

Description

Plexus® MA8120 is an advanced direct-to-metal, low halogen two-part methacrylate structural adhesive designed for structural bonding of various metals, plastic, and composite assemblies. MA8120 does a superb job of bonding of metals, engineered thermoplastics, and composite assemblies with little to no surface preparation. Combined at a 1:1 ratio by volume, MA8120 can bond various galvanized and zinc treated steel. It provides a unique combination of high strength, toughness, and fatigue resistance with superior thin film cure. Plexus MA8120 is available in gray and is supplied in ready-to-use 400-ml cartridges, 5-gallon (20-liter) pails, or 50-gallon (200-liter) drums to be dispensed as a non-sagging gel.

Typical Uncured Properties	Part A	Part B
Color	Off-White	Gray
Mix Ratio by Volume	1.00	1.00
Mix Ratio by Weight	1.01	1.00
Component Density, g/ml	0.97	0.96
Component Viscosity, cP x1000	40 - 80	80 - 120
VOC's during cure, %	<1	
Shelf Life, Months	12	

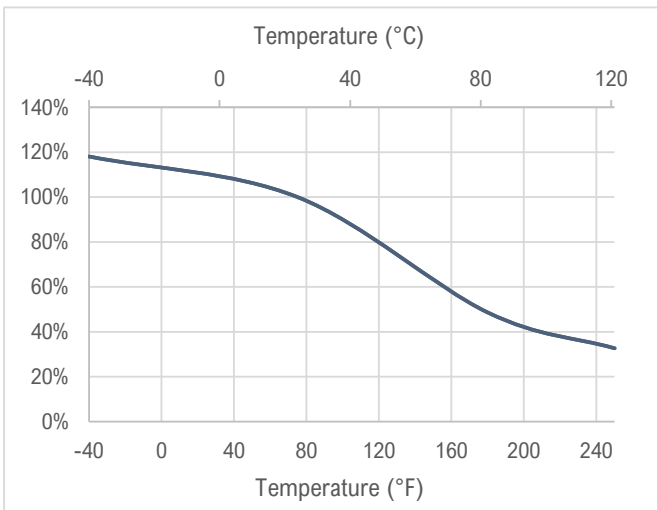
Typical Cured Properties	
Peak Exo Time (10g), min	35 - 40
Peak Exo Temp (10g), °F (°C)	~275 (135)
Time to 90% Cure	5 Hours
Hardness, Shore D	70
Tensile Strength, psi (MPa)	3,100 - 3,500 (21.4 - 24.1)
Tensile Modulus, kpsi (MPa)	175 - 195 (1,207 - 1,345)
Elongation at Break, %	45 - 55

Tensile tested in accordance with ASTM D638

Cure Profile at Different Temperatures

Temperature	60°F (15.6°C)	75°F (23.9°C)	90°F (32.2°C)
Work Time, min	18-19	18-22	17-18
Time to 50 psi (0.3MPa), min	65-75	50-60	40-50
Time to 500 psi (3.4MPa), min	85-95	60-70	45-55
Time to 1000 psi (6.9MPa), min	115-125	70-80	55-65

Strength Retention vs Temperature
(ASTM D1002 on AL6061)



Substrate	Lap Shear (Typical) - ASTM D1002		
	psi	MPa	Failure Mode
6061 Al (Exposure)	2,416	16.7	CF
304 SS	2,647	18.3	CF
Polyester	963	6.6	FT
Gel Coat	1,958	13.5	FT
PVC	1,184	8.2	SF
Carbon Steel	2,445	16.9	CF
G90 Steel	2,656	18.3	CF
DCPD	1,290	8.9	CF/SF

SF = Substrate Failure, CF = Cohesive Failure, FT = Fiber Tear

Application

1. To ensure maximum bond strength, surfaces must be mated within the specified working time.
2. Use sufficient material to fill the joint completely when parts are mated and fixed.
3. Apply adhesive using handheld cartridges or automatic meter/mix/dispense equipment.
4. Load the cartridge into the dispenser and remove the end caps.
5. Attach mixing tip and expel a mixer's length of adhesive.
6. Apply adhesive to substrate and mate the parts within the work time of the adhesive.
7. Fix in position until sufficient bond strength is achieved.



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Surface Preparation - Plexus typically requires little or no surface preparation, but is dependent on the material and degree of contamination on the bonding area. For optimal performances, ITW PP recommends surfaces to be free of grease, dirt, and other contaminants.

Plastics and coated metals - wipe with a dry rag or a light solvent may be sufficient.

Raw metal - wipe with a dry rag or a light solvent may be sufficient.

Metals may be affected by the degree of oxidation, scaling, fluids or other contaminants.

Composites - dust free surfaces can be bonded as is or may require light abrasion to remove mold releases, or to increase the surface area.

Other surfaces should have the same considerations. ITW PP recommends customers test to determine the optimal preparation for their materials to assure suitability.

Recommended Application Temperature

Application of adhesive at temperatures between 65°F (18°C) and 85°F (30°C) will ensure proper cure. Temperatures below 65°F (18°C) or above 85°F (30°C) will slow down or increase cure rate significantly. Temperature affects viscosities of Parts A and B of this adhesive.

To ensure the consistent dispensing of adhesive and activator, material temperature should be held reasonably constant throughout the year.

Clean-Up

Clean up is easiest before the adhesive has cured. Common lab solvents, Citrus terpene or N-methyl pyrrolidone (NMP)-containing cleaners, degreasers, and soap & water can be used for best results. If the adhesive is already cured, careful scraping, followed by a wiping with a cleaning agent, may be the most effective method of clean up.

Temperature Resistance

Can handle continuous temperatures up to 250°F (121°C) without degrading. Can withstand intermittent exposures to higher temperatures.

Bulk Dispensing of Drums or Pails

Plexus may be applied manually or with bulk dispensing equipment. Bulk equipment must be explosion proof. All parts in direct contact with the Products should be stainless steel. Avoid contact with brass, carbon steel, copper or copper-containing alloys in all fittings, pumps, etc. Seals and gaskets should be made of Teflon, Teflon-coated PVC foam, ethylene/propylene, or polyethylene. Avoid the use of Viton, BUNA-N, Neoprene, or other elastomers for seals and gaskets. Automation may be accomplished by a variety of manufacturers.

Safety & Handling

ITW PP recommends users to follow all recommended safe practices for handling its product. Refer to the products' Safety Data Sheet (SDS) and label for health and safety information before using this product. Also refer to itwpp.com for additional information and other frequently asked questions.

Note: Because of the rapid curing features of this product, a large amount of heat may be generated when large masses of material are mixed at one time.

Further, the heat generated by the exotherm resulting from the mixing of large masses of this system can result in the release of entrapped air, steam, and volatile gases. To prevent this, dispense only enough material as needed for the application and for use within the working time of the product and confine gap thickness to no more than its maximum gap fill capability.

Chemical Resistance

Degree of direct or indirect contact may have an impact on chemical resistance

Excellent Resistance to: Hydrocarbons, acids and bases (pH 3-10) and Salt Solutions

Susceptible to: Strong Polar Solvents, Strong Acids, and Bases

Shelf Life & Recommended Storage

Shelf Life is based on continuous storage between 55°F and 77°F (13°C and 25°C).

Exposure, intermittent or prolonged, above 80°F (27°C) will result in a reduction of shelf life. Exposure above 100°F (38°C) can quickly degrade shelf life and should be avoided. Shelf life may be extended by cool storage between 45°F and 65°F (7°C and 18°C). If stored cold, allow product to return to room temperature before using.

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