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SILCOTHERM 2 Part Addition cure silicone encapsulant

Introduction
This is a 2-component, silicone elastomer system specially designed for electronic potting and encapsulation applications. It offers good protection against chemicals, environmental contamination, mechanical shock, vibration and impact damage. It can be employed in areas where low flammability is a prerequisite. The cured elastomer can be repaired. The component parts have relatively low viscosities and are readily mixed either by hand or machine.

Key Features
- Thermally Conductive
- 1:1 Mix ratio
- Good Flow properties
- Meets the requirements of UL94 V0 but is not certified

Use and Cure Information

IMPORTANT:
The 'A' part of the product contains the platinum catalyst, great care should be taken when using automatic dispensing equipment. Please ensure that it is not contaminated by residual hydride containing rubber in the dispensing equipment, as curing will result. If in doubt, it's advised to thoroughly purge the equipment with a suitable hydrocarbon solvent or silicone fluid.

Mixing
Both the 'A' and 'B' parts should be well stirred to ensure the material is uniform and any settled fillers have been remixed. Place the required amount of 'A' and 'B' parts by weight at the mix ratio shown opposite, in a clean plastic or metal container of approximately 3 times their volume, and mix until the colour of the mixture is uniform. For best results, we recommend degassing.

Degas by intermittent evacuation, the larger volume of the mixing vessel helps prevent overflow during this operation. In the case of automatic dispensing with static mixing head, the two components should be degassed before processing. Recommended vacuum conditions are 30-50 mbar intermittently over 5-10 minutes. Cast the mixture either by gravity or pressure injection.

Inhibition of Cure

Great care must be taken when handling and mixing all addition cured silicone elastomer systems, ensuring that all the mixing tools (vessels and spatulas) are clean and constructed in materials which do not interfere with the curing mechanism. The cure of the rubber can be inhibited by the presence of compounds of nitrogen, sulphur, phosphorus and arsenic; organotin catalysts and PVC stabilizers; epoxy resin catalysts and even contact with materials containing certain of these substances e.g. moulding clays, sulphur vulcanised rubbers, condensation cure silicone rubbers, onion and garlic.

Curing Conditions

The data offers a guide to the rate of cure at various temperatures, mixing of the components at temperatures between 15 and 25 °C is recommended to ensure adequate pot life for degassing and handling. The pot life can be extended to several hours by chilling the components before mixing.

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Cured product

After 15 minutes at 150 °C

CTE Linear ppm/°C
155 ppm/°C

CTE Volumetric ppm/°C
465 ppm/°C

Colour
Grey

Duro Shore A
ASTM D 2240-95
55

Elongation %
ISO 37
40 %

Linear Shrinkage %
0.1 %

Max Working Temp +°C
AFS_1540B
204 °C

Min Working Temp - °C
-55 °C

SG
BS ISO 2781
2.16

Tensile MPa
ISO 37
1.1 MPa

Thermal Conductivity W/mK
1.19 W/mK

UL 94V-0
No

Storage

Max storage temperature °C
25 °C

Shelf life
24 mths

Electrical properties

Dielectric Constant @ 1kHz
ASTM D-150
4.92

Dissipation Factor @ 1kHz
ASTM D-150
0.005

Volume Resistivity ohms cm
ASTM D-257
5.06E+13 ohms cm

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