

Technical Data Sheet

EPIKURE™ Curing Agent 3046

Product Description

EPIKURE™ Curing Agent 3046, an aliphatic amidoamine, is in the same class as EPIKURE Curing Agent 3055. The useful combining ratio with EPON™ Resin 828, varying from 35 to 100 parts per 100 parts resin, makes EPIKURE Curing Agent 3046 a very versatile ambient temperature curing agent.

Application Areas/Suggested Uses

- General purpose

Benefits

- Low viscosity
- Immediate compatibility
- Long working life
- Variable combining ratio

Sales Specifications

Property	Value	Unit	Test Method
Amine Value	413 - 441	g/eq	
Color	<13	Gardner	ASTMD1544
Viscosity at 25°C	120 - 280	cP	ASTMD2196

Typical Properties

Property	Value	Unit	Test Method
Equivalent Weight	90		
Pounds/Gallon @ 25°C	7.8	lbs/gal	ASTMD1475

Performance Properties

Table 1 / Reactivity of Epoxy Systems with EPIKURE Curing Agent 3046

	Units	A	B	C	D
EPON™ Resin 828	pbw	100	100	100	
EPON Resin 813	pbw				100
EPIKURE Curing Agent 3046	pbw	40	50	60	50
Handling Properties @ 25°C ¹					
Gel Time, 100 gram mass	hrs	4.5	4.25	4	8
Peak Exotherm, 100 gram mass	°C	36	38	39	37
	°F	97	100	102	99

¹ Equal volume combining ratio.

Table 2 / EpoxySystems Cured with EPIKURE™ Curing Agent 3046

	Method	Units	A	B	C ¹	D	E
EPON Resin 828		pbw	100	100	100	---	100
EPON Resin 813		pbw	---	---	---	100	---
EPIKURE Curing Agent 3046		pbw	50	60	80.5	50	50
Handling Properties @ 25°C							
Initial viscosity		cP	1,600	1,200	1,000	445	1,600
Gel Time, 100 gram mass		hrs	4.25	4	5	8	4.25
Cured State Properties ²							
HDT	ASTM D648	°C	62	---	---	---	73
Tensile strength	ASTM D638	psi	9,000	7,300	5,900	6,600	8,500
Tensile elongation at break		%	4.0	4.5	15	18	5.5
Flexural strength	ASTM D790	psi	14,800	13,600	9,450	11,150	13,750

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	Method	Units	A	B	C ¹	D	E
Initial flexural modulus, 10 ⁶		psi	0.43	0.37	0.26	0.33	0.39
Ultimate compressive strength		psi	15,000	---	---	---	26,000
Compressive strength at yield		psi	11,300	---	---	---	10,600
Izod impact, notched	ASTM D256	ft.·lb./in.	0.51	---	---	---	0.75
Hardness	Shore D		82	81	81	80	83
Water absorption ³		%	0.21	0.26	0.52	0.31	0.22
Linear shrinkage ⁴		inch/inch	0.0017	0.0019	0.0022	0.0015	---

Electrical Properties

Dielectric constant ⁵	ASTM D150		3.41	3.36	3.30	3.26	3.33
Dissipation factor ⁵			0.012	0.013	0.016	0.011	0.017
Volume resistivity							
at 25 °C		ohm·cm	3.4(10 ¹⁵)	4.4(10 ¹⁵)	2.1(10 ¹⁵)	3.6(10 ¹⁵)	3.6(10 ¹⁵)
at 66 °C		ohm·cm	1.4(10 ¹³)	5.1(10 ¹²)	7.5(10 ¹¹)	2.4(10 ¹¹)	6.2(10 ¹⁴)
at 93 °C		ohm·cm	5.2(10 ¹¹)	7.8(10 ¹⁰)	7.6(10 ⁹)	2.9(10 ⁹)	4.8(10 ¹¹)
at 130 °C		ohm·cm	3.1(10 ⁹)	<10 ⁹	<10 ⁹	<10 ⁹	2.4(10 ⁹)

¹ Equal volume combining ratio.

² Determined on 1/8-inch thick test specimens at 25 °C. Systems A, B, C and D were cured for 3 weeks at 25 °C. System E was cured for 16 hours at 25 °C, followed by 2 hours at 100 °C.

³ Percent weight gained after 24 hours immersion in water at 25 °C.

⁴ ERF 12-74, Model size #1 (195 ml).

⁵ Determined at 106 Hertz.

General Information

EPIKURE Curing Agent 3046 provides a working life of several hours at normal room temperatures, yet cures to handling strength in thin sections

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overnight at temperatures above 60 °F. Good strength properties are generally achieved within three days and an essentially complete cure is obtained within two weeks at room temperature. The gel times and maximum exotherms for several formulations cast at normal room temperature at a thickness of 1/2 inch are listed in Table 1.

Optimum properties are obtained at 50 parts per 100 parts resin in combination with an unmodified epoxy resin such as EPON Resin 828. Although the heat deflection temperature is improved with an elevated temperature post cure, most other properties are as good or slightly better in a room temperature cure; impact resistance is particularly high. The effect of curing agent level, reactive diluents and cure schedule on properties is illustrated by data presented in Table 2.

Safety, Storage & Handling

Please refer to the MSDS for the most current Safety and Handling information.

Please refer to the Hexion web site for Shelf Life and recommended Storage information.

This curing agent product may crystallize after extended storage times. It can be reconstituted by gentle warming of the entire container and its contents to approximately 80°C (176°F) until all visual evidence of crystallization has gone away. Upon cooling to normal ambient temperature conditions the product will regain its original liquid state physical properties.

EPIKURE Curing Agent 3046 should be stored in tightly sealed containers, in a dry location at normal room temperature. Care should be taken to avoid storage environments resulting in moisture contamination. Exposure to moisture causes an increase in viscosity and reactivity, the degree of increase depending on the amount of moisture which has been absorbed.

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