Strapping Tutorial

The Knee d³ k6.0 tape

Video #1

stabilisation of the kneecap (patella) and support for the patella tendon

EQUIPMENT:

1 roll 50mm d3 Kinesiology Tape *d3 adhesive spray (optional)



D3 Tape contains latex-free adhesive and is hypoallergenic.

TOP TIPS

d3 K-Tape is latex-free and hypoallergenic, meaning adverse skin reactions are very rare and tape can be worn for days on end.

Avoid taping onto wet, hairy or heavily moisturised skin, as this can affect adhesive qualities.

Cut with sharp scissors or tape cutting scissors to avoid fraying. Round off the edges of the tape ends with scissors to help prevent tape from being peeled off the skin through abrasion.

d3 K-tape sticks best when applied directly onto the skin

K-tape tape is stretchy and designed to move and react like a second layer of skin. Try to handle and place the tape carefully and avoid touching the adhesive side of the tape wherever possible.

The anchor strips, at each end of the tape, should always be applied under no stretch.

The backing tape paper can be ripped/split, but not immediately removed (until needed to) to help handle the tape and avoid touching the adhesive side.



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PREPARATION

Cut two strips of d3 K-tape. #1: Shin bone (Tibia) to thigh (Femur) - 25-35cm approx & #2: across the patella/kneecap - 10-15cm approx.

(If using d3 adhesive spray, spray the area to be taped lightly and allow the area to get tacky by leaving it for 30 seconds to air dry.)

- **01.** Ensure that the athlete's knee is slightly flexed (bent) prior to taping.
- **02.** TAPE STRIP #1: Cut the K-tape to the required length (below the knee to midthigh) allowing for the fact that it will be stretched (longer) by around 10% on application. 25-35cm for an adult is a good general guideline.
- **03.** Tear the ends of the backing tape (but don't remove them yet) about 10cm from each end of the tape to create the anchor points for the start and end of the taping procedure.





04. Remove the backing tape from the first (lower) anchor point and place 5-10 cm below the kneecap (patella) onto the top of the shin bone (Tibia). There should be no stretch on the achor tape. **0.14**



05. Peel back the long middle part of the backing tape, but leaving the end (top) anchor backing tape in place.

06. Stretch the k-tape 25-50% (personal preference) and place directly over the middle of the kneecap (patella) whilst holding down the starting anchor tape and continue up the middle of the thigh. **0.18**



07. Remove the backing tape from the second anchor and place down on the skin with no stretch.



08. TAPE STRIP #2: Tear the ends of the two anchor strips and peel away the middle part of the adhesive backing tape to expose the adhesive side. Holding the anchor ends place the centre of the tape directly over the middle of the base of the kneecap (patella) and stretch it 50-90%. **0.23**

Angling the tape up the inside and outside of the lower thigh place onto the skin without creasing the tape. 0.25





09. With zero stretch on the anchor strips, remove the backing tape and place both anchors down.

10. Rub all of the applied tape down, with the hand, or the removed backing paper, to help fully activate the glue and increase adhesiveness. 0.34









