



Technical Data Sheet

3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive DP125 Gray

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Product Description

Scotch-Weld epoxy adhesive DP125 Gray is a filled, pigmented version of the Scotch-Weld epoxy adhesive DP125. Translucent and has similar performance and flexibility properties.

Available in bulk containers as 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive 125 B/A Gray.

Product Features

- 25 minute worklife
- Flexible
- Gray
- Excellent peel strength
- 1:1 mix ratio
- Recognized as meeting UL 94 HB

Technical Information Note

The following technical information and data should be considered representative or typical only and should not be used for specification purposes.

Typical Uncured Physical Properties

| Attribute Name | Temperature | Value |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Accelerator Density | | 1.25 g/cm ³ (10.5 lb/gal) |
| Base Density | | 1.02 g/cm ³ (8.5 lb/gal) |
| Mix Ratio by Volume (B:A) | | 1:1 |
| Mix Ratio by Weight (B:A) | | 1:0.81 |
| Accelerator Viscosity | 23 °C (73 °F) | 30,000 cP (30,000 mPa.s) ¹ |
| Base Viscosity | 23 °C (73 °F) | 58,000 cP (58,000 mPa.s) ¹ |
| Accelerator Resin | | Amine |
| Base Resin | | Epoxy |
| Accelerator Color | | Clear Amber |
| Base Color | | Dark Gray |

¹ Viscosity measured using cone-and-plate viscometer; reported viscosity at 4 sec⁻¹ shear rate.

Typical Mixed Physical Properties

| Attribute Name | Temperature | Value |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Open Time | | 25 min ¹ |
| Time to Handling Strength | 23 °C (73 °F) | 2 h |
| Time to Structural Strength | 23 °C (73 °F) | 16 h ² |

¹ Max time allowed after applying adhesive to a substrate before bond must be closed and fixed. Cure times approximate and depend on adhesive temperature. Hotmelts: The approx. bonding range of a 3.2 mm (1/8 in) bead of molten adhesive on a non-metallic surface.

² Minimum time required to achieve 6.9 MPa (1,000 psi) of overlap shear strength. Cure times are approximate and depend on adhesive temperature.

Typical Physical Properties

| Attribute Name | Value |
|----------------|-------|
| Cured Color | Gray |

Typical Cured Characteristics

Temperature: 23 °C (73 °F)

| Attribute Name | Test Method | Value |
|------------------|-------------|-------|
| Shore D Hardness | ASTM D2240 | 70 |

Typical Performance Characteristics

Overlap Shear Strength

Temperature: 23 °C (73 °F)

Test Method: ASTM D1002, ISO 4587

| Dwell Time | Substrate | Surface Prep | Value |
|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 7 d | ABS | IPA Wipe | 4.5 MPa (650 lb/in ²) ¹ |
| 7 d | Acrylic (PMMA) | IPA Wipe | 2.1 MPa (310 lb/in ²) ¹ |
| 7 d | Aluminum | Sandblasted | 16.9 MPa (2450 lb/in ²) ¹ |
| 24 h | Aluminum | Etched | 28.9 MPa (4190 lb/in ²) ¹ |
| 7 d | CRS | Acetone/Abrade/Acetone | 14.3 MPa (2080 lb/in ²) ¹ |
| 7 d | FRP (Epoxy) | Acetone/Abrade/Acetone | 30.3 MPa (4400 lb/in ²) ¹ |
| 7 d | FRP (Polyester) | Acetone/Abrade/Acetone | 12.6 MPa (1830 lb/in ²) ¹ |
| 7 d | Polycarbonate (PC) | IPA Wipe | 3.8 MPa (559 lb/in ²) ¹ |
| 7 d | Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) | IPA Wipe/Abrade/IPA Wipe | 4.5 MPa (650 lb/in ²) ¹ |

¹ 25 mm (1") wide, 12.7 mm (1/2") overlap samples, 25 mm (1") x 102 mm (4") substrates, bondline thickness: 0.13-0.20 mm (5-8 mil)

Separation rate 2.5 mm/min (0.1 in/min) metal, 51 mm/min (2 in/min) plastic, 510 mm/min (20 in/min) rubber.

