



SpeedMask® 9-318-F Peelable Mask for Electronic Applications

APPLICATIONS

- Masking for Conformal Coating Applications
- Masking for Wave Solder or Reflow Processes

FEATURES

- UV/Visible Light Cure
- Very Low VOCs
- Highly Thixotropic for Manual or Automated Dispensing onto Difficult Components
- Solvent Free
- Silicone Free

OTHER FEATURES

- Blue Fluorescing for Black Light Inspection
- Medium Adhesion for Peeling

Dymax SpeedMask® 9-318-F cures upon exposure to light and is designed for rapid masking of electronic components and assemblies. The mask is easily removed, eliminating the concern of ionic contamination or silicone left behind by other masking methods. Dymax SpeedMask materials contain no nonreactive solvents. 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 masking. 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.

UNCURED PROPERTIES *

Property	Value	Test Method
Solvent Content	No Nonreactive Solvents	N/A
Chemical Class	Acrylated Urethane	N/A
Appearance	Translucent Yellow	N/A
Soluble in	Organic Solvents	N/A
Density, g/ml	1.11	ASTM D1875
Viscosity, cP (20 rpm)	50,000 (nominal)	ASTM D1084
Shelf Life at Recommended Conditions from Date of Manufacture	18 months	N/A

CURED MECHANICAL PROPERTIES *

Property	Value	Test Method
Durometer Hardness	A55	ASTM D2240
Tensile at Break, MPa [psi]	3.0 [440]	ASTM D638
Elongation at Break, %	130	ASTM D638
Modulus of Elasticity, MPa [psi]	2.0 [310]	ASTM D638
Glass Transition Tg, °C	27	ASTM D5418

OTHER CURED PROPERTIES *

Property	Value	Test Method
Boiling Water Absorption, % (2 hr)	8.5	ASTM D570
Water Absorption, % (25°C, 24 hr)	18.0	ASTM D570
Linear Shrinkage, %	1.9	ASTM D2566

DISPENSE EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS *

Application	Manual	Semi-Automated	Fully Automated
Keep Out Areas	SD-100	Model 400 Valve	eco-PEN450

CURING EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS *

Process Method	Spot Lamp	Flood Lamp	Conveyor
Broad Spectrum	BlueWave® 200	5000-ECE	UVCS with 5000-EC or Fusion F300

ADHESION

Substrate	Recommendation
Lead Frame	✓
Ceramic	✓
PCB	✓
Flex	✓
Silicon	✓

✓ Recommended ○ Limited Applications
 * Requires Surface Treatment (e.g. plasma, corona treatment, etc.)

* Not Specifications

N/A Not Applicable

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CURING GUIDELINES

Cure rate is dependent upon many variables including lamp intensity, distance from the light source, and required depth of cure. The cure times below are based on lab results and are intended for reference only. Testing was performed using a 0.38 mm [0.015 in] coating thickness. Time/belt speed was determined by a complete, tack-free cure.

Dymax Curing System (Intensity)	Exposure Time or Belt Speed ^A
2000-EC (50 mW/cm ²) ^B	5 s
5000-EC (200 mW/cm ²) ^B	2 s
BlueWave® 200 (10 W/cm ²) ^B	1 s
UVCS Conveyor with one 5000-EC (200 mW/cm ²) ^C	1.5 m/min [5 ft/min]
UVCS Conveyor with Fusion F300S (2.5 W/cm ²) ^C	7.3 m/min [24 ft/min]

^A Curing through light-blocking substrates may require longer cure times if they obstruct wavelengths used for light curing (320-400 nm for UV light curing, 320-450 nm for UV/visible light curing). These fixture times/belt speeds are typical for curing thin films through 100% light-transmitting substrates.

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

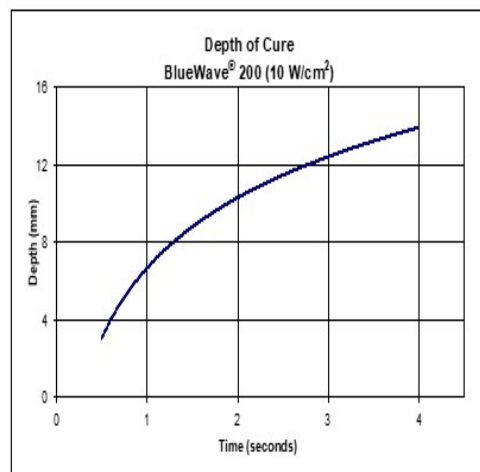
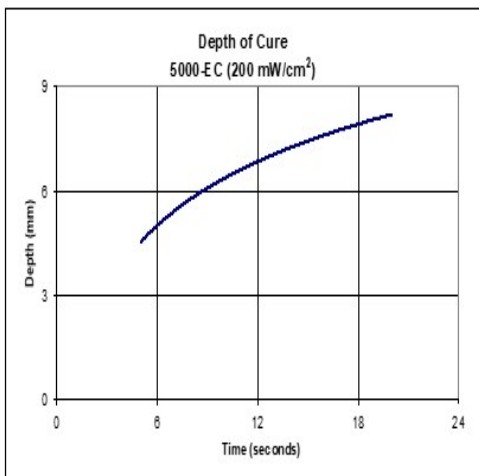
^C At 53 mm [2.1 in] focal distance. Maximum speed of conveyor is 8.2 m/min [27 ft/min]. Intensity was measured over the UVA range (320-395 nm) using the Dymax ACCU-CAL™ 160 Radiometer.

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. Higher intensities or longer cures (up to 5x) generally will not degrade Dymax light-curable materials.

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 ultimately must determine and qualify the appropriate curing parameters required for their unique application.

DEPTH OF CURE

The graphs below show the increase in depth of cure as a function of exposure time with two different lamps at different intensities. A 9.5 mm [0.37 in] diameter specimen was cured in a polypropylene mold and cooled to room temperature. It was then released from the mold and the cure depth was measured.





OPTIMIZING PERFORMANCE AND HANDLING

1. This product cures with exposure to UV and visible light. Exposure to ambient and artificial light should be kept to a minimum before curing. Dispensing components including needles and fluid lines should be 100% light blocking, not just UV blocking.
2. All surfaces in contact with the material should be clean and free from flux residue, grease, mold release, or other contaminants prior to dispensing the material.
3. Cure speed is dependent upon many variables, including lamp intensity, distance from the light source, required depth of cure, thickness, and percent light transmission of components between the material and light source.
4. Oxygen in the atmosphere may inhibit surface cure. Surfaces exposed to air may require high intensity (>100 mW/cm²) UV light to produce a dry surface cure. Flooding the curing area with an inert gas, such as nitrogen, can also reduce the effects of oxygen inhibition.
5. Parts should be allowed to cool after cure before testing and subjecting to any loads or electrical testing.
6. In rare cases, stress cracking may occur in assembled parts. Three options may be explored to eliminate this problem. One option is to heat anneal the parts to remove molded-in stresses. A second option is to open any gap between mating parts to reduce stress caused by an interference fit. The third option is to minimize the amount of time the liquid material remains in contact with the substrate(s) prior to curing.
7. Light curing generally produces some heat. If necessary, cooling fans can be placed in the curing area to reduce the heating effect on components.
8. At the point of curing, an air exhaust system is recommended to dissipate any heat and vapors formed during the curing process.

DISPENSING SUPPORT

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.

The removal of the cured maskant can be aided with the use of a hand tool (plastic, anti-static or metal), heat aided to localize area, an ultrasonic bath, dry ice blast or embrittlement, water jet blast, or automated grippers.



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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