

ALPA-GEL 97166

2-part, addition curing silicone gel for the manufacturing of damping elements and encapsulation applications

Description

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

- Very low viscosity and therefore well pourable
- Crosslinks without shrinkage (less than 0.1%)
- Crosslinking is accelerated by heat
- Excellent mechanical damping properties

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 the 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.

It is important to check the compatibility in preliminary tests if unknown substrates are used.

Health & Safety

Safety Data Sheets available on request.

Packaging

CHT Encapsulants are available in a variety packaging including bulk containers. Please contact our sales department for more information.

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Property

Uncured Product

Color A		Transparent
Color B		Transparent
Density A	DIN 53 479	0.98
Density B	DIN 53 479	0.98
Max Cure Mins @ 100 °C		60 mins
Mix Ratio By Weight		1:1
Pot Life mins at 23°C/73°F		4 mins
Self Bonding		no
Viscosity A	Brookfield HBTD	1000 cP
Viscosity B	Brookfield HBTD	700 cP

Cured Product

Color		Transparent
Density	DIN 53479	0.98 g/cm3
Hardness Shore 00	ASTM D 2240-95	43
Max Working Temp		180 °C / 356 °F
Min Working Temp		-50 °C / -58 °F

Electrical Properties

Comparative Tracking Index (CTI)		≥600 V
Dielectric Constant	ASTM D-150	2.76
Dielectric Strength kV/mm	ASTM D-149	17.1 kV/mm / 434 V/mil
Dissipation Factor	ASTM D-150	0.001
Volume Resistivity (Ohms cm)	ASTM D-257	1.08E+15 ohms cm

Storage

Max Storage Temperature	30 °C °C / 86 °F
Min Storage Temperature	0°C °C / 32 °F
Shelf Life	12 mths