

# GripSafe

Anti-viral copper tape for handles



**99.98%** of  
corona viruses  
are inactivated\*

Tape your handles to stay safe

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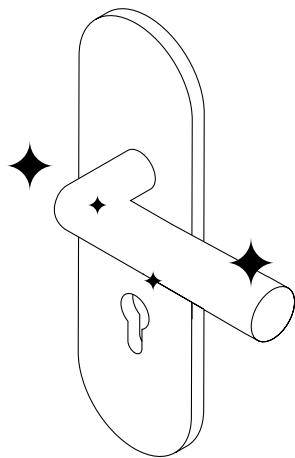
# Instructions for door handles

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## Start with a clean surface

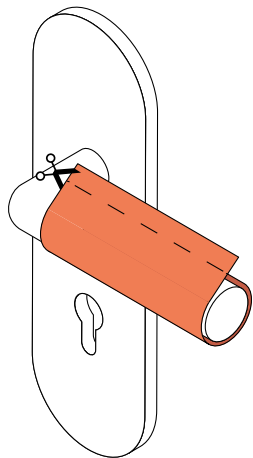
Clean the door handle so that it is dry and free of oil, grease, dust and dirt. Do not use window-cleaning products. They may leave a residue behind, making your tape cling less effectively.



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## Adjust the tape

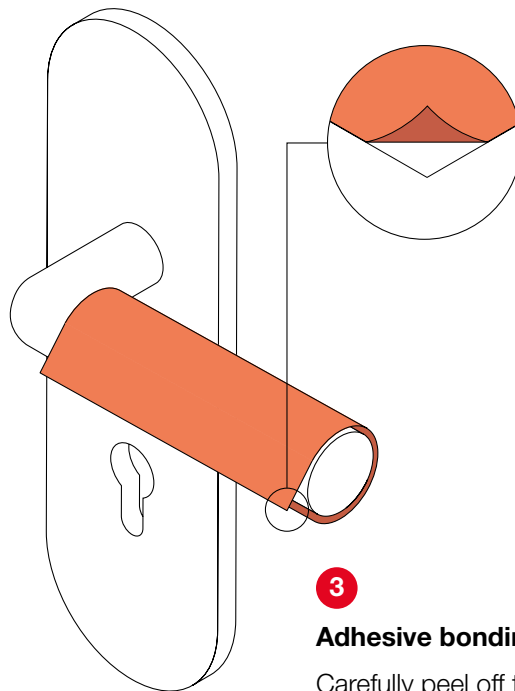
Place the tape with the long side against the handle and wrap around so that the tape completely covers the handle one time. If the tape overlaps more than 1cm, mark excess material and cut the tape to size.



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## Adhesive bonding

Carefully peel off the backing paper by pulling it flat back on itself and stick the tape on so that the beginning and end of the tape meet at the bottom of the handle. Slide the tape from the middle outwards into final position.

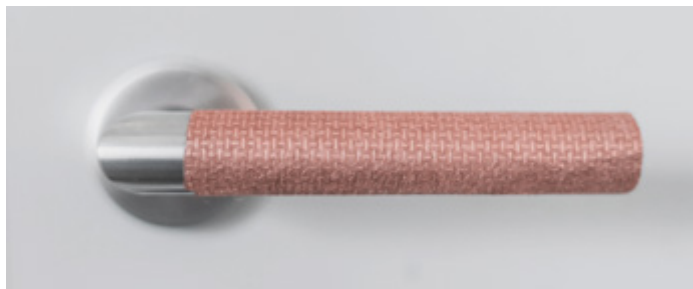


## Care instructions

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Regularly remove superficial dirt from the UNION GripSafe with a soft brush. In the case of very heavy soiling that cannot be removed, we recommend replacing with a spare tape to restore optimal effectiveness.

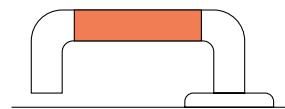
The oxidation of copper is a natural process and may change the colour of the tape to green. If this occurs we recommend replacing the tape.



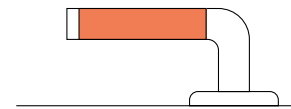
## Examples of use

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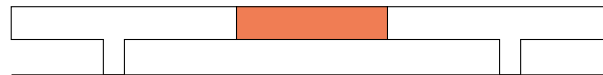
The tape can be used on all smooth and metallic surfaces, the application on textiles is not recommended because the adhesive does not stick there.



