



## Technical Data Sheet

3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive DP420  
LH



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### Product Description

3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesives are high performance, two-part epoxy adhesives offering outstanding shear and peel adhesion, and very high levels of durability.

### Product Features

• High shear strength • High peel strength • Outstanding environmental performance • Easy mixing • 20 minute worklife • Low halogen content

### 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	Value
Color	Off-White <sup>1</sup>
Mix Ratio by Weight (B:A)	2:0.97
Mix Ratio by Volume (B:A)	2:1

<sup>1</sup> Colors may vary from nearly white to yellow/amber. Adhesive performance is not affected by color variation.

Attribute Name	Temperature	Value
Base Color		White
Accelerator Color		Amber
Base Resin		Epoxy
Accelerator Resin		Amine
Base Net Weight		9.3 — 9.7 lb/gal
Accelerator Net Weight		9.0 — 9.4 lb/gal
Base Viscosity	23 °C (73 °F)	20000 — 50000 cP <sup>1</sup>
Accelerator Viscosity	23 °C (73 °F)	8000 — 14000 cP <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Viscosity measured using cone-and-plate viscometer; reported viscosity at 4 sec<sup>-1</sup> shear rate.

### Typical Mixed Physical Properties

Attribute Name	Temperature	Value
Open Time		20 min <sup>1</sup>
Worklife, 5g mixed	23 °C (73 °F)	30 min
Worklife, 10g mixed	23 °C (73 °F)	20 min
Worklife, 20g mixed	23 °C (73 °F)	15 min

<sup>1</sup> 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.

## Typical Physical Properties

Attribute Name	Value
Cured Color	Off-White

## Typical Cured Characteristics

Attribute Name	Test Method	Temperature	Value
Shore D Hardness	ASTM D2240	23 °C (73 °F)	85
Total Bromine			<5 ppm
Total Chlorine			720 ppm
Total Halogens			<800 ppm

Attribute Name	Value
Note	<p>The properties of cured 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive DP420 NS Black and 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive DP420 LH are expected to be similar to the properties of 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive DP420 Black and 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive DP420 Off-White, respectively as described by data in the following sections of this technical data sheet.</p> <p>An exception to this is the concentration of halogens in Scotch-Weld DP420 LH. Scotch-Weld DP420 LH is a form of Scotch-Weld DP420 Off-White that can be considered “low halogen”. Low halogen is defined by the Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) 61249-2-21 standard as having less than 900 ppm chlorine, 900 ppm bromine, and less than 1500 ppm total chlorine and bromine.</p>

## Handling/Application Information

### Directions for Use

3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive DP420 is supplied in dual syringe plastic duo-pak cartridges as part of the 3M™ EPX™ Applicator System. The duo-pak cartridges are supplied in 50 ml, 200 ml and 400 ml configurations. To use the EPX cartridge system simply insert the duo-pak cartridge into the EPX applicator. Next, remove the duo-pak 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 simultaneous mixing of Part A and Part B is desired, attach the EPX mixing nozzle to the duo-pak cartridge and begin dispensing the adhesive.

When mixing Part A and Part B manually the components must be mixed in the ratio indicated in the typical uncured properties section of this data sheet. Complete mixing of the two components is required to obtain optimum properties. Two-part mixing/proportioning/dispensing equipment is available for intermittent or production line use. These systems are ideal for line uses because of their variable shot size and flow rate characteristics and are adaptable to most applications.

Apply adhesive to clean, dry surfaces, joint parts and secure until adhesive sets (see rate of strength build up).

## Surface Preparation

The following surface preparations were used for substrates described in this Technical Data Sheet.

### A. Aluminum Etch - Optimized FPL Etch - 3M (test method C-2803)

1. Alkaline degrease – Oakite 164 solution (9-11 oz./gallon water) at 190°F ± 10°F (88°C ± 5°C) for 10-20 minutes. Rinse immediately in large quantities of cold running water (3M test method C-2802).
2. Optimized FPL Etch Solution (1 liter):

#### Material Amount

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 FPL etch panels, place them in the above solution at 150 to 160°F (66 to 71°C) for 12 to 15 minutes.

**Note:** Review and follow precautionary information provided by chemical suppliers prior to preparation of this etch solution.

3. Rinse immediately in large quantities of clear running tap water.

4. Dry – air dry approximately 15 minutes followed by force dry at 140°F (60°C) maximum for 10 minutes (minimum).
5. Both surface structure and chemistry play a significant role in determining the strength and permanence of bonded structures. It is therefore advisable to bond or prime freshly primed clean surfaces as soon as possible after surface preparation in order to avoid contamination and/or mechanical damage. Please contact your 3M sales representative for primer recommendations.

### B. Oakite Degrease

Oakite 164 solutions (9-11 oz./gallon of water) at 190°F ± 10°F (88°C ± 5°C) for 2 minutes. Rinse immediately in large quantities of cold running water.

### C. MEK/Abrade/MEK

Wipe surface with a methyl ethyl ketone (MEK) soaked swab, abrade and wipe with a MEK soaked swab.\* Allow solvent to evaporate before applying adhesive.

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

### D. Isopropyl Alcohol Wipe Only Surface Preparation

Wipe surface with an isopropyl alcohol soaked swab.\* Allow solvent to evaporate before applying adhesive.

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

### E. Isopropyl Alcohol/Abrade/Isopropyl Alcohol Surface Preparation

Wipe surface with an isopropyl alcohol soaked swab, abrade using clean fine grit abrasives, and wipe with an isopropyl alcohol soaked swab.\* Then allow solvent to evaporate before applying adhesive.

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

## Storage and Shelf Life

Store under normal conditions of 16° to 27°C (60° to 80°F) and 40 to 60% relative humidity in the original 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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