Technical Data Sheet

DOWSIL™ EA-3838 Fast Adhesive

A two-part, fast room temperature curing thixotropic adhesive

Features & Benefits

- Two-component, non-corrosive, neutral, alkoxy cure adhesive/sealant
- Fast and homogeneous cure in depth and early adhesion development at room temperature
- Non self-leveling, paste consistency
- Fast cure allows rapid handling of bonded components and a fast assembly process
- Good, durable adhesion to a wide variety of substrates
- Excellent weathering and U.V. resistance
- Excellent temperature stability: -50°C to 180°C

Applications

- DOWSIL™ EA-3838 Fast Adhesive has been developed to provide durable adhesive bonding and sealing for components which exhibit different thermal expansion rates, and /or where fast homogeneous cure throughout the adhesive cross section and an early adhesion development is needed.
- Can be used for various automotive and automotive electronics assembly applications, where a flexible strong adhesive bond is needed.
- DOWSIL™ EA-3838 Fast Adhesive is a perfect solution for appliances manufacturing, for bonding glass to metal, glass to painted metal or glass to plastic at ovens, refrigerators and small home appliances.

Typical Properties

Specification Writers: These values are not intended for use in preparing specifications.

CTM[1]	ASTM[2]	Property	Unit	Result
		DOWSIL™ EA-3838 Fast Adhesive Base, Black: As Supplied		
0176 B		Appearance		Black viscous liquid
0022	D 0792	Specific Gravity		1.34
1094 C	DIN 5302	Viscosity (1 s^{-1})	Pa.s	350.000–450.000
1094 C	DIN 5302	Viscosity (10 s^{-1})	Pa.s	150.000–200.000

1. CTM: Corporate Test Method, copies of CTM's are available upon request
2. ASTM: American Society for Testing and Materials

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Typical Properties (Cont.)

CTM[1]	ASTM[2]	Property	Unit	Result
		DOWSIL™ EA-3838 Fast Adhesive Catalyst: As Supplied		
0176 B		Appearance		White paste
0022	D 0792	Specific Gravity		1.60
1094 C	DIN 5302	Viscosity (1 s^{-1})	Pa.s	550.000–700.000
1094 C	DIN 5302	Viscosity (10 s-1)	Pa.s	75.000–100.000
		DOWSIL™ EA-3838 Fast Adhesive: As Mixed by 2:1 (Base:Catalyst) Volume Ratio		
0176 B		Appearance		Black non-slump paste
0092 AA		Snap Time (25°C, 50% R.H.)	minutes	2–3
0095 A	MIL-S-8802E	Tack-free Time (25°C, 50% R.H.)	minutes	5–8
0062		Vertical Flow	mm/60 sec	< 2
		DOWSIL™ EA-3838 Fast Adhesive: As Mixed by 4:1 (Base:Catalyst) Volume Ratio		
0176 B		Appearance		Black non-slump paste
0092 AA		Snap Time (25°C, 50% R.H.)	minutes	4–6
0095 A	MIL-S-8802E	Tack-free Time (25°C, 50% R.H.)	minutes	13–18
0062		Vertical Flow	mm/60sec	< 2
		DOWSIL™ EA-3838 Fast Adhesive Properties after full cure, 2:1 by Volume Ratio – 7 days at 23°C – measured on 2 mm sheets		
0099	D 2240	Durometer Hardness	ShA	40
0137 A	D 412	Tensile Strength	MPa	> 1.5
0137 A	D 412	Elongation at Break	%	> 250
		Early Adhesion via Lap Shear		
0243	D 1002	**Lap Shear Strength Build up, 2 mm Adhesive Thickness**		
		Glass / Stainless steel @ 15 minutes @ 60 minutes @ 24 hours @ 7 days	Mpa	 ≥ 0.5 0.7 1.0 1.4
		Adhesion via Lap Shear – 7 days at 23°C		
0243	D 1002	**Lap Shear Strength, 2 mm Adhesive Thickness**		
		Glass / Stainless Steel, Steel, Galvanized Steel	MPa	1.4
		Glass / Aluminum, Eloxal Coated Aluminum	MPa	1.2
		Glass / PC, PA	MPa	1.2
		Glass / ABS, PBT	MPa	1.0
1007 M		**Cohesive Failure**		
		Glass / Stainless Steel, Steel, Galvanized Steel	%	100 / 100
		Glass / Aluminum, Eloxal Coated Aluminum	%	100 / 100
		Glass / PC, PA	%	100 / PC:50, PA:100
		Glass / ABS, PBT	%	100 / 100

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Description

DOWSIL™ EA-3838 Fast Adhesive is a two component, non-self-leveling adhesive with fast cure at room temperature. The product has been developed to show good, durable adhesion to a wide range of clean substrates including plastics, metals and glass.

How to Use

Mixing

The adhesive is designed to be used in a mixing ratio between 2 parts base: 1 part catalyst by volume, (or 1.7 parts Base: 1 part Catalyst by weight) and 4 parts base: 1 part catalyst by volume, (or 3.4 parts Base: 1 part Catalyst by weight). Other mixing ratios between these limits can be used but Dow should be consulted prior to use. Suitable meter/mix equipment should be equipped with gear or piston metering pumps for base and catalyst, and a suitable static or a dynamic mixer.

The presence of light-colored streaks, or marbling, indicates inadequate mixing. Automated airless dispense equipment can be used to reduce or avoid the need to de-air.

Curing Conditions

The adhesive cures at room temperature and develops adhesion rapidly to glass, plastic and metal substrates.

The surfaces to be bonded should be clean, and free of any extraneous matter, dust or dirt. Adhesion is normally good to most substrates without the use of a primer, or of other surface activation methods. If desired, adhesion may be enhanced via use of flame or plasma treatment or corresponding primers on the surfaces to be bonded.

The cure and adhesion strength can also be further accelerated by the application of moderate heat up to 60°C.

Temperature, Hot and Humid Resistance

DOWSIL™ EA-3838 Fast Adhesive shows good adhesive resistance to hot and humid conditions, for example 7 days in water at 70°C.

DOWSIL™ EA-3838 Fast Adhesive shows good adhesive resistance up to 180°C and can resist higher temperatures for short-term peaks.

Handling Precautions

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Usable Life and Storage

When stored at or below 30°C, DOWSIL™ EA-3838 Fast Adhesive Catalyst has a usable life of 12 months from the date of production.

When stored at or below 30°C, DOWSIL™ EA-3838 Fast Adhesive Base, Black has a usable life of 12 months from the date of production.

Prolonged exposure to high temperatures during storage may result in a slowdown of the cure speed, which can be substantiated by using a higher catalyst mixing ratio in most cases.

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This product is neither tested nor represented as suitable for medical or pharmaceutical uses.

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