



# BACKPACKER

## GEAR LAB

WE BREAK THINGS SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO

### WORLD'S STICKIEST DUCT TAPE

**The test** Our mad scientist evaluated 6 household brands in a series of accelerated-abuse trials that included baking, freezing, soaking, and stretching. Each test was performed twice, and only one roll stuck it out for the long haul.

**The result** Every brand we tested proved pretty darn tough, especially when baked at 170°F for 30 minutes. But Gorilla Tape (\$10; [www.gorillatape.com](http://www.gorillatape.com)) stayed stickier in sopping wet and freezing conditions, the two trail scenarios where duct tapes most often begin to wrinkle and peel. Why? Gorilla has a thicker-than-usual adhesive for a King Kong grip on a wide range of surfaces—from nylon to glass to leather. A weather-resistant shell protects the tape, too. Oddly, the tape lost some sticking power after an 8-hour soak in salt water, but regained it after drying.



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