

## Liquid Tape

"Liquid Tape," also sold as "Liquid Electrical Tape," is a rubber compound primarily used to insulate exposed wires and other metal parts in electrical systems. It is usually brushed on, and is used in hard to reach places where it is difficult to apply regular insulating tape, or where a fully waterproof covering is needed. It is commonly sold as black in color in a brush-bottle, but there is also a spray-on version, and a red color.

My interest in it for dulcimer applications began when I first saw Fender's *Mojo Grip Celluloid Picks* which are standard 351 shape pick with a rubber sleeve that provides a better gripping surface and extra thickness.



Our local group has had members who have had difficulties holding picks due to arthritis, and I thought that such a pick enhancement might help them. They, and I, prefer a larger pick, and I tried applying Liquid Tape to both Fender's large 355 triangle shape and to the longer picks which I cut from old credit cards. It works very well.



It takes several applications of the liquid because the evaporation of the solvent results in a rather thin coat. I make several of the layers as stripes to increase the texture of the contact surface.

The coating can readily be peeled off if desired.

The primary retail market for Liquid Tape is for automotive applications and it will be regularly found in the automotive-electrical section of building supply centers, auto parts stores, as well as at Walmart.