Door handles



Window handles



Push handles, handrails,  
shopping carts, and much more

# Features

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International studies have repeatedly proven that copper has antiviral, antibacterial and fungicidal properties, shortening the half-life of viruses, bacteria and fungi.<sup>1</sup>

A study carried out on behalf of the US authorities has shown that copper also inactivates the SARS-CoV-2 virus in a very short time compared to other surfaces.<sup>2</sup> Because of its positive properties, hospitals use door handles made of solid copper.<sup>3</sup>

The latest laboratory results also independently confirm the effectiveness of UNION GripSafe. The Eurovir® hygiene laboratory was able to prove that TGEV corona viruses on the tape are 99.98% inactivated after only 60 minutes.<sup>4</sup>

In addition, we have had another virus test performed in the Eurovir® laboratory for Bovine Coronaviruses. Within the scope of this test, it was determined that after the shortest possible test period of 7 minutes, no residual virus was detectable (corresponds to a virus inactivation rate of more than 99.99%). The Bovine Coronavirus belongs to the Beta-Coronaviruses, to which also SARS-CoV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 belong.<sup>4</sup>

The renowned Hohenstein Institute also confirms the significant virucidal and strong antibacterial effectiveness of our copper textiles.<sup>4</sup>

# Technical information

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| Size of the blanks: | 10cm x 8cm x 0.55mm                                     |
| Surface material:   | Copper-plated polyamide fleece                          |
| Adhesive material:  | Acrylic (adhesive resistance -40 °C to +120 °C)         |
| Storage:            | Cool and dry, at 15-25 °C to 65%. relative air humidity |

\*Eurovir® hygiene has independently tested and proven that TGEV corona viruses on the tape are 99.98% inactivated after only 60 minutes.

## Sources

- 1 <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3067274/>  
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3767632/>  
<https://aem.asm.org/content/73/8/2748>
- 2 <https://www.nejm.org/doi/10.1056/NEJMc2004973>
- 3 <https://www.presseportal.de/download/document/301649-20141029-pm-copper-against-germs-asklepios-klinikum-harburg.pdf>
- 4 Fully tested by independent 3rd party laboratories

# FAQs

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## **When should UNION GripSafe be replaced?**

Duration of use varies depending on the application and the corresponding stress. If the UNION GripSafe is heavily soiled or oxidised, replacement is recommended.

## **Can I place UNION GripSafe in a location other than a door handle?**

UNION GripSafe can be applied to all smooth surfaces. If your application – e.g. a doorknob – has special dimensions, you can cut UNION GripSafe with regular scissors.

## **Is UNION GripSafe also available in sizes other than 10 x 8 cm?**

Individual cuts in any shape and size are possible on request. You are welcome to send us your inquiry by e-mail: [csdcomm@assaabloy.com](mailto:csdcomm@assaabloy.com)

## **Can germs collect on the edges and borders of UNION GripSafe?**

No. The unique metallization process metallizes each filament of the tape three-dimensionally. The positive properties of copper are also present at the edges of the tape.

## **Can UNION GripSafe be used with additional disinfectant products?**

Yes, commercially available surface disinfectants based with ethanol and 2-propanol are suitable for additional surface disinfection and do not damage the material.

## **Can the UNION GripSafe be removed without leaving any residue?**

When removing, make sure not to detach the textile from the adhesive film so that it can be removed without residue.

## **Does the UNION GripSafe still work when it is dirty?**

Slight soiling during the course of use is normal and does not affect effectiveness; obvious and coarse contamination must be removed. As contamination progresses, replacement is recommended to ensure the best possible effectiveness.



## Safety instructions

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The tape is intended exclusively for mounting on door handles.

Our polyamide and polyester textiles are galvanised with pure copper. Various international studies have shown a significant reduction in the survival time of viruses, bacteria and fungi on copper surfaces. However, since UNION GripSafe has a 7-fold higher copper ion release compared to pure copper,<sup>4</sup> permanent contact with the skin is not recommended.

**This product serves as a supplementary measure and does not replace hygiene measures such as regular, thorough hand washing or hand disinfection.**



Caution! Product is flammable, keep away from fire



Caution! Keep away from power sources –  
Product is conductive



Caution! Contains small parts that can be swallowed,  
danger of suffocation! Keep out of reach of children



Caution! Avoid eye contact



Caution! Do not swallow, do not put in mouth



Caution! Copper can cause allergic reactions



Colour change is normal (oxidation)

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