

3M

Scotch-Weld™

Epoxy Adhesive

DP920

Technical Data

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Product Description 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive DP920 is a two-part, 2:1 mix ratio, toughened epoxy structural adhesive with a 20 minute work life. It exhibits excellent shear and peel strengths along with good impact and durability; and bonds well to oily metal substrates with minimal surface preparation.

- Features**
- Minimal surface preparation
 - Excellent shear and peel adhesion
 - 20-minute work life
 - Low odor (compared to most acrylics)
 - Easy mixing
 - 2:1 mix ratio

Typical Uncured Physical Properties

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Product		3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive DP920
Color	Base (B) Accelerator (A)	Off-white Yellow
Net Weight (lbs./gallon)	Base (B) Accelerator (A)	10.0 9.2
Viscosity¹ @ 73°F (23°C)	Base (B) Accelerator (A)	110,000 cps 18,000 cps
Base Resin		Epoxy
Mix Ratio (B:A)	By volume By weight	2 : 1 2 : 0.92
Work Life² @ 73°F (23°C)	Nozzle mixed	20 - 30 minutes
Time to Handling Strength³		4 hours

¹Brookfield RVF Viscometer, #7 spindle at 20 rpm.

²Approximate time during which material can remain in a mixer nozzle and still be expelled without undue force on the applicator.

³Time to achieve approximate 50 psi Overlap Shear Strength (OLS) when cured at (73°F) 23°C.

Note: The data in this sheet were generated using the 3M™ EPX™ Applicator System equipped with an EPX static mixer, according to manufacturer's directions. Thorough hand-mixing will afford comparable results.

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Color	Pale Yellow
Full Cure Time	7 days @ 73°F (23°C)

Typical Adhesive Performance Characteristics

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Overlap Shear, (OLS) to Various Substrates (PSI)

Substrate	Scotch-Weld Epoxy Adhesive DP920
Aluminum – etched	3830 CF
Aluminum – etched; with KTLN Deep Draw Lube Oil	3360 CF
Cold-Rolled Steel – with KTLN Deep Draw Lube Oil	3860 CF

AF: adhesive failure CF: cohesive failure SF: substrate failure

Environmental Resistance, Aluminum (Etched), Measured by Overlap Shear Tested @ 73°F (23°C) (PSI) (ASTM D1002)

Environment	Condition	Scotch-Weld Epoxy Adhesive DP920
Control	73°F (23°C)/50% RH ;14 days	4220
Salt Spray	5% salt solution; 14 days	3760
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	73°F (23°C), 30 days immersion	4650
Gasoline	73°F (23°C), 30 days immersion	3740
Heat	80°C; 14 days	4570
Cycle	-40°C/38°C and 100% relative humidity/90°C; 14 days	3920

Bell Peel Adhesion (PIW)

Substrate	Scotch-Weld Epoxy Adhesive DP920
Aluminum – etched	21.3 CF
Aluminum – etched; with KTLN Deep Draw Lube Oil	18.2 CF
Cold-Rolled Steel – with KTLN Deep Draw Lube Oil	23.3 CF

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Typical Curing Characteristics

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Rate of Strength Build-Up
Aluminum, Overlap Shear (5 mil bondline) (ASTM D1002-05)
Bonds Tested at 73°F (23°C)
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Time in Oven	Cure Temperature		
	73°F (23°C)	120°F ¹ (49°C)	140°F ¹ (60°C)
30 minutes	–	25	80
1 hour	–	2560	4230
2 hours	1	4590	5820
3 hours	5	5660	–
5 hours	750	5700	–
6 hours	950	–	–
24 hours	4570	–	–

¹This Represents the oven temperature to which the bonds were subjected for the prescribed time. The average bondline temperature during the cure time will be somewhat lower than the oven temperature.

Substrates and Testing

Overlap Shear (ASTM D1002)

Overlap Shear (ASTM D-1002, 3M Test Method C-236) strength was measured on 1" wide x 1/2" overlap specimen. These bonds were made individually using 1" x 4" pieces of substrates except for Aluminum. Two panels 0.063 in. thick, 4 in. x 7y in of 2024T-3 clad aluminum were bonded and cut into 1 in. wide samples after 24 hours. The thickness of the adhesive bond line was approximately 0.005". All strengths were measured at 73°F (23°C) except when noted.

The separation rate of the testing jaws was 0.1 in. per minute for metals, 2 in. per minute for plastics and 20 in. per minute for rubbers. The thickness of the substrates were: steel, 0.060 in.; other metals, 0.05-0.064 in.; rubbers, 0.125in.; plastics, 0.125 in. and samples were allowed to cure at 75°F (24°C) and approximately 50% RH for 1 week before tested. The separation rate of the testing jaws was 0.1 inch per minute for metals and 2 inches per minute for plastics.

A. Bell Peel

Bell peel strengths were measured on 1/2 in. wide bonds at the temperatures noted. The testing jaw separation rate was 6 in. per minute. The bonds were made with 0.064 in. bonded to 0.025 in. thick adherends.

B. Cure Cycle

With the exception of Rate of Strength Build-Up Tests, all bonds were cured 7 days at 73°F (23°C) at 50% RH before testing or subjected to further conditioning or environmental aging.

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Handling/Curing Information

Directions for Use

1. For high strength structural bonds, paint, oxide films, oils, dust, mold release agents and all other surface contaminants must be completely removed. The amount of surface preparation depends on the required bond strength, environmental aging resistance desired by user. For suggested surface preparations on common substrates, see the section on surface preparation.

2. Mixing

For Duo-Pak Cartridges

3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive DP920 is supplied in a dual syringe, plastic duo-pak cartridge as part of the 3M™ EPX™ Applicator System. To use, simply insert the duo-pak cartridge into the EPX applicator and start the plunger into the cylinders using light pressure on the trigger. Next, remove the duo-pak cartridge cap and expel a small amount of adhesive to be sure both sides of the duo-pak cartridge are flowing evenly and freely. If automatic mixing of Part A and part B is desired, attach the EPX mixing nozzle to the duo-pak cartridge and begin dispensing the adhesive. For hand mixing, expel the desired amount of adhesive and mix thoroughly. Mix approximately 15 seconds after a uniform color is obtained.

For Bulk Containers

Mix thoroughly by weight or volume in the proportions specified on the product label or in the typical uncured properties section. Mix approximately 15 seconds after a uniform color is obtained.

3. For maximum bond strength, apply adhesive evenly to both surfaces to be joined.
4. Application to the substrates should be made within 15-20 minutes. Larger quantities and/or higher temperatures will reduce this working time.
5. Join the adhesive coated surfaces and allow to cure at 60°F (16°C) or above until completely firm. Heat up to 120°F - 150°F (49°C - 66°C) will speed curing.
6. Keep parts from moving during cure. Apply contact pressure if necessary. Maximum shear strength is obtained with a 3-5 mil bond line.
7. Excess uncured adhesive can be cleaned up with ketone type solvents*.

***Note:** When using solvents, extinguish all ignition sources, including pilot lights, and follow the manufacturer's precautions and directions for use.

Surface Preparation

3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive DP920 is designed to be used on oiled metal surfaces.

Since each oiled metal surface combination may be unique, it is suggested that the specific oiled metal combination be reviewed prior to use.

Please contact 3M™ Technical Service @ 651-737-7490 for further assistance.

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Storage Store product in cool, dry area where temperature will not exceed 70°F (21°C).

Shelf Life 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive DP920 has a shelf life of 15 months in unopened original containers kept at recommended storage conditions.

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