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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to a pressure sensitive adhesive foam with a percentage of theoretical density less than 90, wherein the foam has a peel adhesion of greater than about 1 N/cm and a compression set under constant deflection of less than about 60 %. The present invention further includes a pressure sensitive adhesive foam comprising a thermoplastic block copolymer; a tackifying resin; an isocyanate terminated monomer or oligomer; a polymer comprising a backbone selected from the group consisting of polybutadiene, polyester and polyether, wherein the polymer contains at least 2 active hydrogens capable of reacting with the isocyanate terminated monomer; and expandable particulate materials. The present invention further includes a pressure sensitive adhesive foam comprising a thermoplastic olefin polymer or copolymer, having a density less than 0,91 g/cm³ and a torsion modulus less than 18 MPa, and a tackifying resin; and, optionally, plasticizing oil and expandable particulate materials, or glass microspheres. The invention finally further comprises a method of forming the above film.

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