



OP-52

Optical Adhesive Lens/Fiber Optics

APPLICATIONS

- Fiber Optic Splicing
- Lens Bonding
- Mounting Fiber Optics

FEATURES & BENEFITS

- UV/Visible Light Cure
- Moderate Viscosity
- High Optical Clarity
- High Strength

RECOMMENDED SUBSTRATES

- Borosilicate Glass
- Quartz Glass
- Soda Lime Glass
- PC
- Acrylic

Dymax OP-52 high-performance optical adhesive cures upon exposure to UV or visible light in seconds. Using OP-52, fiber bundles can be unitized in a few seconds instead of the hours frequently required using other types of adhesives. OP-52 may also be used as a clear potting adhesive, curing to depths of 0.25 inches or more, depending on the light source used. Dymax adhesives contain no nonreactive solvents and cure upon exposure to light. Their ability to cure in seconds enables faster processing, greater output, and lower processing costs. When cured with Dymax light-curing spot lamps, focused-beam lamps, or flood lamps, they deliver optimum speed and performance for optical assembly. Dymax lamps offer the optimum balance of UV and visible light for the fastest, deepest cures. This product is in full compliance with RoHS directives 2015/863/EU.

TYPICAL UNCURED PROPERTIES *

Property	Value	Test Method
Solvent Content	None - 100% Solids	N/A
Appearance	Optical Clear	N/A
Chemical Class	Acrylated Urethane	N/A
Soluble in	Organic Solvents	N/A
Viscosity, cP	5,000 (nominal)	ASTM D2556
Shelf Life at Recommended Conditions from Date of Manufacture	18 months	N/A

OTHER CURED PROPERTIES *

Property	Value	Test Method
Refractive Index (20°C)	1.53	ASTM D542
Boiling Water Absorption, % (2 h)	2.12	ASTM D570
Water Absorption, % (25°C, 24 h)	0.35	ASTM D570
Linear Shrinkage, %	0.63	ASTM D2566
Glass Transition Tg, °C	98	ASTM D5418
CTE _{α1} , μm/m/°C	58	ASTM E831
CTE _{α2} , μm/m/°C	196	ASTM E831

CURED MECHANICAL PROPERTIES *

Property	Value	Test Method
Durometer Hardness	D85	ASTM D2240
Tensile at Break, MPa [psi]	59 [8602]	ASTM D638
Elongation at Break, %	5.6	ASTM D638
Modulus of Elasticity, MPa [psi]	2463 [357,338]	ASTM D638

* Not Specifications

N/A Not Applicable

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CURING GUIDELINES

Fixture time is defined as the time to develop a shear strength of 0.1 N/mm² [10 psi] between glass slides. Actual cure time typically is 3-to-5 times fixture time.

Dymax Curing System (Intensity)	Fixture Time or Belt Speed ^A
5000-EC (200 mW/cm ²) ^B	0.2 s
BlueWave® 200 (10 W/cm ²) ^B	1 s
UVCS Conveyor with 5000-EC (200 mW/cm ²) ^C	8.2 m/min [27 ft/min]
UVCS Conveyor with Fusion F300S (2.5 W/cm ²) ^C	8.2 m/min [27 ft/min]

^A Fixture times/belt speeds are typical for curing thin films through 100% UV and light-transmitting substrates. Light-obstructing substrates may require longer cure times.

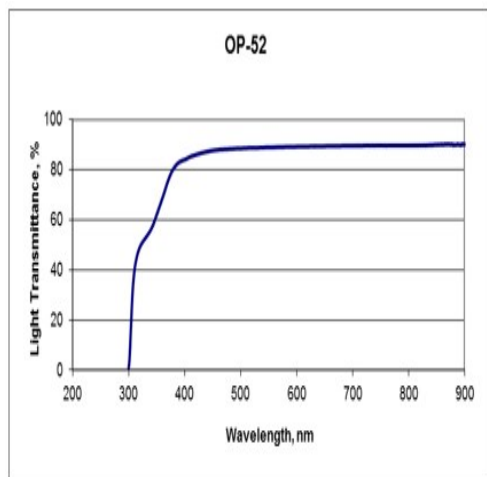
^B Intensity was measured over the UVA range (320-395 nm) using a Dymax ACCU-CAL™ 50 Radiometer.

^C At 53 mm [2.1 in] focal distance. Maximum speed of conveyor is 8.2 m/min [27 ft/min]. Intensity was measured over the UVA range (320-395 nm) using the Dymax ACCU-CAL™ 160 Radiometer.

Full cure is best determined empirically by curing at different times and intensities, and measuring the corresponding change in cured properties such as tackiness, adhesion, hardness, etc. Full cure is defined as the point at which more light exposure no longer improves cured properties.

Dymax recommends that customers employ a safety factor by curing longer and/or at higher intensities than required for full cure. Although Dymax Application Engineering can provide technical support and assist with process development, each customer must ultimately determine and qualify the appropriate curing parameters required for their unique application.

LIGHT TRANSMITTANCE



DISPENSING THE ADHESIVE

The Dymax Application Engineering team is ready to discuss your application requirements to provide the most appropriate dispensing and/or spraying solution. Visit our current dispensing equipment portfolio [here](#) or consult our [global contact](#) phone numbers and online chat feature (available in North America only) during normal business hours for instant support.

STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

Store the material in a cool, dark place when not in use. Do not expose to light. This product may polymerize upon prolonged exposure to ambient and artificial light. Keep covered when not in use. This material shelf life noted on page 1 of this document, when stored between 10°C (50°F) and 32°C (90°F) in the original, unopened container.

CLEAN UP

Uncured material may be removed from dispensing components and parts with organic solvents. Cured material will be impervious to many solvents and difficult to remove. Cleanup of cured material may require mechanical methods such as ultrasonic bath, water jet, vacuum tweezers, air knife, and/or warming to aid in the removal.



GENERAL INFORMATION

This product is intended for industrial use only. Keep out of the reach of children. Avoid breathing vapors. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Wear impervious gloves. Repeated or continuous skin contact with uncured material may cause irritation. Remove material from skin with soap and water. Never use organic solvents to remove material from skin and eyes. For more information on the safe handling of this material, please refer to the Safety Data Sheet before use.

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