



Technical Data Sheet

3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive DP420 Off White

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Product Description

3M™ Scotch-Weld™ DP420 Off-White Epoxy Adhesive is a high performance, two-part epoxy adhesives offering excellent shear and peel adhesion.

Product Features

- Excellent shear strength
- Excellent peel strength
- Excellent environmental performance
- 20 minute worklife
- 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 Viscosity	23 °C (73 °F)	9,000 cP (9,000 mPa.s) ¹
Base Viscosity	23 °C (73 °F)	18,000 cP (18,000 mPa.s) ¹
Accelerator Density		1.10 g/cm ³ (9.2 lb/gal)
Base Density		1.13 g/cm ³ (9.4 lb/gal)
Mix Ratio by Volume (B:A)		2:1
Mix Ratio by Weight (B:A)		2:0.98
Accelerator Resin		Amine
Base Resin		Epoxy
Accelerator Color		Amber
Base Color		Off-White
Color		Off-White

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

Typical Mixed Physical Properties

Attribute Name	Temperature	Value
Time to Handling Strength	23 °C (73 °F)	2 h
Open Time		20 min ¹

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.

Typical Physical Properties

Attribute Name	Value
Cured Color	Off-White

Typical Cured Characteristics

Temperature: 23 °C (73 °F)

Attribute Name	Test Method	Value
Shore D Hardness	ASTM D2240	81

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	1.7 MPa (240 lb/in ²) ¹
7 d	Acrylic (PMMA)	IPA Wipe	1.4 MPa (210 lb/in ²) ¹
7 d	Aluminum	Sandblasted	28.2 MPa (4090 lb/in ²) ¹
24 h	Aluminum	Etched	30.5 MPa (4420 lb/in ²) ¹
7 d	CRS	Acetone/Abrade/Acetone	20.8 MPa (3010 lb/in ²) ¹
7 d	FRP (Epoxy)	Acetone/Abrade/Acetone	39.5 MPa (5730 lb/in ²) ¹
7 d	FRP (Polyester)	Acetone/Abrade/Acetone	9.9 MPa (1440 lb/in ²) ¹
7 d	Polycarbonate (PC)	IPA Wipe	4.2 MPa (610 lb/in ²) ¹
7 d	Polyvinyl chloride (PVC)	IPA Wipe/Abrade/IPA Wipe	1.4 MPa (200 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	23.6 MPa (3430 lb/in ²) (84%) ¹
49 °C (120 °F)	14.9 MPa (2160 lb/in ²) (53%) ¹
82 °C (180 °F)	2.7 MPa (390 lb/in ²) (10%) ¹
200 °C (392°F)	1.3 MPa (190 lb/in ²) (5%) 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	12.6 N/mm (72 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	4 % ¹
Modulus			1,806 MPa
Tensile Strength			35.2 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	18 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	32.7 MPa (4740 lb/in ²) (116%) ¹
85 °C + 85 %RH: 500 hrs	27.5 MPa (4050 lb/in ²) (99%) ¹
Diesel Fuel: 500 hrs	29.9 MPa (4330 lb/in ²) (106%) ¹
Gasoline: 500 hrs	26.6 MPa (3860 lb/in ²) (94%) ¹
Salt water (5% wt in water): 500 hrs	26.9 MPa (3900 lb/in ²) (95%) ¹
Water: 500 hrs	27.9 MPa (4050 lb/in ²) (95%) ¹

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 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	1.9 MPa (280 lb/in ²) (140%) ¹

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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	22.3 MPa (3240 lb/in ²) (108%) ¹

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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)			80 °C (177 °F) ¹
Thermal Conductivity	ASTM E1530	50 °C, 25 psi	0.22 W/m·K
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion		Above Tg	177.4 x 10 ⁻⁶ m/m/°C ²
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion		Below Tg (5 ~ 20 °C)	89.1 x 10 ⁻⁶ m/m/°C ³

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.

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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

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.

Industry Specifications

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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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