

3M™ Aerospace Sealant AC-370 Class B

Product Description

3M™ Aerospace Sealant AC-370 Class B are fast cure, low density polysulfide sealants suitable for fuel tank and fuselage applications. These two-component, manganese dioxide cured sealants are solvent free and have outstanding resistance to aviation gasoline and jet fuel, as well as resistance to chemicals and petroleum products common to the aircraft industry. 3M AC-370 Class B Sealants maintain flexibility and bond strength on most metal substrates such as; aluminum, titanium, steel, stainless steel, and many coatings under extremes of temperature, weathering and stress. The mixed compound is a thixotropic paste easily applied by extrusion, injection gun or spatula, and exhibits superb tooling properties.

Applications

- Sealing integral fuel tanks
- Repairing integral fuel tanks
- Sealing fuselages

Typical Physical and Application Properties

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

Color Base: Accelerator:	Off White Brown
Mix Ratio	100 base / 12.5 catalyst (by weight)
Nonvolatile Content	97.5%
Base Viscosity (RVF Brookfield #7 spindle) @ 2 rpm, 77°F)	9,000 - 16,000 poise

Application Life and Cure Time

(@ 77°F, 50% Relative Humidity)

	Minimum Application Life ¹	Typical Tack-Free Time ²	Typical Cure Time ³
B-1/2	1/2 hour	6-7 hours	6-7 hours
B-2	2 hours	7-8 hours	8-10 hours

¹Application life refers to the length of time that mixed compound remains at a consistency suitable for application with spatula or caulking gun. Application life is always measured at a standard temperature of 77°F with a relative humidity level of 50%. In general, for every 20° rise in temperature, the application life is halved; for every 20° drop, it is doubled.

²Tack-free time is the length of time after which a mixed sealant will no longer tightly adhere to L-LP-690 standard low density polyethylene film.

³Cure time is defined as the length of time it takes 3M™ Aerospace Sealant AC-370 Class B to reach 30A hardness. It depends on three factors: remaining application life, temperature, and relative humidity. The temperature/humidity factors for application life also apply to curing. High humidity during cure will speed up the cure. To accelerate the curing process, apply heat up to (but not more than) 120°F.

Typical Physical and Performance Properties of Cured Compound after 14 Days @ 77°F/50% RH

Color (mixed)	Dark Gray
Specific Gravity	1.30 max
Hardness	50 - 55 Shore "A"
Low Temperature Flexibility	No cracking, checking or adhesion loss when tested at -65°F (-54°C)
Service Temperatures	-65° to +250°F (-54° to +121°C)
Short Term Service Temperature	-65° to +360°F (-54° to +182°C)
Thermal Rupture Resistance	Conforms
Weight Loss	4.5%
Corrosion	None
Repairability	55 piw / 100% cohesive failure
Crazing	No effect on acrylic or polycarbonate



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Typical Values of 3M™ Aerospace Sealant AC-370 Class B

Tensile Strength and % Elongation

Conditioning	Specification Requirements	Results
Standard Cure	250 psi / 250%	250 psi / 413%
12 days @ 140°F + 60 hours @ 160°F + 6 hours @ 180°F in JRF I	125 psi / 100%	181 psi / 407%
12 days @ 140°F + 60 hours @ 160°F + 6 hours @ 180°F in JRF I + 24 hours air dry @ 120°F + standard heat cycle (AMS)	125 psi / 25%	264 psi / 56%
Standard heat cycle (AMS)	100 psi / 25%	250 psi / 55%
72 hrs at standard temperature in AMS 3021	125 psi / 100%	277 psi / 452%
72 hrs at standard temperature in AMS 3020	125 psi / 100%	277 psi / 452%

Peel Strength*

Substrate	Conditioning	Load / % Cohesion
MIL-C-5541	7 days @ 140°F in JRF 7 days @ 140°F in JRF/SW 6 temp cycles in JRF/SW	29 piw / 100% 33 piw / 100% 38 piw / 100%
AMS 2471 Anodized	7 days @ 140°F in JRF 7 days @ 140°F in JRF/SW 6 temp cycles in JRF/SW	33 piw / 100% 36 piw / 100% 40 piw / 100%
*AMS 4911 Titanium	7 days @ 140°F in JRF 7 days @ 140°F in JRF/SW *6 temp cycles in JRF/SW	37 piw / 100% 33 piw / 100% 39 piw / 100%
*Stainless Steel	7 days @ 140°F in JRF 7 days @ 140°F in JRF/SW *6 temp cycles in JRF/SW	39 piw / 100% 34 piw / 100% 39 piw / 100%
MIL-C-27725	7 days @ 140°F in JRF 7 days @ 140°F in JRF/SW 6 temp cycles in JRF/SW	33 piw / 100% 43 piw / 100% 39 piw / 100%
MIL-P-23377 RT Cure	7 days @ 140°F in SW	35 lbs. / 100%
MIL-P-23377 200°F Cure	7 days @ 140°F in SW	39 lbs. / 100%
*MIL-PRF-85582	7 days @ 140°F in SW	43 lbs. / 100%

*Tested with AMS3100 adhesion promoter

Health and Safety Precaution

3M™ Aerospace Sealant AC-370 Class B are safe to use and apply when recommended precautions are followed. Before using this product, read and understand the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), which provides information on health, physical and environmental hazards, handling precautions and first aid recommendations. An MSDS is available on request.

Storage

The shelf life of 3M™ Aerospace Sealant AC-370 Class B is 9 months from date of packaging, when stored at temperatures below 80°F in its original unopened container.

Mixed 3M AC-370 Class B Sealants may be stored under refrigeration as follows:

15 days at -10°F
30 days at -40°F

It is important to remember that freezing, storing and thawing procedures reduce application life. Also, frozen storage will reduce application life by varying amounts depending on the storage temperature and length of storage time. All aspects of storage, freezing and thawing should be planned carefully and it is not recommended to mix and freeze with less than 1/2 hour of available application time.

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