

3M Health Care

3M™ Tegaderm™ Alginate Dressings High Integrity and High Gelling Alginate Dressings

# Tegaderm™ Alginate Dressings



Achieve  
Moisture  
Balance

**A choice of dressings that provide a moist wound healing environment with easy removal.**

Tegaderm™ High Integrity and High Gelling Alginates provide clinicians with a choice of products to meet their needs for moderate to heavily-exudating wounds. Both types of alginate dressings become a gel-like consistency as they absorb exudate. Alginate fibres absorb up to 20 times their own weight in exudate.

These dressings are highly conformable and are ideally suited for the management of moderately to heavily-exudating partial and full-thickness wounds. Both styles are compatible with the 3M family of dressing cover products. Dressings are available in a variety of sizes.

**Indications for use:**

Pressure ulcers, arterial ulcers, venous ulcers, diabetic ulcers, superficial wounds such as cuts and abrasions, donor sites, post-operative wounds, trauma wounds, malignant lesions, and other dermal lesions. They also are intended to help control minor bleeding.



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# 3M™ Tegaderm™ High Integrity Alginate Dressing and 3M™ Tegaderm™ High Gelling Alginate Dressing

## Why use Tegaderm™ High Integrity Alginate?

Tegaderm™ High Integrity Alginate is designed to maintain its integrity when saturated. This dressing is easily removed from most wounds in one piece with minimal gel residue.

### Unique Features:

- Retains integrity when saturated
- Appears as gelled fibres when saturated
- Often removed in one piece from wound bed

### Clinical Application:

- Deep cavity wounds with moderate to heavy exudate
- Wounds with tunneling or undermining
- Heavily-draining wounds with potential for peri-wound skin maceration



## Why use Tegaderm™ High Gelling Alginate?

Tegaderm™ High Gelling Alginate becomes an amorphous gel-like mass when saturated. The saturated dressing may be gently irrigated from the wound bed at dressing change.

### Unique Features:

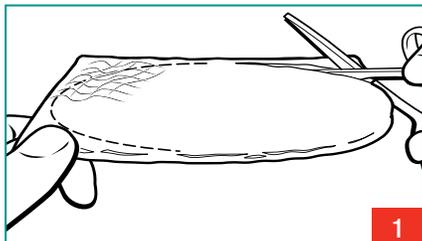
- Completely gels with saturation
- Gel allows for gentle removal from fragile tissue
- Easily irrigated from the wound bed when saturated

### Clinical Application:

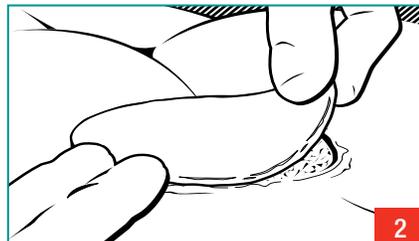
- Shallow, moist draining wounds
- Wounds with friable wound base or fragile, peri-wound skin
- Wounds requiring autolytic debridement



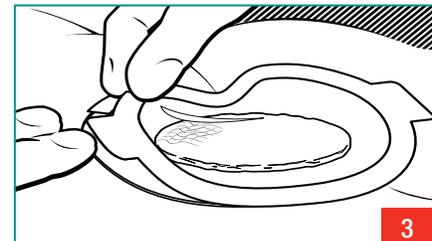
## Dressing Application: Flat Alginate Dressing



1. Select dressing appropriate for size of the wound. If necessary, trim the Tegaderm™ Alginate so that it is slightly larger ( $\frac{1}{8}$ " ) than the wound.



2. Apply dressing to moist wound bed. Minimize overlap onto the peri-wound area.



3. Use an appropriate cover dressing.

## Dressing Application: Rope Dressing



1. Fluff rope dressing as needed for light packing.



2. Assure that the dressing lightly contacts all wound surfaces including area of undermining.



3. Loosely pack deep wounds with rope style dressing by fluffing and layering the dressing back and forth into the wound.



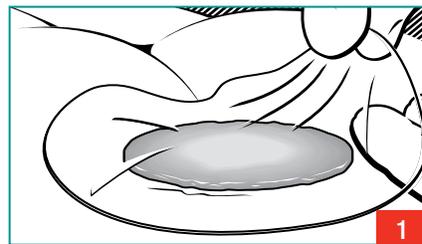
4. Cover with an appropriate cover dressing.



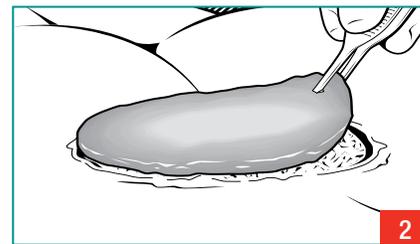
5. The cover dressing should extend at least 2.5 cm (1 inch) beyond the wound edge.

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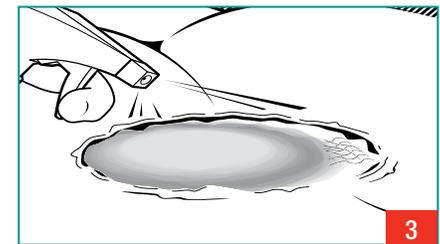
## Dressing Removal Technique



1. Gently lift off cover dressing.



2. Tegaderm™ Alginates are easily removed from heavily-exuding wounds.



3. If alginate dressing appears dry or sticks to the wound, it may be necessary to saturate it with sterile normal saline to facilitate dressing removal.

### Dressing Removal Tips

- Tegaderm™ High Integrity Alginate is easily removed from most wounds in one piece, with minimal gel residue.
- Tegaderm™ High Gelling Alginate may require gentle wound cleansing for removal of gel residue.

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Ordering Information:

## 3M™ Tegaderm™ High Integrity Alginate Dressing

Catalogue No.	Size	Dressings/Box	Boxes/Case
90112	4 in x 4 in 10 cm x 10 cm	10	5
90114	4 in x 8 in 10 cm x 20 cm	5	4
90120	Rope 12 in (30.4 cm)	5	4

## 3M™ Tegaderm™ High Gelling Alginate Dressing

90212	4 in x 4 in 10 cm x 10 cm	10	5
90220	Rope 12 in (30.4 cm)	5	4



**3M™ Tegaderm™** Dressings **SIMPLE. DEPENDABLE. TRUSTED.**

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