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## STICKY REPAIRS

Eternabond's sealing tape has never met a leak it didn't like

When I first learned about a new kind of tape that was designed to seal difficult leaks 10 years ago, Chris Margarites, the president of the company, was proud to announce that his new tape was able to seal pipes under the ocean. With those credentials, I figured this stuff was going to be able to handle just about anything a motorhome can throw at it.

Eternabond sealing tape was designed to stick for a very

long time — and that's an understatement. The tape comes in a number of configurations and will adhere to just about any surface. So it's perfect for fixing roof (and slideout) leaks.

Because the tape uses a MicroSealant that sticks on contact, you have to carefully plan any repair job. In most cases you only get one chance to apply the tape, and once you spread the sealant using your hand or a roller, it's there virtually forever. To apply, the user has to first remove the protective layer over the sealant side. It's best to only roll out a small section at a time, and if necessary, cut the tape into smaller working lengths. It does take some patience to peel off the protective layer, but once you get the hang of it, the process goes smoothly. While the application process may present some frustrating moments if the directions are not followed, the end result is the total elimination of leaks.

It's usually not necessary to prepare the surface, other than to clean the area being repaired. The tape will stick when applied to minus 20°F, and moisture is not a problem. Eternabond offers a cleaner and primer (EternaClean and EternaPrime, respectively) that can be used to improve the bonding on badly soiled surfaces.

There are countless uses for this tape, including the aforementioned roof repairs, window installations, awning repairs and sealing roof accessories, like vents. It comes in white, black, tan, grey colors, fabric backing and 4-mil aluminum. You can use the double stick version to make gaskets or even roll up in a ball and seal gaps — or hang a picture for eternity.

The company offers a plethora of size and combo options for just about any type of repair. As a pricing example, 5 feet of the 4-inch-wide roof seal sells for \$16.

Don't be afraid to call the company with questions on how to make repairs. Eternabond epitomizes friendly, honest customer service.

For more information, call (888) 336-2663, or go to [www.eternabond.com](http://www.eternabond.com). Circle 215 on Reader Service Card.