Substrate thickness: steel 1.5 mm (60 mil), other metal 1.3-1.6 mm (50-64 mil), rubber and plastic 3.2 mm (125 mil)

Cohesive Failure (CF), Adhesive Failure (AF), Mixed Failure (MF), Substrate Failure (SF)

Overlap Shear Strength

Substrate: Aluminum

Surface Prep: Sandblasted

Temperature: 23 °C (73 °F)

Dwell Time: 7 d

Test Method: ASTM D1002, ISO 4587

| Test Condition | Value |
|----------------|--|
| -40 °F | 16.7 MPa (2420 lb/in ²) ¹ |
| 49 °C (120 °F) | 2.9 MPa (420 lb/in ²) ¹ |
| 82 °C (180 °F) | 1.4 MPa (210 lb/in ²) ¹ |
| 200 °C (392°F) | 1.1 MPa (170 lb/in ²) ¹ |

¹ Overlap shear (OLS) strengths were measured on 25 mm wide x 13 mm overlap (1 x 0.5 in) specimens on 25 x 102 x 1.5 mm (1 x 4 x 0.06 in) substrates.

Jaw separation 2.5 mm/min (0.1 in/min), 0.25 mm (10 mil) bondline.

Substrate: Aluminum
 Surface Prep: Etched
 Temperature: 23 °C (73 °F)
 Test Condition: 23 °C

| Attribute Name | Test Method | Value |
|----------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Bell Peel | ASTM D3167 | 13.8 N/mm (79 lb/in) ¹ |

¹ Floating roller peel; adhesives allowed to cure for 24 hours @RT; 25 mm (1 in) wide samples;
 Samples pulled at 15 mm/min (6 in/min)
 Cohesive (CF), Adhesive (AF) and Substrate (SF) Failure

Test Method: ASTM D638, ISO 527

| Attribute Name | Temperature | Test Condition | Value |
|------------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Elongation | 23 °C (73 °F) | 10 mm/min | 95 % ¹ |
| Modulus | | | 19.6 MPa |
| Tensile Strength | | | 14.9 MPa |

¹ Type IV dogbone

Substrate: Aluminum
 Surface Prep: MEK,Sandblast,MEK
 Test Condition: Pendulum Impact

| Attribute Name | Test Method | Value |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Impact Shear Strength | ASTM D950 | 10 J ¹ |

¹ 21.7J Hammer

Typical Environmental Performance

Overlap Shear Strength

Substrate: Aluminum
 Surface Prep: MEK,Sandblast,MEK
 Temperature: 23 °C (73 °F)
 Dwell Time: 7 d
 Test Method: ASTM D1002, ISO 4587

| Environmental Condition | Value |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| 200°C / 30 minutes | 19.9 MPa (2800 lb/in ²) (118%) ¹ |
| 85 °C + 85 %RH: 500 hrs | 16.0 MPa (2320 lb/in ²) (95%) ¹ |
| Diesel Fuel: 500 hrs | 16.5 MPa (2400 lb/in ²) (98%) ¹ |
| Gasoline: 500 hrs | 0.1 MPa (20 lb/in ²) (1%) ¹ |
| Salt water (5% wt in water): 500 hrs | 10.5 MPa (1520 lb/in ²) (62%) ¹ |
| Water: 500 hrs | 10.8 MPa (1570 lb/in ²) (64%) ¹ |

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Separation rate 2.5 mm/min (0.1 in/min) metal, 51 mm/min (2 in/min) plastic, 510 mm/min (20 in/min) rubber
 Substrate thickness: steel 1.5 mm (60 mil), other metal 1.3-1.6 mm (50-64 mil), rubber and plastic 3.2 mm (125 mil)
 Cohesive Failure (CF), Adhesive Failure (AF), Mixed Failure (MF), Substrate Failure (SF)

