



Technical Data Sheet

### DOWSIL™ 3-1818 Thermally Conductive Adhesive

#### FEATURES & BENEFITS

- Thixotropic - increased flowability under shear/dispense
- One part heat cure
- Thermally conductive adhesive
- UL 94 V-0 flammability rating
- No added solvents
- No mixing of separate components required
- Rapid, versatile cure processing controlled by temperature
- Able to flow, fill or self-level after dispensing
- Heat flow away from circuitry components can increase reliability
- Can be considered for uses requiring added flame resistance
- Contains 7 mil glass beads for controlled Bond Line Thickness

#### COMPOSITION

- Silicone
- Aluminum Oxide

One-part gray, thixotropic thermally conductive adhesive with good flame resistance

#### APPLICATIONS

- DOWSIL™ 3-1818 Thermally Conductive Adhesive is suitable for use in sealing and adhering module assembly components.

#### TYPICAL PROPERTIES

Specification Writers: These values are not intended for use in preparing specifications.

<b>Property</b>	<b>Unit</b>	<b>Result</b>
One part		One
Color		Gray
Viscosity	cP	76,000
	mPa-sec	76,000
	Pa-sec	76
Thixotropy	NA	3.4
Specific Gravity (Uncured)		2.63
Durometer Shore A		88
Tensile Strength	psi	625
	MPa	4.3
	kg/cm <sup>2</sup>	43
Elongation	%	20
Unprimed Adhesion - Lap Shear (Al)	psi	560
	MPa	3.9
	N/cm <sup>2</sup>	386
Heat Cure Time at 100°C	minutes	60
Heat Cure Time at 125°C	minutes	45
Heat Cure Time at 150°C	minutes	10
Rheometer T90 Cure Time at 125°C	minutes	5.6
Dielectric Strength	volts/mil	400
	kV/mm	16
Dielectric Constant at 100 Hz		5.6
Dielectric Constant at 100 kHz		5.5
Volume Resistivity	ohm*cm	6.85 E+13
Dissipation Factor at 100 hz		0.0059
Dissipation Factor at 100 kHz		< 0.00022
Arc Track Resistance	seconds	328
Linear CTE (by TMA)	ppm/°C	125
Thermal Conductivity	btu/hr ft degF	0.983
	W/mK	1.7
UL Flammability Classification	NA	94 V-0

## DESCRIPTION

The heat-cure, thermally conductive adhesives produce no by-products in the cure process, allowing their use in deep section and complete confinement. These adhesives will develop good, primerless adhesion to a variety of common substrates including metals, ceramics, epoxy laminate boards, reactive materials and filled plastics. PCB system assemblies are continually designed to deliver higher performance.

Especially in the area of consumer devices, there is also a continual trend towards smaller, more compact designs. In combination these factors typically mean that more heat is generated in the device. Thermal management of PCB system assemblies is a primary concern of design engineers. A cooler device allows for more efficient operation and better reliability over the life of the device. As such, thermally conductive compounds play an integral role here. Thermally conductive materials act as a thermal “bridge” to remove heat from a heat source (device) to the ambient via a heat transfer media (i.e. heat sink). These materials have properties such as low thermal resistance, high thermal conductivity, and can achieve thin Bond Line Thicknesses (BLTs) which can help to improve the transfer of heat away from the device.

## SUBSTRATE TESTING

To ensure maximum bond strength for adhesives on a particular substrate, 100 percent cohesive failure of the adhesive in a lap shear or similar adhesive strength test is needed. This ensures compatibility of the adhesive with the substrate being considered. Also, this test can be used to determine minimum cure time or to detect the presence of surface contaminants such as mold release agents, oils, greases and oxide films.

## PROCESSING/CURING

Addition-cure silicones should be cured at 100°C (212°F) or above. The cure rate is rapidly accelerated with heat (see heat-cure times in Typical Properties table). For thicker sections, a pre-cure at 70°C (158°F) may be necessary to reduce voids in the elastomer. Length of pre-cure will depend on section thickness and confinement of adhesive. It is recommended that 30 minutes at 70°C (158°F) be used as a starting point for determining necessary pre-cure time. Addition-curing materials contain all the ingredients needed for cure with no by-products from the cure mechanism. Deep-section or confined cures are possible. Cure progresses evenly throughout the material. These products generally have long working times.

## ADHESION

Dow silicone adhesives are specially formulated to provide unprimed adhesion to many reactive metals, ceramics and glass, as well as to selected laminates, resins and plastics. However, good adhesion cannot be expected on non-reactive metal substrates or non-reactive plastic surfaces such as Teflon<sup>®</sup>, polyethylene or polypropylene. Special surface treatments such as chemical etching or plasma treatment can sometimes provide a reactive surface and promote adhesion to these types of substrates. Dow primers can be used to increase the chemical activity on difficult substrates. For best results, the primer should be applied in a very thin, uniform coating and then wiped off after application. After application, primers should be thoroughly cured prior to application of the silicone elastomer. Poor adhesion can be experienced on plastic or rubber substrates that are highly plasticized, since the mobile plasticizers act as

release agents. Small-scale laboratory evaluation of all substrates is recommended before production trials are made. In general, increasing the cure temperature and/or cure time will improve the ultimate adhesion.

## USEFUL TEMPERATURE RANGES

For most uses, silicone adhesives should be operational over a temperature range of -45 to 200°C (-49 to 392°F) for long periods of time. However, at both the low and high temperature ends of the spectrum, behavior of the materials and performance in particular applications can become more complex and require additional considerations. For low temperature performance, thermal cycling to conditions such as -55°C (-67°F) may be possible, for most products, but performance should be verified for your parts or assemblies. Factors that may influence performance are configuration and stress sensitivity of components, cooling rates and hold times, and prior temperature history. At the high temperature end, the durability of the cured silicone is time and temperature dependent. As expected, the higher the temperature, the shorter the time the material will remain useable.

## SOLVENT EXPOSURE

In general, the product is resistance to minimal or intermittent solvent exposure, however best practice is to avoid solvent exposure altogether.

## USABLE LIFE AND STORAGE

The product should be stored in its original packaging with the cover tightly attached to avoid any contamination. Store in accordance with any special instructions listed on the product label. The product should be used by the indicated Exp. Date found on the label.

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