

# 3M™ Aerospace Sealant AC-645 B-2

## Product Description

3M™ Aerospace Sealant AC-645 B-2 is a low density, two-component, manganese dioxide cured, liquid polysulfide polymer system. It is suitable for use in fuel tank, fuselage hole filling, cavity filling and fuel tank filleting applications. It has outstanding resistance to jet fuel, as well as resistance to chemicals and petroleum products common to the aircraft industry. 3M AC-645 B-2 Sealant maintains its 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. It has excellent tooling properties.

## Applications

- Cavity and hole filling
- Fuel tank and fuselage filleting

## 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.

<b>Color</b>	
<b>Base:</b>	Off White
<b>Accelerator:</b>	Black
<b>Mix Ratio</b>	100 base / 10 accelerator (by weight)
<b>Nonvolatile Content</b>	97%
<b>Base Viscosity</b> (RVF Brookfield #7 spindle) @ 2 rpm, 77°F)	8,000 - 12,000 poise
<b>Accelerator Viscosity</b> (RVF Brookfield #7 spindle) @ 10 rpm, 77°F)	700 - 1,600 poise

## Application Life and Cure Time

(@ 75°F, 50% Relative Humidity)

	<b>Minimum Application Life<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Typical Tack-Free Time<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Typical Cure Time<sup>3</sup></b>
B-2	2 hours	24 hours	24 hours

<sup>1</sup>Application life refers to the length of time the 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°F rise in temperature, the application life is halved; and for every 20°F drop, it is doubled. High humidity levels during the mixing process will shorten application life.

<sup>2</sup>Tack-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.

<sup>3</sup>Cure time is defined as the length of time it takes 3M™ Aerospace Sealant AC-645 B-2 to reach 30A hardness. It depends on three factors: remaining application life, temperature and relative humidity. To a certain extent, the temperature/humidity factors for application life also apply to curing. 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/55% RH when tested in accordance with STM 40-107

<b>Color</b>	Black
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	1.07
<b>Hardness</b>	55 Shore "A"
<b>Low Temperature Flexibility</b>	No cracking, checking or adhesion loss when tested at -65°F (-54°C)
<b>Service Temperatures</b>	-65° to +250°F (-54° to +121°C)
<b>Corrosion</b>	None
<b>Repairability</b>	12 piw / 100% cohesive failure to other STM 40-107 qualified sealants



## Typical Values of 3M™ Aerospace Sealant AC-645 B-2 tested per STM 40-107

### Tensile Strength and % Elongation

Conditioning	Results
Standard Cure	155 psi / 170%
7 days @ 140°F in JRF	120 psi / 270%

### Peel Strength

Substrate	Conditioning	Peel Strength and % Cohesion
Alcad	Dry-Std	18 piw / 100%
Alcad	7 day JRF soak at 140°F	12 piw / 100%
Alcad	70 day JRF soak at 140°F	12 piw / 100%

## Mixing Instructions

### Two-Part Sealant Cartridges:

1. Holding the cartridge, grasp the dasher rod and pull back approximately one inch.
2. Insert the ramrod into the hollow of the dasher rod, break the piston loose, and inject about 1/3 of the contents into the cartridge.

**Note:** Do not inject all of catalyst in one location. Distribute evenly throughout base material.

3. Repeat steps 2 and 3 until all the contents of the rod are emptied into the cartridge. Remove the ramrod.
4. Mix for the required number of strokes (hand mixing) or for the required amount of time (machine mixing) indicated in the kit instructions.
5. When mixing is complete, remove bottom cap.
6. Pull the dasher rod back to the neck of the cartridge, grasp the cartridge firmly at the neck, unscrew the dasher rod and remove.
7. Screw the nozzle into the cartridge, insert into the extrusion gun and use as required. For hand extrusion, press the used dasher rod against the plunger to force the material from the cartridge.

## Cleaning of Equipment

1. Immediately after use or before the sealant cures, wash equipment and tools with a solvent.
2. For inaccessible areas (such as interior surfaces of extrusion guns), commercially available integral fuel tank stripping compound should be used to remove cured sealant.

## Health and Safety Precaution

3M™ Aerospace Sealant AC-645 B-2 is 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-645 B-2 is 9 months from date of packaging, when stored at temperatures below 80°F in its original container. Storage at lower temperatures increases shelf life.

Mixed 3M AC-645 B-2 Sealant 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.

## For Additional Information

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