

Product Information

Electronic Protection System

Polyurethane Potting/Encapsulation Resin

Bectron[®] PU 4526

Hardener Bectron[®] PH 4912

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Product description

Bectron[®] PU 4526 polyurethane is a two-component liquid polyurethane system.

After curing with the Hardener Bectron[®] PH 4912 it produces a medium hard moulding compound which meets UL 94 V0 standard of flame resistance.

Areas of application

Bectron[®] PU 4526 is suitable for potting and sealing many types of electronic components such as assembled PCBs.

Bectron[®] PU 4526 is flame-retardant to meet the standard UL 94 V0.

The physical properties and relatively high thermal resistance make it very suitable also for electronics subject to shock and vibration (e.g. impact drills and automotive electronics) and for sensor technology.

Bectron[®] PU 4526 satisfies the requirements of the ROHS directive.

Properties

A resilient elastic potting compound for mechanically sensitive electric/electronic components and assembled PCBs

Flame Retardant to UL94 V0

Room Temperature Cured

Tough elastic cured compound

Favourable processing viscosity

ROHS compliant

Storage

Containers filled with Bectron[®] PU 4526 should be kept closed to protect the resin against humidity. During longer storage periods of the containers, some settling of the pigments can occur and it is advisable to homogenise the resin by rotation of the containers or effective stirring.

Opened containers of Hardener Bectron[®] PH 4912 should be used up as soon as possible because moisture in air reduces reactivity. The Hardener Bectron[®] PH 4912 might produce crystals at temperatures below 0 °C. Heating the entire contents of the drum for a short time up to 70 °C will recover the complete liquid state.

Processing

Pretreatment: The components to be potted should be clean dry and free from grease. Compatibility between the resin and all materials on a PCB should be checked prior to use.

Preparation: Bectron[®] PU 4526 contains filler materials which tend to settle, depending on storage temperatures. Therefore, thorough stirring is necessary prior to the mixing with the Hardener.

Mixing Bectron[®] PU 4526 and the Hardeners Bectron[®] PH 4912 require the specified mixing ratio. After intensive mixing, the compound is ready for use immediately. During the mixing process make sure stirring introduces as little air as possible.

Application: The processing time is about 25 minutes. Within this time, viscosity will increase; therefore, the prepared volume should be just enough to permit processing in this time. The compound is best processed by potting using two-component metering equipment but manual potting is possible. Shrinkage on curing is about 0.4%.

Curing: Recommended curing conditions are:

- Room Temperature 10 to 14 hours
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Curing does not require pressure assistance. PU compounds cured at Room temperature should not be subjected to mechanical and electrical loads before 3-4 days.

Table 1 - Properties of materials as supplied

| Property | PU 4526 | PH 4912 | Units |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Colour | Black | Brown transparent | |
| Viscosity 25°C DIN 53019 | 4000 ± 1000 | 100 ± 30 | mPa.s |
| Spec. gravity 20°C DIN EN ISO 2811-1 | 1.60± 0.05 | 1.22± 0.03 | g/cm ³ |
| Shelf Life | 6 | 6 | months |

Table 2 - Properties of mixture

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|--|--------------|------------|-------|
| Mixing Ratio | | | |
| Bectron [®] PU 4526 : Hardener Bectron [®] PH 4912 | weight parts | 6:1 | Parts |
| Bectron [®] PU 4526 : Hardener Bectron [®] PH 4912 | volume @20°C | 4.58 :1 | Parts |
| Viscosity DIN 53019 | 25°C | 1900 ± 500 | mPa.s |
| Process time | 25°C | 25 | Min |

Table 3 – Thermal Properties of cured compound

| Property | Condition | Value | Units |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Flammability | | UL 94 V0 | |
| Glass transition temperature | | +7 | °C |
| Linear coefficient of expansion | below tg | 120 x 10 ⁻⁶ | K ⁻¹ |
| Thermal Range | | -40 to +130 | °C |
| Thermal Conductivity DIN 52613 | | 0.45 | W/m.K |

Table 4 - Mechanical properties of cured compound

| Property | Condition | Value | Units |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--------|-------------------|
| Specific Gravity DIN 16945 | 20°C | | g/cm ³ |
| Hardness DIN 53505 | | 55 ± 5 | Shore D |
| Elastic Modulus ISO 527-1 | | 26.8 | MPa |
| Tensile Strength ISO 527-1 | | 5.3 | MPa |
| Elongation at break ISO 527-1 | | 48 | % |

Table 5 – Dielectric properties of cured compound

| Property | Condition | Value | Units |
|--|-------------|----------------------|--------|
| Volume resistivity DIN 60093 | 20 °C | 1 x 10 ¹⁴ | Ω • cm |
| Surface Resistivity DIN 60093 | 20°C | 3 x 10 ¹⁴ | Ω |
| Dielectric Constant ε _r DIN 53483 | 20 °C/50 Hz | 5.3 | |
| Dielectric loss factor tan-δ | 25°C, 50 Hz | 0.091 | |
| Dielectric Strength DIN 53481 | 20 °C | 21.6 | kV/mm |
| Tracking resistance IEC 112 | | | |

Table 6 - Chemical properties of cured compound

| Property | Condition | Value | Units |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------|-------|
| Water absorption DIN 53472 | 24 hours, 23°C | 0.22 | % |

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