change. Once the adhesive is contaminated with any type of foreign substance, the original properties of the glue cannot be resurrected.

## <u>UV Rays</u>

This may cause a permanent change. Some formulas are unaffected by UV light. When some formulas are exposed to UV rays, the adhesive will yellow with age and may eventually create a permanent type of bond. Each formula may react differently to UV exposure, the amount of UV exposure time and the exposure intensity will be a determining factor in the yellowing and breakdown of the adhesive. This change is not reversible.

#### **Plasticizers**

This will also cause a permanent change. Should Glue Dots be attached to a surface containing a heavy amount of plasticizers, the plasticizers will migrate over time into the adhesive, and will likely breakdown the adhesive. Plasticized vinyls are a common example of this. If the adhesive becomes very gummy/oily it is usually a sign of plasticizer migration and it will usually present itself within several days of exposure. As with UV Rays, this change is not reversible.



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