

# 3M™ Adhesion Promoters

# Application Guidelines - Repackaging Promoters for Use

3M provides a number of adhesion promoters that are suited for different substrate and application combinations. These adhesion promoters are not interchangeable. Mixing or substituting adhesion promoters without consultation with 3M application engineering personnel can lead to adhesion failures. Care must be taken to ensure that adhesion promoters are not inadvertently mixed or substituted when poured into bottles or other containers to facilitate application to parts.

#### **Adhesion Promoter Color-Coded Labels**

To simplify the immediate identification of pre-packaged adhesion promoters, a color-coded label system is being implemented. The color codes are as follows:

3M™ Adhesion Promoter 4298UV	Blue	
3M™ Adhesion Promoter K520UV	Red	
3M™ Adhesion Promoter 2262AT	Orange	
3M™ Adhesion Promoter K500	Yellow	
3M™ Adhesion Promoter K500NT	Pink	
3M™ Adhesion Promoter K540NTUV	Lavender	
3M™ Adhesion Promoter C110	Magenta	
3M™ Adhesion Promoter G200	Gray	
3M™ Adhesion Promoter N210	Navy Blue	

#### **Application Bottles**

Application bottles for adhesion promoter must be clean of contaminates and made of solvent-resistant plastic. Use of other bottles may allow the adhesion promoter to become contaminated with moisture from the air, thus reducing adhesion. Appropriate bottles, applicator tips, and funnels may be sourced from various vendors including:

Designetics 1624 S Eber Rd Holland, OH 43528 Phone (419)-866-0700 www.designetics.com

#### **Color-Coding of Application Bottles**

It is recommended that application bottles be color coded to match the adhesion promoter color-coded labels. This may be accomplished by the use of colored vinyl tape or stickers, pre-printed colored labels, colored bottle tops or collars, or some other method.

3M Adhesion Promoters 4298UV, K520UV and K540NTUV contain a UV-visible dye. Primer on parts will glow under black light, to allow visual verification of primer coverage.

## Distinguishing Between 3M Adhesion Promoters in Unlabeled Bottles

In the event that a user is uncertain which adhesion promoter is in a bottle, 3M may be able to assist. Please contact your 3M application engineering representative or call 1-800-328-1684.

### **Special Handling Instructions for 3M Adhesion Promoters**

Shake well before using. As a best practice for 3M Adhesion Promoters in general, to prevent premature curing and excessive waste, transfer only enough adhesion promoter into a container for 8 to 12 hours of production.

Containers of 3M<sup>™</sup> Adhesion Promoter K500, K500NT, N210, and C110 contain solid pellets called molecular sieves that act as drying agents. The molecular sieves prevent 3M adhesion promoter K500, K500NT, N210, and C110 from prematurely curing. Do not remove these sieves from the container. Once 3M adhesion promoter K500, K500NT, N210, and C110 is decanted into another container and exposed to airborne moisture, curing can begin quickly, especially with high relative humidity. Cloudiness is indicative of moisture curing. Once 3M adhesion promoter K500, K500NT, N210, and C110 loses clarity and becomes foggy or hazy, the products are no longer usable.

# **Special Handling Instructions**

See product SDS for special handling instructions and PPE requirements when transferring and or using these products.

#### **Contact Information**

The information provided in this technical document is intended as a guide for these products. For more information or help in selecting a 3M product for an application, please contact your 3M application engineering representative or call 1-800-328-1684.

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