55201
Flexible Catheter-Bonding Adhesive

APPLICATIONS
- Catheter Assembly
- Balloon Bonding
- Hub-to-Lumen Bonding

FEATURES
- UV/Visible Light Cure
- Blue Fluorescing
- Flexible
- Solvent Free

RECOMMENDED SUBSTRATES
- ABS
- PC
- PU
- PVC

BIOCOMPATIBILITY
- ISO 10993-5 Cytotoxicity

55201 is designed for rapid bonding of flexible and rigid plastics typically used in the manufacture of catheters and similar medical devices. This product fluoresces blue for in-line inspection under low-intensity “black” light (365 nm). 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 medical device assembly. Dymax lamps offer the ideal 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	Colorless Transparent Liquid	N/A
Soluble in	Organic Solvents	N/A
Density, g/ml	0.99	ASTM D1875
Viscosity, cP (20 rpm)	500 (nominal)	ASTM D1084
Shelf Life @RT (22°C to 25°C) from Date of Manufacture	18 months	N/A

CURED MECHANICAL PROPERTIES *

Property	Value	Test Method
Durometer Hardness	D58	ASTM D2240
Tensile at Break, MPa [psi]	17.2 [2,500]	ASTM D638
Elongation at Break, %	260	ASTM D638
Modulus of Elasticity, MPa [psi]	193.1 [28,000]	ASTM D638

OTHER CURED PROPERTIES *

Property	Value	Test Method
Refractive Index (20°C)	1.50	ASTM D542
Boiling Water Absorption, % (2 h)	2.9	ASTM D570
Water Absorption, % (25°C, 24 h)	2.3	ASTM D570
Linear Shrinkage, %	2.0	ASTM D2566
Glass Transition Tg, °C	67	ASTM D5418

CURING EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS *

Process Method	Spot Lamp	Flood Lamp	Conveyor
UV LED (Wavelength)	BlueWave® MX-150 PrimeCure® 385 nm	BlueWave® AX-550 PrimeCure® 385 nm	UVCS Conveyor with BlueWave® AX-550 PrimeCure® 385 nm
Broad Spectrum	BlueWave® 200	5000-ECE	UVCS Conveyor with Fusion F300S

ADHESION

Substrate	Recommendation
ABS acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene	✓
PC polycarbonate	✓
PEBA polyether block amide	o
PET poly(ethylene terephthalate)	o
PI polyimide	✓
PMMA poly(methyl methacrylate)	o
PS polystyrene	✓
PU polyurethane	✓
PVC poly(vinyl chloride)	✓

✓ Recommended o Limited Applications

st Requires Surface Treatment (e.g. plasma, corona treatment, etc.)

* 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/mm^2 [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-ECE (200 mW/cm^2)[B]	1 s
BlueWave® AX-550 RediCure® 365 nm (425 mW/cm^2)[C]	0.2 s
BlueWave® AX-550 PrimeCure® 385 nm (800 mW/cm^2)[C]	0.2 s
BlueWave® AX-550 VisiCure® 405 nm (650 mW/cm^2)[C]	0.2 s
BlueWave® 200 (10 W/cm^2)[B]	0.2 s
BlueWave® MX-150 RediCure® 365 nm (10 W/cm^2)[C]	0.2 s
BlueWave® MX-150 PrimeCure® 385 nm (15 W/cm^2)[C]	0.2 s
BlueWave® MX-150 VisiCure® 405 nm (15 W/cm^2)[C]	0.2 s

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 Intensity was measured over the UVA/Visible range (350-450 nm) using a Dymax ACCU-CAL™ 50-LED 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.

ACCELERATED AGING DATA

PC to PC lap shear. Report % of initial strength.

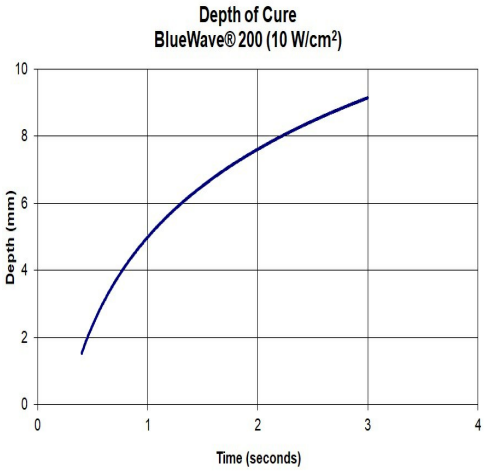
Cured under 5000 ECE @ 100 mw/cm^2 for 15 seconds.

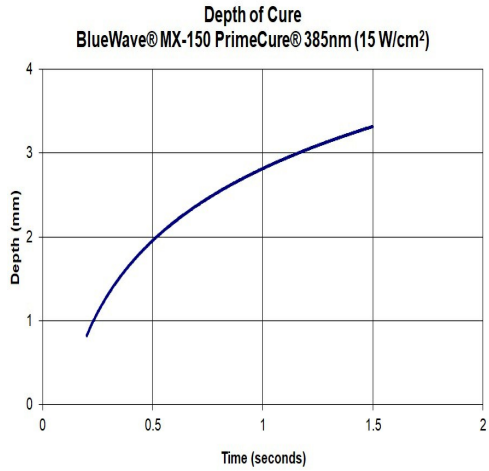
Per ASTM F1980, assuming Qfactor=2.0, 56 Days at 60°C = approximate 2 years.

Days	23°C RT	Accelerated Aging @ 60°C, 0% RH	Accelerated Aging @ 60°C, 55% RH
7 Days	100	100	100
14 Days	104	123	93
28 Days	108	98	61
56 Days	111	89	62

DEPTH OF CURE

The graph below shows the increase in depth of cure as a function of exposure time. 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 bond surfaces should be clean and free from grease, mold release, or other contaminants prior to dispensing the adhesive.
3. Cure speed is dependent upon many variables, including lamp intensity, distance from the light source, required depth of cure, bond gap, and percent light transmission of the substrate.
4. Oxygen in the atmosphere may inhibit surface cure. Surfaces exposed to air may require high-intensity UV light to produce a dry surface cure. Flooding the bond 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.
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 the gap between mating parts to reduce stress caused by an interference fit. The third option is to minimize the amount of time the liquid adhesive 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.

STERILIZATION

Compatible sterilization methods include gamma irradiation and ethylene oxide. Sterilization by autoclaving may be limited to certain applications. It remains the user's obligation to ascertain the effect of sterilization on the cured adhesive.

CLEANUP

Uncured material can be removed from dispensing components and parts with organic solvents. Cured material may 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.

BIOCOMPATIBILITY

Polymerized Dymax MD® medical device adhesives are biocompatibility tested in accordance with ISO 10993 and/or USP Class VI. The completed tests are listed on each product data sheet. Copies of the test reports are available upon request. In all cases, it is the user's responsibility to determine and validate the suitability of these adhesives in the intended medical device. These adhesives have not been tested for prolonged or permanent implantation and are only intended for use in short-term (<29 days) or single-use disposable-device applications. Dymax does not authorize their use in long-term implant applications. Customers using these materials for such applications do so at their own risk and take full responsibility for ensuring product safety and biocompatibility.

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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