

3M™ AC-730 Class B Aerospace Sealants

Technical Data Sheet

3M™ AC-730 Class B Aerospace Sealants are non-chromate corrosion inhibitive (NCCI) sealants designed for aircraft fuselage applications. When mixed, these two-part manganese dioxide cured polysulfide sealants form a thixotropic paste that is easily dispensed with a cartridge applicator or spatula. AC-730 Class B Sealants have a service temperature range of -65 °F to 250 °F (-54 °C to 121 °C), with intermittent excursions (6 hours total) to 360 °F (182 °C).

Application Properties¹

Class	Application Time ²	Tack Free Time ³	Cure Time to ≥ 30A Hardness
B-1/2	30 minutes	4 hours	< 6 hours
B-2	2 hours	16 hours	< 24 hours

Physical and Performance Properties

Color	Base: Off-white Accelerator: Dark Brown Mixed: Dark Brown
Mix Ratio, base to accelerator	10 : 1 by weight 10.7 : 1 by volume
Nonvolatile Content	99%
Base Viscosity #7 spindle, 2 rpm, 77 °F (25 °C)	9000 - 16000 poise 900 - 1600 Pa·s
Specific Gravity, cured	1.5
Ultimate Hardness, Durometer A	47 - 54
Low Temperature Flexibility -65 °F (-54 °C)	No cracking, checking or adhesion loss
Thermal Rupture Resistance 250°F (121 °C), 10 psi (69 kPa), 30 minutes	≤ 0.15 inch (3.8 mm) No blistering or sponging
Weight Loss / Flexibility / Swell 7 days at 140 °F (60 °C) in JRF	2 - 4 % weight loss / No cracking or checking / 2 - 4 % volume swell
Corrosion – Stressed Aluminum & Mixed Metal Assemblies after 4 weeks in hot salt-SO ₂ spray	No visible evidence of corrosion beyond specimen edges or in fay surfaces
Repairability after JRF Immersion To self To AMS3265 sealant To AMS3276 sealant	All 100% cohesive failure 34 lbf/inch (150 N/25 mm) 19 lbf/inch (83 N/25 mm) 24 lbf/inch (110 N/25 mm)

Key Features

- Provide an effective barrier against the common causes of corrosion on aluminum and between dissimilar metals
- Resistant to common commercial and military jet fuels
- Retain shape and volume during cure
- Optimized mixing, application and tooling characteristics
- Maintain flexibility and bond strength on a variety of metal, composite, and coated substrates during service

180° Peel Strength

**AMS2629 Type 1 Jet Reference Fluid (JRF) Immersion
7 days at 140 °F (60 °C), 100% cohesive failure**

Substrate	Load lbf/inch (N/25 mm)
MIL-DTL-5541 Conversion Coating	68 (300)
AMS2471 Sulfuric Acid Anodize	55 (240)
AMS-C-27725 Ty 2 Fuel Tank Coating	61 (270)
AMS5516 Stainless Steel	48 (210)
AMS4911 Titanium Alloy	54 (240)
AS4/3501-6 Graphite epoxy (ply side)	47 (210)
AS4/3501-6 Graphite epoxy (tool side)	51 (220)
IM7/5250-4 Graphite BMI (ply side)	49 (210)*
IM7/5250-4 Graphite BMI (tool side)	46 (200)

**AMS2629 Type 1 JRF/3% Saltwater Bi-layer Immersion
7 days at 140 °F (60 °C), 100% cohesive failure**

Substrate	Load lbf/inch (N/25 mm)
MIL-DTL-5541 Conversion Coating	57 (250)
AMS2471 Sulfuric Acid Anodize	60 (260)
AMS-C-27725 Ty 2 Fuel Tank Coating	56 (250)
AMS5516 Stainless Steel	59 (260)
AMS4911 Titanium Alloy	62 (270)
AS 4/3501-6 Graphite epoxy (ply side)	38 (170)
AS 4/3501-6 Graphite epoxy (tool side)	54 (240)
IM7/5250-4 Graphite BMI (ply side)	41 (180)*
IM7/5250-4 Graphite BMI (tool side)	51 (220)*

3% Saltwater Immersion

7 days at 140 °F (60 °C), 100% cohesive failure

Substrate	Load lbf/inch (N/25 mm)
MIL-PRF-85285 Urethane Topcoat	53 (230)*
MIL-PRF-85582 Water-based Primer	53 (230)*
MIL-PRF-23377, Standard cure	54 (240)
MIL-PRF-23377, 200°F (93°C) cure	57 (250)

Tensile Strength and % Elongation

Conditioning	Tensile Strength psi (MPa)	Elongation %
Standard cure	401 (2.76)	378
12 Days at 140 °F (60 °C) in JRF	337 (2.32)	342
12 days at 140 °F (60 °C) + 60 hours at 160 °F (71 °C) + 6 hours at 180 °F (82 °C) in JRF	313 (2.16)	335
12 days at 140 °F (60 °C) + 60 hours at 160 °F (71 °C) + 6 hours at 180 °F (82 °C) in JRF; Standard Heat Cycle ⁴ (x6) in air	303 (2.09)	235
Standard Heat Cycle ⁴ (x6) in air	307 (2.12)	244

¹ Testing per AMS3265 and AS5127/1.

Standard Conditions: 77 °F (25 °C) and 50 % Relative Humidity.
Sealant cure for Performance Properties : 14 Days at Standard Conditions OR 48 hours at Standard Conditions + 24 hours at 140 °F (60 °C).

² Extrusion rate of 35 g/minute, minimum, at Application Time.

³ No sealant transfer to low density polyethylene film.

⁴ Standard Heat Cycle: 4 hours at 260 °F (127 °C) + 40 minutes at 320 °F (160 °C) + 1 hour at 360 °F (182 °C).

* 3M™ Adhesion Promoter AC-160 applied to substrate.

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Shelf Life and Storage

The shelf life of 3M™ AC-730 Class B Aerospace Sealants in 2-part kits is 9 months from Date of Packaging (DOP) when stored below 80 °F (27 °C) in the original unopened containers. Pre-mixed and frozen (PMF) AC-730 Class B sealants will maintain typical application properties for a minimum of 30 days if stored at or below -40 °F (-40 °C).

Note: Industry and/or OEM specifications to which the product is qualified may establish different storage requirements. The information shown on the product label and/or the accompanying Certificate of Analysis (COA) takes precedence over the Technical Data Sheet.

Mixing and Thawing Instructions

2-Part Injection Kits: Hand Mix: 50 - 75 strokes; Machine Mix: 37 strokes (1.5 minutes at 25 strokes/min).

2-Part Can Kits (Bulk): Only base and catalyst compounds with the same lot numbers should be mixed. Stir catalyst before using. Mix entire contents of both containers together or mix in appropriate base to accelerator ratio until sealant is uniform in color with no streaks.

Pre-Mixed Frozen (PMF): Thaw at ambient temperature until core reaches 50 °F (10 °C), minimum, and/or until condensation no longer forms after wiping the cartridge exterior. Do not refreeze after thawing.

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