



Technical Data

LAMINATING
EPOXY

M1018/226

White Epoxy Surface Coat

ADHESIVES

PROCESS
EQUIPMENT

The M1018/226 epoxy surface coat is formulated for use in the mold when fabricating synthetic composite parts. This combination can be applied with a brush or roller and exhibits good hiding characteristics with one 8 to 12 mil coating. A minimum of 6 to 8 mils is necessary to prevent fisheyes on the mold surface. This product is formulated to work with polymer mold release systems as well as traditional mold wax. Test the surface coat on the wax you intend to use as there will be some differences in surface energy and resistance to surface imperfections. Additional coats can be applied if desired once the first coat has cured to a stable tacky state, usually within 75 minutes at room temperature. This coating is not UV stable and requires a topcoat to provide UV resistance.

MIXING

Combine the M1018 Resin with PRO-SET 226 Hardener following the ratios by weight or volume shown in the table. Stir the mixture thoroughly and transfer to a roller pan or brush apply directly to the mold surface.

APPLICATION

The M1018/226 mixture will get progressively more tacky so any rolling or tipping should be completed within 15 minutes at room temperature. A laminate skin coat can be applied between 2.5 hours and 4 hours at room temperature (72°F) with no surface prep necessary. If this overcoat window is exceeded and the surface is hard, scrub the surface with a Scotchbright® pad and water, then wipe dry with paper towel before continuing with the laminate process.

COVERAGE

Coverage at 10 mils is approximately 150 sq. ft. per mixed gallon of resin and hardener.

CURING

The mixture will initially cure to a slightly brittle B-stage. The mixture will reach an acceptable degree of cure for some applications with a room temperature cure for 2 weeks. Lower temperatures extend cure times and higher ambient temperatures shorten cure time. Elevated temperature post cure of 100° to 180°F is recommended for the mixture to reach the higher properties available.

We recommend building sample panels using proposed materials and manufacturing processes to confirm working and curing characteristics under your shop conditions.

HANDLING CHARACTERISTICS *(Not for specification purposes)*

Property	Mixed Resin/Hardener
Density	9.74 lb/gal
Viscosity @ 72°F (ASTM D-2393-80)	3900 cps

Mix Ratio (M1018 Resin:226 Hardener)	Target	Acceptable Range
by weight	100:25	100:22.4 to 100:26.4
by volume	100:31	100:27.9 to 100:32.9

Pot Life (ASTM D-2427-71)	100g
@72°F	32 min

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LAMINATING EPOXY – PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

M1018 Resin/226 Hardener

Physical Property	Test Method	Cure Schedule				
		Room Temp x 2 weeks	RT x 15 hr + 125°F x 8 hr	RT x 15 hr + 140°F x 8 hr	RT x 15 hr + 140°F x 16 hr	RT x 15 hr + 180°F x 8 hr
Hardness (Shore D)	ASTM D-2240	86		89		89
Compression Yield (psi)	ASTM D-695	16,600		17,900	18,700	17,800
Tensile Strength (psi)	ASTM D-638	4,760	8,270	8,850	8,800	9,840
Tensile Elongation (%)	ASTM D-638	0.7	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.8
Tensile Modulus (psi)	ASTM D-638	8.52E+05	8.51E+05	7.85E+05	8.19E+05	8.32E+05
Flexural Strength (psi)	ASTM D-790	9,170	15,100	17,500	15,900	17,600
Flexural Modulus (psi)	ASTM D-790	6.88E+05	7.05E+05	7.27E+05	6.95E+05	6.53E+05
Heat Deflection Temperature (HDT) (°F)	ASTM D-648	129	153	167	166	195
Onset of Tg (°F) 1st Heat**	DSC	128	156	171	175	199
Ultimate Tg (°F)	DSC	206	206	206	206	206
Izod Impact, notched (Ft-lb/in)	ASTM D-256	0.39	0.41	0.44	0.45	0.43

** Determined using a Differential Scanning Calorimeter (DSC), Value reported is the onset of the glass transition

Test Specimens were neat epoxy (without fiber reinforcement)

Typical Values; not to be construed as specification