

# Athletic Taping and Bracing: A Comprehensive Guide by David Perrin

Athletic taping and bracing are essential tools for athletes of all levels, from weekend warriors to professional competitors. Taping and bracing can help to prevent injuries, reduce pain, and improve performance. In this comprehensive guide, renowned athletic trainer David Perrin provides everything you need to know about athletic taping and bracing.

## Benefits of Athletic Taping and Bracing

- **Injury prevention:** Taping and bracing can help to prevent injuries by providing support to weakened or injured joints and muscles.
- **Pain reduction:** Taping and bracing can help to reduce pain by immobilizing injured tissues and providing support.
- **Improved performance:** Taping and bracing can help to improve performance by providing support and stability to joints and muscles, allowing athletes to move more efficiently and effectively.

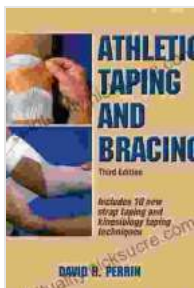
## Types of Athletic Tape

There are two main types of athletic tape:

- **Adhesive tape:** Adhesive tape is the most common type of athletic tape. It is made of a strong, adhesive material that adheres to the skin.
- **Non-adhesive tape:** Non-adhesive tape is made of a thin, non-adhesive material that is wrapped around the skin or joint. It is often used in conjunction with adhesive tape to provide additional support.

## Types of Athletic Braces

There are many different types of athletic braces, each designed to provide support and protection to a specific body part. Some of the most common types of athletic braces include:



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- **Ankle braces:** Ankle braces are designed to provide support to the ankle joint and prevent sprains.
- **Knee braces:** Knee braces are designed to provide support to the knee joint and prevent injuries such as ACL tears and meniscus tears.
- **Wrist braces:** Wrist braces are designed to provide support to the wrist joint and prevent injuries such as wrist sprains and fractures.
- **Elbow braces:** Elbow braces are designed to provide support to the elbow joint and prevent injuries such as tennis elbow and golfer's elbow.

## How to Apply Athletic Tape

To apply athletic tape correctly, follow these steps:

1. Clean and dry the skin.
2. Apply a pre-wrap to the skin. Pre-wrap is a thin, non-adhesive material that helps to protect the skin from the tape.
3. Apply the athletic tape. Start by applying the tape at the bottom of the area that you want to support.
4. Wrap the tape around the body part in a spiral pattern. Be sure to overlap the tape by about 50%.
5. Secure the tape. Use a piece of tape to secure the end of the tape.

## **How to Apply Athletic Braces**

To apply an athletic brace correctly, follow these steps:

1. Position the brace on the body part that you want to support.
2. Secure the brace using the straps or Velcro closures.
3. Adjust the brace to make sure that it is snug but not too tight.

## **When to Use Athletic Taping and Bracing**

Athletic taping and bracing should be used in the following situations:

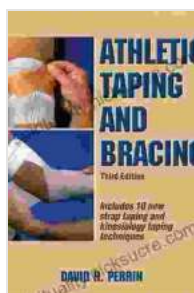
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Athletic taping and bracing are essential tools for athletes of all levels. By following the instructions in this guide, you can learn how to apply athletic tape and braces correctly and effectively. Taping and bracing can help you to prevent injuries, reduce pain, and improve performance.

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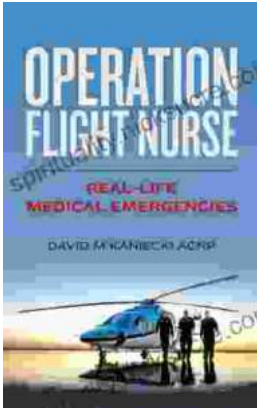
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