Substrate: PVC
 Surface Prep: 50/50 IPA
 Temperature: 23 °C (73 °F)
 Dwell Time: 7 d
 Environmental Condition: 49 °C + 80 %RH

| Attribute Name | Test Method | Value |
|------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Overlap Shear Strength | ASTM D1002, ISO 4587 | 6.3 MPa (910 lb/in ²) (140%) ¹ |

¹ 25 mm (1") wide, 12.7 mm (1/2") overlap samples, 25 mm (1") x 102 mm (4") substrates, bondline thickness: 0.13-0.20 mm (5-8 mil)

Separation rate 2.5 mm/min (0.1 in/min) metal, 51 mm/min (2 in/min) plastic, 510 mm/min (20 in/min) rubber
 Substrate thickness: steel 1.5 mm (60 mil), other metal 1.3-1.6 mm (50-64 mil), rubber and plastic 3.2 mm (125 mil)
 Cohesive Failure (CF), Adhesive Failure (AF), Mixed Failure (MF), Substrate Failure (SF)

Substrate: Cold Rolled Steel

Surface Prep: Acetone/Abrade/Acetone

Temperature: 23 °C (73 °F)

Dwell Time: 7 d

Environmental Condition: 200°C / 30 minutes

| Attribute Name | Test Method | Value |
|------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Overlap Shear Strength | ASTM D1002, ISO 4587 | 16.3 MPa (2370 lb/in ²) (114%) ¹ |

¹ 25 mm (1") wide, 12.7 mm (1/2") overlap samples, 25 mm (1") x 102 mm (4") substrates, bondline thickness: 0.13-0.20 mm (5-8 mil)

Separation rate 2.5 mm/min (0.1 in/min) metal, 51 mm/min (2 in/min) plastic, 510 mm/min (20 in/min) rubber

Substrate thickness: steel 1.5 mm (60 mil), other metal 1.3-1.6 mm (50-64 mil), rubber and plastic 3.2 mm (125 mil)

Cohesive Failure (CF), Adhesive Failure (AF), Mixed Failure (MF), Substrate Failure (SF)

Electrical and Thermal Properties

| Attribute Name | Test Method | Test Condition | Value |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|--|
| Glass Transition Temperature (Tg) | | | 34 °C (93 °F) ¹ |
| Thermal Conductivity | ASTM E1530 | 50 °C, 25 psi | 0.24 W/m·K |
| Coefficient of Thermal Expansion | | Above Tg | 206.1 x 10 ⁻⁶ m/m/°C ² |
| Coefficient of Thermal Expansion | | Below Tg | 93.8 x 10 ⁻⁶ ² |

¹ Glass Transition Temperature (Tg) determined using DSC Analyzer with a heating rate of 10 °C per minute. Second heat values given.

² CTE determined using TMA Analyzer using a heating rate of 3 °C per minute. Second heat values given.

Handling/Application Information

Directions for Use

1. For high strength structural bonds, paints, oxide films, oils, dust, mold release agents and all other surface contaminants must be completely removed. However, the amount of surface preparation directly depends on the required bond strength and the environmental aging resistance desired by user. For specific surface preparations on common substrates, see the section on surface preparation.

2. Use gloves to minimize skin contact. Do not use solvents for cleaning hands.

3. Mixing.

For Duo Pak Cartridges

3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesives DP125 Translucent and Gray are supplied in a dual syringe plastic duo-pak cartridge as part of the 3M™ EPX™ Applicator System. To use, simply insert the duo-pak cartridge into the EPX applicator and start the plunger into the cylinders using light pressure on the trigger. Next, remove the duopak cartridge cap and expel a small amount of adhesive to be sure both sides of the duo-pak cartridge are flowing evenly and freely. If automatic mixing of Part A and Part B is desired, attach the EPX applicator mixing nozzle to the duo-pak cartridge and begin dispensing the adhesive. For hand mixing, expel the desired amount of adhesive and mix thoroughly. Mix approximately 15 seconds after uniform color is obtained.

For Bulk Containers

Mix thoroughly by weight or volume in the proportions specified in the typical uncured properties section. Mix approximately 15 seconds after uniform color is obtained.

