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Low-Shrink™ OP-81-LS

Low-Shrinkage Optical Positioning Epoxy with LED and Heat-Cure Capability

APPLICATIONS	FEATURES	RECOMMENDED SUBSTRATES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optical Positioning Lens and Prism Alignment Fiber Positioning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UV/Visible Light Cure 80-85°C Heat-Cure Capability Low Shrinkage and Low CTE Meets ASTM E595 Outgassing Requirements One Component, No Mixing Required Cold Ship/Cold Storage at 1-5°C 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Polycarbonate Glass Acrylic Metallic Surfaces

Dymax Low-Shrink™ OP-81-LS is a UV/Visible light-curable epoxy featuring very low volumetric shrinkage during cure and low CTE for stability through thermal excursions making it ideal for rapid positioning of optical components. OP-81-LS is especially formulated to cure primarily with UV light and includes a low-temperature heat-curing function in applications where shadow areas exist or where heat cure only is preferred. Dymax materials contain no nonreactive solvents. Their ability to cure in seconds enables faster processing, greater output, and lower processing costs. When cured with Dymax light-curing spot lamps, focused-beam lamps, or flood lamps, they deliver optimum speed and performance for camera module assembly. Dymax lamps offer the ideal balance of UV and visible light for the fastest, deepest cures. This product requires cold store and cold shipping and should be kept between 1°C [34°F] and 5°C [41°F] in the original, unopened container. This product is in full compliance with RoHS directives 2015/863/EU.

UNCURED PROPERTIES			OTHER CURED PROPERTIES		
Property	Value	Test Method	Property	Value	Test Method
Solvent Content	No Nonreactive Solvents	N/A	Boiling Water Absorption, % (2 h)	0.9	ASTM D570
Chemical Class	Epoxy	N/A	Water Absorption, % (25°C, 24 h)	0.1	ASTM D570
Appearance	Off White to Light Gray Opaque Gel	N/A	Volumetric Shrinkage, %	1.5	DSTM 611
Soluble in	Organic Solvents	N/A	Glass Transition Tg, °C	153	ASTM D5418
Density, g/ml	1.6	ASTM D1875	CTEα1, μm/m/°C	25	ASTM E831
Viscosity, cP	60,000 (nominal)	DSTM 502‡	CTEα2, μm/m/°C	97	ASTM E831
Shelf Life at Recommended Conditions from Date of Manufacture	7 months	N/A	Outgassing - Total Mass Loss (TML), %	0.37	ASTM E595
			Outgassing - Collected Volatile Condensable Material (CVCM), %	0.01	ASTM E595

CURED MECHANICAL PROPERTIES		
Property	Value	Test Method
Durometer Hardness	D90	ASTM D2240
Tensile at Break, MPa [psi]	45 [6,600]	ASTM D638
Elongation at Break, %	2	ASTM D638
Modulus of Elasticity, MPa [psi]	1,600 [230,600]	ASTM D638

* Not Specifications

N/A Not Applicable

‡ DSTM Refers to Dymax Standard Test Method

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ADHESION	
Substrate	Recommendation
Aluminum	✓
CAP (cellulose acetate propionate)	✓
FR-4 Board	✓
Glass	✓
LCP (liquid-crystal polymer)	✓
PA (polyamide)	✓
PC (polycarbonate)	✓
PETG (polyethylene terephthalate glycol)	✓
PMMA (polymethyl methacrylate)	✓
PPS (polyphenylene sulfide)	✓
PS (polystyrene)	✓
SAN (styrene-acrylonitrile)	✓
Stainless Steel	✓

✓ Recommended o Limited Applications
st Requires Surface Treatment (e.g. plasma, corona treatment, etc.)

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CURING GUIDELINES

Fixture time is defined as the time to develop a shear strength of 0.1 N/mm² [10 psi] between glass slides. Actual cure time typically is 3-to-5 times fixture time.

Dymax Curing System (Intensity)	Fixture Time or Belt Speed A
5000-EC (200 mW/cm ²)B	1 s
BlueWave® 200 (10 W/cm ²)B	0.4 s
BlueWave® LED Flood RediCure® 365 nm (450 mW/cm ²)C	0.4 s
BlueWave® LED Flood PrimeCure® 385 nm (850 mW/cm ²)C	0.2 s
BlueWave® LED Flood VisiCure® 405 nm (950 mW/cm ²)C	0.4 s
UVCS Conveyor with 5000-EC (200 mW/cm ²)D	7 m/min [25 ft/min]
UVCS Conveyor with Fusion F300S (2.5 W/cm ²)D	8 m/min [27 ft/min]

A Fixture times/belt speeds are typical for curing thin films through 100% UV and light-transmitting substrates. Light-obstructing substrates may require longer cure times.

B Intensity was measured over the UVA range (320-395 nm) using a Dymax ACCU-CAL™ 50 Radiometer.

