Starting Formulation

SF 4004 Ambiant Epoxy Adhesive 828 3125 Ambient Cure Epoxy Adhesive for Metallic Bonding
EPON™ Resin 828 / EPIKURE™ Curing Agent 3125

Introduction
This epoxy adhesive is especially good at bonding various metal substrates at ambient temperature of 25°C or more. It also provides some tolerance to trace amounts of lubricants which may remain on bond surfaces when cleaning conditions are not ideal.

Suggested Uses
- Bonding of metals, at ambient temperatures. It will also bond well to concrete, glass and many rigid plastics.

Features
- Ability to bond to various metal substrates
- Tolerance to trace/small amounts of residual surface oil
- At least one hour working time at 25°C
- Good strength development in 24 hours

Formula

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<tr>
<th>Material</th>
<th>Supplier</th>
<th>Pounds</th>
<th>Gallons</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Part A</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>EPON Resin 828</td>
<td>Hexion</td>
<td>100.0</td>
<td>10.31</td>
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<td>Aluminum Powder 120</td>
<td>ALCOA – Specialty Metals Division</td>
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<td><strong>Part B</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>EPIKURE Curing Agent 3125</td>
<td>Hexion</td>
<td>54.5</td>
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<td>Part B</td>
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<td><strong>Total Part A &amp; B</strong></td>
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<td>254.5</td>
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Mixing Instructions
Disperse the aluminum powder into a portion (50-70%) of the EPON Resin 828 using dispersing equipment capable of mixing viscous, paste-like materials, such as a planetary type mixer. Mix until uniform consistency is attained. Add remaining EPON Resin 828 and mix until a uniform consistency is attained.

This formulation is a basic starting point and can be modified with other filler types, such as talc, alumina, ground silica, wollastonite, or calcium carbonate.

Modification with silane coupling agents, such as DOW CORNING® Z-6040 silane improves bonds to concrete and glass.

Pigment may be incorporated into either or both portion for the purpose of color coding. As with all pigments, their effect on the performance of the final, cured product should be
investigated prior to production approval.

**Typical Handling Properties**

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<th>Mix Ratio , resin : curing agent</th>
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<td>by weight</td>
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<td>100 : 27</td>
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<td>by volume</td>
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**Expected Working Life @ 25°C (1 pint)**

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**Viscosity**

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<th>Paste</th>
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<td>Part A/Part B @ 40°C</td>
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<td>80 -120</td>
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**Application**

All surfaces to be bonded should be free of dust, dirt, grease, or other contaminants.

**Instructions**

For optimum adhesion it is recommended to roughen bonding surfaces. This can be accomplished with abrasive media appropriate for the materials being bonded (such as medium grit emery paper, abrasive disks, grit blasting, wire brushes, etc.). Abrasion should always be followed by degreasing to remove contaminates and loose particles. Chemical etching is another method to provide a rough surface for improved adhesion.

Thoroughly mix the adhesive components and apply immediately by spreading a thin film over the surface to be bonded. Maintain light pressure during cure for optimum bonding.

**Cure Schedule**

- Room Temperature: 2-3 days @ 23°C
- Elevated Temperature: Adhesive can be heat cured to shorten cure time. Maximum cure temperature should not exceed 250°F.

**Typical Cured State Properties**

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<td>25°C</td>
<td>psi</td>
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<td>Cured 24 hrs @ 23°C</td>
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<td>psi</td>
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<td>121°C</td>
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**Typical Adhesive Properties**

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<th>Cure Schedule</th>
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<tr>
<td>Etched Aluminum, 2024T-3</td>
<td>15 minutes at 25 °C</td>
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<td>24 hours at 25 °C</td>
<td>2600 psi</td>
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3 days at 25 °C  2300 psi
7 days at 25 °C  2400 psi
1 day at 25 °C followed by 2 hours at 100 °C  2400 psi
7 days at 25 °C followed by 7 days water soak  2200 psi
Cold-rolled Steel, solvent-wiped  1 day at 25 °C followed by 2 hours at 100 °C  1200 psi

Compressive Shear Strength at 25 °C

Concrete, dry  7 days at 25 °C >900 (concrete failure)

Tensile Bond Strength at 25 °C

Concrete, dry to steel  3 days at 25 °C >300 (concrete failure)

Concrete, damp to steel  3 days at 25 °C >300 (concrete failure)

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