4. For maximum bond strength, apply adhesive evenly to both surfaces to be joined.

5. Application to the substrates should be made within 20 minutes. Larger quantities and/or higher temperatures will reduce this working time.

6. Join the adhesive coated surfaces and allow to cure at 60°F (16°C) or above until completely firm. Heat up to 200°F (93°C), will speed curing. These products will cure in 7 days @ 75°F (24°C).

7. Keep parts from moving during cure. Contact pressure necessary. Maximum shear strength is obtained with a 3-5 mil

bond line.

8. Excess uncured adhesive can be cleaned up with ketone type solvents.*

*Note: When using solvents, extinguish all ignition sources, including pilot lights, and follow manufacturer's precautions and directions for use.

Adhesive Coverage (typical): A 0.005 in. thick bondline will yield a coverage of 320 sqft/gallon.

Surface Preparation

For high strength structural bonds, paint, oxide films, oils, dust, mold release agents and all other surface contaminants must be completely removed. However, the amount of surface preparation directly depends on the required bond strength and the environmental aging resistance desired by user. The following cleaning methods are suggested for common surfaces:

Steel

1. Wipe free of dust with oil-free solvent such as acetone, isopropyl or alcohol solvents.*
2. Sandblast or abrade using clean fine grit abrasives.
3. Wipe again with solvent to remove loose particles.
4. If a primer is used, it should be applied within 4 hours after surface preparation.

Aluminum

1. Alkaline Degrease: Oakite 164 solution (9-11 oz./gallon water) at $190^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 10^{\circ}\text{F}$ ($88^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$) for 10-20 minutes. Rinse immediately in large quantities of cold running water.

2. Optimized FPL Etch Solution (1 liter):

Distilled Water - 700 ml plus balance of liter (see below)

Sodium Dichromate - 28 to 67.3 grams

Sulfuric Acid - 287.9 to 310.0 grams

Aluminum Chips - 1.5 grams/liter of mixed solution

To prepare 1 liter of this solution, dissolve sodium dichromate in 700 ml of distilled water. Add sulfuric acid and mix well. Add additional distilled water to fill to 1 liter. Heat mixed solution to 66 to 71°C (150 to 160°F). Dissolve 1.5 grams of 2024 bare aluminum chips per liter of mixed solution. Gentle agitation will help aluminum dissolve in about 24 hours.

To etch aluminum panels place them in FPL etch solution heated to 66 to 71°C (150 to 160°F). Panels should soak for 12 to 15 minutes.

3. Rinse: Rinse panels in clear running tap water.

4. Dry: Air dry 15 minutes; force dry 10 minutes at $150^{\circ}\text{F} \pm 10^{\circ}\text{F}$ ($66^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 5^{\circ}\text{C}$).

5. If primer is to be used, it should be applied within 4 hours after surface preparation.

Plastics/Rubber

1. Wipe with isopropyl alcohol.*
2. Abrade using fine grit abrasives.
3. Wipe with isopropyl alcohol.*

Glass

1. Solvent wipe surface using acetone or MEK.*

2. Apply a thin coating (0.0001 in. or less) of 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Metal Primer EC3901 to the glass surfaces to be bonded and allow the primer to dry 60 minutes before bonding.

*Note: When using solvents, extinguish all ignition sources, including pilot lights, and follow the manufacturer's precautions and directions for use.

Application Equipment

For small or intermittent applications the 3M™ EPX™ Applicator System is a convenient method of application.

For larger applications these products may be applied by use of flow equipment.

Two part meter/mixing/proportioning/dispensing equipment is available for intermittent or production line use. These systems may be desirable because of their variable shot size and flow rate characteristics and are adaptable to many applications.

Industry Specifications

UL 94 HB

Storage and Shelf Life

Store under normal conditions of 16° to 27°C (60° to 80°F) in the original, unopened packaging, out of direct sunlight. For best performance, use this product within 24 months from date of manufacture.

Precautionary Information

Refer to Product Label and Material Safety Data Sheet for health and safety information before using this product. For additional health and safety information, call 1-800-364-3577

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