C Intensity was measured over the UVA/Visible range (350-450 nm) using a Dymax ACCU-CAL™ 50-LED Radiometer.

D At 53 mm [2.1 in] focal distance. Maximum speed of conveyor is 8.2 m/min [27 ft/min]. Intensity was measured over the UVA range (320-395 nm) using the Dymax ACCU-CAL™ 160 Radiometer.

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SECONDARY HEAT CURE

Heat can be used as the sole cure mechanism or in conjunction with light curing. The following heat-cure schedule may be used*

80°C [176°F] 30-35 minutes
85°C [185°F] 20-25 minutes

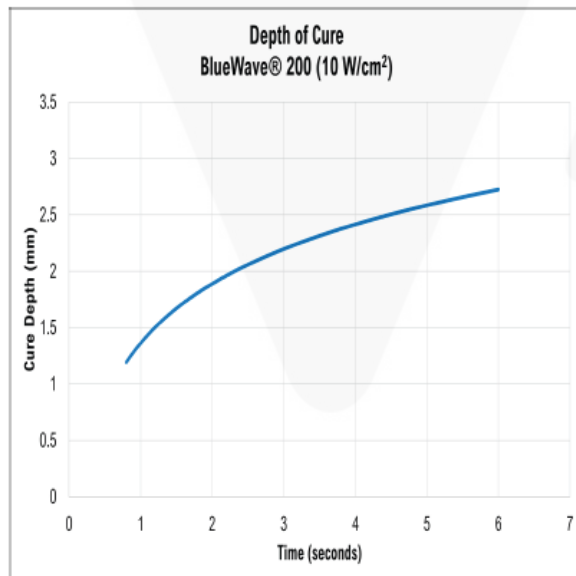
*Note: Actual heat-cure time may vary due to part configuration, volume of adhesive applied, and oven efficiency.

Full cure is best determined empirically by curing at different times and intensities, and measuring the corresponding change in cured properties such as tackiness, adhesion, hardness, etc. Full cure is defined as the point at which more light exposure no longer improves cured properties. Higher intensities or longer cures (up to 5x) generally will not degrade Dymax light-curable adhesives.

Dymax recommends that customers employ a safety factor by curing longer and/or at higher intensities than required for full cure. Although Dymax Application Engineering can provide technical support and assist with process development, each customer ultimately must determine and qualify the appropriate curing parameters required for their unique application.

DEPTH OF CURE

The graph below shows the increase in depth of cure as a function of exposure time. A 9.5 mm [0.37 in] diameter specimen was cured in a polypropylene mold and cooled to room temperature. It was then released from the mold and the cure depth was measured.



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1. This product cures with exposure to UV and visible light. Exposure to ambient and artificial light should be kept to a minimum before curing. Dispensing components including needles and fluid lines should be 100% light blocking, not just UV blocking.
2. All bond surfaces should be clean and free from grease, mold release, or other contaminants prior to dispensing the adhesive.
3. Cure speed is dependent upon many variables, including lamp intensity, distance from the light source, required depth of cure, bond gap, and percent light transmission of the substrate.
4. High humidity environments or basic materials may inhibit cure.
5. Parts should be allowed to cool after cure before testing and subjecting to any loads.
6. In rare cases, stress cracking may occur in assembled parts. Three options may be explored to eliminate this problem. One option is to heat anneal the parts to remove molded-in stresses. A second option is to open the gap between mating parts to reduce stress caused by an interference fit. The third option is to minimize the amount of time the liquid adhesive remains in contact with the substrate(s) prior to curing.
7. Light curing generally produces some heat. If necessary, cooling fans can be placed in the curing area to reduce the heating effect on components.
8. At the point of curing, an air exhaust system is recommended to dissipate any heat and vapors formed during the curing process.

STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

Store the covered material in a cool, dark place when not in use. This product may polymerize upon prolonged exposure to ambient and artificial light as well as ambient temperatures. This material shelf life noted on page 1 of this document, when stored between 1°C (34°F) and 5°C (41°F) in the original, unopened container.

The pot life is 7 days at 25°C. In a production setting, once material is removed from 1-5°C storage, it should be used in its entirety or be disposed of within 7 days.

CLEANUP

Uncured material may be removed from dispensing components and parts with organic solvents. Cured material will be impervious to many solvents and difficult to remove. Cleanup of cured material may require mechanical methods such as ultrasonic bath, water jet, vacuum tweezers, air knife, and/or warming to aid in the removal.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

This product is intended for industrial use only. Keep out of the reach of children. Avoid breathing vapors. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Wear impervious gloves. Repeated or continuous skin contact with uncured material may cause irritation. Remove material from skin with soap and water. Never use organic solvents to remove material from skin and eyes. For more information on the safe handling of this material, please refer to the Safety Data Sheet before use.

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