

Technical Data Sheet

STYCAST® 2850 FT Thermally Conductive Epoxy Encapsulant

Key Feature:	Benefit:
- Good thermal conductivity	• Dissipation of heat from embedded components
• Low coefficient of thermal expansion	• Low stress on embedded components

Product Description:

STYCAST 2850 FT is a two component, thermally conductive epoxy encapsulant that can be used with a variety of catalysts. It features a low coefficient of thermal expansion and excellent electrical insulative properties. The STYCAST 2850 FT Blue is recommended for use in high voltage applications where surface arcing or tracking is a concern.

Applications:

STYCAST 2850 FT is designed for encapsulation of components which need heat dissipation and thermal shock properties.

Instructions For Use:

Thoroughly read the information concerning health and safety contained in this bulletin before using. Observe all precautionary statements that appear on the product label and/or contained in individual Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS).

To ensure the long term performance of the potted or encapsulated electrical / electronic assembly, complete cleaning of components and substrates should be performed to remove contamination such as dust, moisture, salt, and oils which can cause electrical failure, poor adhesion or corrosion in an embedded part.

Properties of Material As Supplied:

Property	Test Method	Unit	Value
Chemical Type			Epoxy
Appearance	Visual		Black or blue liquid
Density	ASTM-D-792	g/cm ³	2.35 - 2.45
Brookfield Viscosity	ASTM-D-2393 5 rpm # 7	Pa.s cP	200 - 250 200,000 - 250,000

Choice of Curing Agents

Curing agent	Catalyst 9	Catalyst 23 LV	Catalyst 11
Description	General purpose with good chemical resistance and physical strength.	Low color, low viscosity, long pot life. Excellent, thermal shock and impact resistance. Excellent low temperature properties and adhesion to glass.	Long pot life, excellent chemical resistance, good physical and chemical properties at elevated temperatures.
Type of cure	Room	Room	Heat
Viscosity Pa.s cP	0.080 to 0.105 80 to 105	0.020 to 0.030 20 to 30	0.035 to 0.060 @ 65 °C 35 to 60 @ 65 °C

Properties of Material As Mixed:

Property	Test Method	Unit	Value		
			Catalyst 9	Catalyst 23 LV	Catalyst 11
Mix Ratio - Amount of Catalyst per 100 parts of STYCAST 2850 FT		By Weight	3.5	7.5	4.5
		By Volume	8.5	17.5	9.5
Working Life (100 g @ 25°C)	ERF 13-70		45 minutes	60 minutes	>4 hours
Density	ASTM-D-792	g/cm ³	2.29	2.19	2.29
Brookfield Viscosity	ASTM-D-2393	Pa.s cP	58 58,000	5.6 5,600	64 64,000

Some filler settling is common during shipping or storage. For this reason, it is recommended that the contents of the shipping container be thoroughly mixed prior to use. Power mixing is preferred to ensure a homogeneous product.

Accurately weigh resin and hardener into a clean container in the recommended ratio. Weighing apparatus having an accuracy in proportion to the amounts being weighed should be used.

Blend components by hand, using a kneading motion, for 2-3 minutes. Scrape the bottom and sides of the mixing container frequently to produce a uniform mixture. If possible, power mix for an additional 2-3 minutes. Avoid high mixing speeds which could entrap excessive amounts of air or cause overheating of the mixture resulting in reduced working life.

To ensure a void-free embedment, vacuum deairing should be used to remove any entrapped air introduced during the mixing operation. Vacuum deair mixture at 1-5 mm mercury. The foam will rise several times the liquid height and then subside. Continue vacuum deairing until most of the bubbling has ceased. This usually requires 3-10 minutes. To facilitate deairing in difficult to deair materials, add 1-3 drops of an air release agent, such as ANTIFOAM 88, into 100 grams of mixture. Gentle warming will also help, but working life will be shortened.

Pour mixture into cavity or mold. Gentle warming of the mold or assembly reduces the viscosity. This improves the flow of the material into the unit having intricate shapes or tightly packed coils or components. Further vacuum deairing in the mold may be required for critical applications.

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Cure Schedule:

Cure at any one of the recommended cure schedules. For optimum performance, follow the initial cure with a post cure of 2-4 hours at the highest expected use temperature.

Temperature °C	Cure Time		
	Catalyst 9	Catalyst 23 LV	Catalyst 11
25	16-24 hr	16-24 hr	-
45	4-6 hr	4-6 hr	-
65	1-2 hr	2-4 hr	-
80			8-16 hr
100			2-4 hr
120			30-60 min

Properties of Material After Application:

Property	Test Method	Unit	Value		
			Catalyst 9	Catalyst 23 LV	Catalyst 11
Hardness	ASTM-D-2240	Shore D	96	92	96
Flexural Strength	ASTM-D-790	mPa	92	106	117
		psi	13,300	15,300	17,000
Compressive Strength	ASTM-D-695	mPa	155	120	193
		psi	22,500	17,400	27,900
Linear Shrinkage	ASTM-D-2566	cm/cm	0.002	0.003	0.002
Water Absorption (24 hours)	ASTM-D-570	%	0.03	0.02	0.05
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	ASTM-D-3386	α^1	35.0	39.4	31.2
		α^2	98.9	111.5	97.9
Glass Transition Temperature	ASTM-D-3418	°C	86	68	115
Thermal Conductivity	ASTM-D-2214	W/m.K	1.25	1.02	1.28
		Btu-in/hr-ft ² -°F	8.7	7.1	8.9
Temperature Range of Use		°C	-40 to +130	-65 to +105	-55 to +155
Outgassing(1)	ASTM-E-595	TML	0.25		0.29
		CVCM	0.01		0.02
Dielectric Strength	ASTM-D-149	kV/mm	14.4	14.8	15.0
		V/mil	365	375	380
Dielectric Constant @ 1 mHz	ASTM-D-150	-	5.01	5.36	5.36
Dissipation Factor @ 1 mHz	ASTM-D-150	-	0.028	0.051	0.043
Volume Resistivity @ 25°C	ASTM-D-257	Ohm-cm	>10 ¹⁵	>10 ¹⁵	>10 ¹⁵

(1) per NASA Reference Publication 1124. Samples tested were cured for 24 hours @ 25°C using Catalyst 9, and 4 hours @ 80°C using Catalyst 11.

Storage and Handling:

The shelf life of STYCAST 2850 FT is 12 months at 25°C. For best results, store in original, tightly covered containers. Storage in cool, clean and dry areas is recommended. Usable shelf life may vary depending on method of application and storage temperature. Certain resins and hardeners are prone to crystallization. If crystallization does occur, warm the contents of the shipping container to 50-60°C until all crystals have dissolved. Be sure the shipping container is loosely covered during the warming stage to prevent any pressure build-up. Allow contents to cool to room temperature before continuing.

Health and Safety:

The STYCAST 2850 FT, like most epoxy compounds possesses the ability to cause skin and eye irritation upon contact. Certain individuals may also develop an allergic reaction after exposure (skin contact, inhalation of vapors, etc.) which may manifest itself in a number of ways including skin rashes

and an itching sensation. Handling this product at elevated temperatures may also generate vapors irritating to the respiratory system.

Good industrial hygiene and safety practices should be followed when handling this product. Proper eye protection and appropriate chemical resistant clothing should be worn to minimize direct contact. Consult the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for detailed recommendations on the use of engineering controls and personal protective equipment.

This information is only a brief summary of the available safety and health data. Thoroughly review the MSDS for more complete information before using this product.

Attention Specification Writers:

The values contained herein are considered typical properties only and are not intended to be used as specification limits.