

# Tunetape Review

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I first purchased a roll of Tunetape just before playing at last year's World Pipe Band Championships. I used it on both plastic and wooden chanter and found it to be very effective. I have since used it in Australia and found that it copes well with the heat and repeated shifting. What is most important as it does not tend to stretch like some other tape and move on the chanter after application.



Tape has been a serious issue for pipers and bands since the well known medical varieties that we all used went out of production some years ago. Even the thick medical varieties did tend to stretch a little and return to shape on the chanter causing some movement of the tuning of a particular note. They were also prone to yellowing and looked terrible on a chanter. This tape does not!

For those of you familiar with the developer of the tape, Murray Blair you will know that he is a stickler for detail, and associated only with quality. He played with the Victoria Police Pipe Band in the 90's, has had a hand in recording many of the top level piping albums that we all listen to today. He has also developed the HBT1 and 2 Bagpipe Tuner, which has helped take the guesswork out of trying to make a chromatic tuner do a job that it was not designed for. Murrays' recording expertise is evident in the promotional material that he has supplied for his products.

Watch the tune tape promotional video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ry3O95RdyNw&feature=related>

Each roll of tape comes individually packaged and contains 5 m of tape. I have not yet finished the first roll that I purchased over a year ago. The tape is very thin and 11 mm wide which perfectly suits the pipe chanter.



I found that the tape did leave some sticky residue behind, but it is easily wiped from the chanter with a little cloth and some friction or when totally cleaning the chanter a small amount of bore oil helped. Some stickiness is apparent on the edges of the tape when moved, but again this is easily remedied. I should mention that this is usually the case with all other tape I have tried over the years as well.

There is no doubt that this tape will eventually find its way onto most pipe chanters around the world and is now stocked by the majority of serious suppliers of piping accessories including the School of Piping Shop [http://www.schoolofpiping.com/shop/bagpipes\\_and\\_accessories.html](http://www.schoolofpiping.com/shop/bagpipes_and_accessories.html).

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