Starting Formulation

SF 7015

Epoxy Mass Casting Binder
EPON™ Resin 828 / EPIKURE™ Curing Agent 3061

Introduction
This epoxy system is formulated for use as a binder in casting compounds capable of application and cure in unusually large mass sizes with minimal exotherm and shrinkage. Typical of such applications is the casting of large tooling parts, flotation devices and the filling/sealing of large downhole excavations.

Suggested Uses
- Molded parts such as sand-core boxes for foundry work, pipe fitting, cases, and housings
- Electrical insulation such as transformer bushings for interior service

Features
- When filled with selected low specific heat inerts, such as metallic powder or tabular alumina, resulting compounds are characterized by the following performance highlights:
  - Cured at 23 °C
  - Peak exotherm of <65 °C
  - Minimal shrinkage
  - Demold capability after 24 hours cure

Formula

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<th>Material</th>
<th>Supplier</th>
<th>Pounds</th>
<th>Gallons</th>
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<td>Resin Portion</td>
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<td>EPON Resin 828</td>
<td>Hexion</td>
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<td>Converter Portion</td>
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<td>EPIKURE Curing Agent 3061</td>
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<td>Nonylphenol</td>
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Typical Handling Properties

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<tr>
<td>Resin/Converter Combining Ratio</td>
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<td>100 : 82</td>
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<td></td>
<td>by volume</td>
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<td>Gel Time at 23 °C, one pint mass</td>
<td>hrs</td>
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<td>Peak Exotherm, one pint mass</td>
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Typical Cured State Properties

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Heat Deflection Temperature
°C  54
Tensile Strength
psi  5900
Tensile Elongation
%  2.7
Flexural Strength
psi  9850
Compressive Strength, Ultimate
psi  17200
Compressive Strength, Yield
psi  8300
Izod Impact, notch
ft•lb/in  0.24
Water Absorption, 96 hours at 23 °C
%  0.42

1 Cured state properties determined on 1/8-inch thick castings cured 24 hours at 23 °C, plus 16 hours at 44 °C.
2 Determined on 1x3x1/8-inch specimens immersed in water and reported as percent weight gain.

Compounding Mix the resin and converter portions and blend to a homogeneous state with proper agitation equipment prior to mixing with selected filler (sand, iron powder, or -8 mesh tabular alumina). Filler contents should be maximized when casting extraordinarily large masses. The peak exotherm is inversely proportional to the amount of filler used, but a peak exotherm temperature of 40-65 °C is necessary to ensure proper cure development and minimal shrinkage.

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