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Technical Data Sheet

LOCTITE® STYCAST 2850FT CAT 23LV

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

LOCTITE® STYCAST 2850FT CAT 23LV provides the following product characteristics:

Technology	Epoxy
Appearance (resin)	Black
Product benefits	• Thermally conductive • Electrically insulative • Thermal shock resistant • Low CTE • Can be used with a variety of catalysts
Application	Thermally conductive epoxy encapsulant
Typical assembly applications	Encapsulating

LOCTITE® STYCAST 2850FT CAT 23LV is recommended for encapsulation of components that require heat dissipation and thermal shock properties.

LOCTITE® STYCAST 2850FT CAT 23LV is also available in the unpigmented version.

LOCTITE® STYCAST 2850FT can be used with a variety of catalysts. For more information on mixed properties when used with other available catalysts, please contact your local technical service representative for assistance and recommendations.

CATALYST DESCRIPTION

LOCTITE® CAT 23LV provides the following product characteristics:

Product benefits	• Low color • Low viscosity • Long pot life • Excellent thermal shock and impact resistance • Excellent low temperature properties • Excellent adhesion to glass
Cure	Room temperature cure
Mix ratio, by weight - material: catalyst	100 : 7.5
Mix ratio, by volume - material: catalyst	100 : 17.5
Operating temperature, °C	-65 to 105

TYPICAL PROPERTIES OF UNCURED MATERIAL

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Brookfield viscosity, mPa.s (cP) Spindle 7, speed 10 rpm	250,000
Brookfield viscosity - small sample adapter, mPa.s (cP) (equivalent parameters) Spindle 14, speed 3 rpm	250,000
Density, g/cm^3	2.4
Shelf life @ 18 to 25°C, (from date of manufacture), days	548
Flash point - see SDS	

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Viscosity @ 25°C, mPa.s (cP)	25
Flash point - see SDS	

TYPICAL UNCURED PROPERTIES AS MIXED

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Viscosity @ 25°C, mPa.s (cP)	5,600
Density, g/cm^3	2.19
Work life, 100 gram mass, @ 25ºC, hour	1

TYPICAL CURING PERFORMANCE

Cure schedule

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16 to 24 hours @ 25°C

4 to 6 hours @ 45°C

2 to 4 hours @ 65°C

For optimum performance, follow the initial cure with a post cure of 2 to 4 hours at the highest expected use temperature.

The above cure profiles are guideline recommendations. Cure conditions (time and temperature) may vary based on customers' experience and their application requirements, as well as customer curing equipment, oven loading and actual oven temperatures.

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TYPICAL PROPERTIES OF CURED MATERIAL

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Physical properties

Hardness, Shore D	92
Linear shrinkage, %	0.3
Water absorption, (24 hours immersion) %	0.02
Coefficient of thermal expansion, ppm	
Pre Tg	39.4
Post Tg	111.5
Glass transition temperature, °C	
Cured @ room temperature for 24 hours	40
Cured @ 65°C for 4 hours + 24 hours @ room temperature	55
Thermal conductivity, W(m-K)	1.1

Electrical properties

Dielectric strength, kV/mm	14.8
Dielectric constant / Dissipation factor @ 1 mHz	5.36 / 0.051
Volume resistivity @ 25ºC, ohm-cm	1×10^{15}

TYPICAL CURED PERFORMANCE AS MIXED

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Miscellaneous

Flexural strength	N/mm^2 (psi)	106 (15,300)
Compressive strength	N/mm^2 (psi)	120 (17,400)

GENERAL INFORMATION

For safe handling information on this product, consult the Safety Data Sheet (SDS).

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

1. Certain resins and hardeners are prone to crystallization. If crystallization does occur, warm the contents of the shipping container to 50 to 60°C until all crystals have dissolved. Shipping container must be loosely covered during the warming stage to prevent any pressure build-up.
2. Allow contents to cool to room temperature before continuing.
3. Complete cleaning of the substrates should be performed to remove contamination such as oxide layers, dust, moisture, salt and oils which can cause poor adhesion or corrosion in a bonded part.
4. Some separation of components is common during shipping and storage. For this reason, it is recommended that the contents of the shipping container be thoroughly mixed prior to use.
5. Power mixing is preferred to ensure a homogeneous product.
6. Accurately weigh resin and hardener into a clean container in the recommended ratio. Weighing apparatus having an accuracy inproportion to the amounts being weighed should be used.
7. Blend components by hand, using a kneading motion, for 2 to 3 minutes. Scrape the bottom and sides of the mixing container frequently to produce a uniform mixture.
8. If possible, power mix for an additional 2 to 3 minutes. Avoid high mixing speeds. This can entrap excessive amounts of air. It can also cause overheating of the mixture, resulting in reduced working life.
9. To ensure a void-free embedment, vacuum deairing or degassing should be performed to remove any entrapped air introduced during the mixing operation.
10. Vacuum deair mixture at 1 to 5 mm mercury. The foam will rise several times the liquid height and then subside.
11. Continue vacuum deairing until most of the bubbling has ceased.This usually takes 3 to 10 minutes.
12. To facilitate deairing in difficult to deair materials, add 1 to 3 drops of an air release agent, such as ANTIFOAM 88 into 100 gram of mixture.
13. Gentle warming will also help, but pot life will be shortened.
14. Pour mixture into cavity or mold.
15. Gentle warming of the mold or assembly reduces the viscosity. This improves the flow of the material into the unit having intricate shapes or tightly packed coils or components.
16. Further vacuum deairing in the mold may be required for critical applications.

STORAGE

Store product in an unopened container in a dry location. Storage information may be indicated on the product container labeling.

Optimal storage: 18 to 25°C

Material removed from containers may be contaminated during use. Do not return product to the original container. Henkel cannot assume responsibility for product which has been contaminated or stored under conditions other than those previously indicated. If additional information is required, please contact your local Henkel representative.

Conversions

(°C x 1.8) + 32 = °F
kV/mm x 25.4 = V/mil
mm / 25.4 = inches
µm / 25.4 = mil
N x 0.225 = lb
N/mm x 5.71 = lb/in
N/mm² x 145 = psi
MPa x 145 = psi
N·m x 8.851 = lb·in
N·m x 0.738 = lb·ft
N·mm x 0.142 = oz·in
mPa·s = cP

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