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Tradeweld PP

Structural MMA Adhesive for difficult plastics

Description

Tradeweld PP is designed to structurally bond low surface energy substrates such as polypropylene, polyethylene and other difficult to bond plastics, commonly known as polyolefins. Such plastics repel rather than attract adhesion due to their non-polar, non-porous and chemically inert surfaces. Tradeweld PP is designed to bond these materials without surface treatments.

Features and Benefits

- Primer-less application
- Excellent adhesion to dissimilar substrates
- Room temperature cure
- Ready-to-use two component adhesive
- Easy to use and dispense
- Replaces mechanical fasteners
- Reduces labour

Characteristics of Tradeweld PP

Characteristics	Typical Value
Working time ¹	3 – 5 Minutes
Handling time	Light duty: 25 minutes Heavy duty: 120 minutes
Full cure	24 hours
Gap Filling	0.5 – 5 mm
Flash Point	11°C
Mixed Colour	Off white

1. Working time is the approximate time after mixing the adhesive and activator, that the mixed adhesive remains usable. (Refer to application guidelines on page 3.)

Liquid Properties

Property	Typical Value	
	PP Adhesive	PP Activator
Viscosity ²	150,000 – 200,000 cP	130,000 – 150,000 cP
Specific Gravity	0.99	0.98
Mix Ratio (by volume)	1.0	1.0
Mix Ratio (by weight)	1.0	1.0
Colour	Off White	Translucent
Stability at 5°C ³	6 Months	6 Months

Typical Material Properties

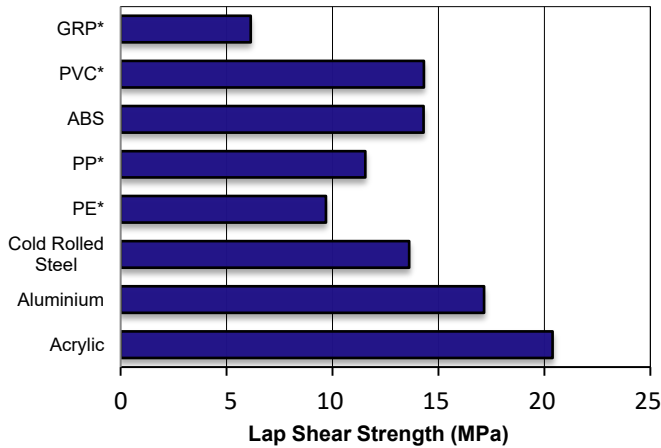
Property	Typical Value
Tensile Strength	21 – 23 MPa
Tensile Modulus	1300 - 1500 MPa
Tensile Elongation	4%

Tested to ASTM D638

2. Viscosity measured using a Brookfield Viscometer.
3. Stability defined from date of manufacture when left un-opened in the original container and out of direct sunlight.

Bond Joint Strength – Typical Lap Shear Strengths at 23°C

Values are based on substrate failure where marked by *



Material	Surface Preparation	Bondline Thickness	Test Method
GRP	Solvent Degrease	3.00mm	ASTM 5868
PVC	Solvent Degrease	0.76mm	ASTM 2564
ABS	Solvent Degrease	0.76mm	ASTM 2564
PP	Solvent Degrease	0.76mm	AST2564
PE	Solvent Degrease	0.76mm	ASTM 2564
Cold Rolled Steel	Degrease, Abrade & Degrease	0.26mm	ISO 4587
Aluminium	Solvent Degrease	0.26mm	ISO 4587
Acrylic	Solvent Degrease	0.76mm	ASTM 2564

Recommended Substrates

Metals

Aluminium
Stainless Steel
Carbon Steel

Thermoplastics

Acrylic
ABS
Styrenics
PVC PP
LDPE PE
HDPE

Composites

GRP/FRP

Non-Recommended Substrates

Zinc/Galvanised Coated Metals

Surface Preparation

The surface to be bonded can affect the strength and durability of the bond joint. Appropriate treatment may be required to ensure that there are no traces of oil, grease or dirt through the use of a degreasing agent, for instance acetone, isopropanol or another degreasing agent on the joint surfaces.

Mechanically abrading or chemically etching degreased surfaces can make bond joints more durable and stronger. If abrading, a second treatment of degreasing is highly recommended.

Do not use gasoline (petrol), low grade alcohol or paint thinners.

i) Metals

Typically, the surface should be clean and dry by using an alcohol/solvent wipe and allowing the solvent to evaporate before application. Certain metals, such as carbon steel may also require mechanical abrasion and a subsequent alcohol solvent wipe prior to bonding.

ii) Thermoplastics

The surface must be clean, dust-free and dry. A suitable solvent such as TGP Adhesion Promoter can be used to degrease.

iii) Composites

The surface must be clean, free of dust and dry. This can be achieved by the use of proprietary strippable cloths such as peel-ply (without lubricant contaminants). The laminate should be fully cured prior to bonding and if the laminate surfaces are more than 3 days old, it is recommended that the surface must be cleaned with a suitable solvent or cleaner with a lint-free, clean cloth prior to bonding.

Application

Tradeweld PP is supplied ready to use in pre-packed 50ml and 400ml cartridges. Prior to bonding, ensure the substrate surface is clean by following the instructions provided. Dispense the adhesive at a slow rate initially onto a non-bonding surface until the bead colour is uniform. Check the dispensed bead for cure quality before beginning the bonding process. Dispense enough adhesive to fill the bond gap before parts are mated. Avoid dry bonds by using adequate pressure to mate parts and clamp properly to prevent joint movement.

All these processes must be completed before the working time of the mixed adhesive expires. The viscosities of both adhesive and activator are affected by temperature. The adhesive, activator and parts to be bonded should be allowed to attain workshop temperature of between 18°C and 25°C prior to bonding. This temperature should be maintained during the bonding process and until the adhesive is sufficiently cured to allow movement of the assembly.

Storage and Shelf life

The shelf life for Tradeweld PP is defined from date of manufacture when stored at the recommended temperature, between 5°C and 8°C. These products must be stored within this temperature range; short periods (up to 7 days) of exposure to temperatures up to 30°C will reduce the shelf life; longer periods at this temperature will cause the product to thicken and become unusable. These products must never be frozen.

This product should be stored in its original container out of direct sunlight. The cartridge should only be opened immediately prior to use. The expiry date is indicated on the product labels.

Packaging

Tradeweld PP is supplied in pre-packed 50ml and 400ml cartridges.

Health and Safety

See separate Material Safety Data Sheet.

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