



# Technical Data Sheet

3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive DP125  
Gray



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## Product Description

Scotch-Weld epoxy adhesive DP125 Gray is a filled, pigmented version of the Scotch-Weld epoxy adhesive DP125 Translucent and has similar performance and flexibility properties.

Available in bulk containers as 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesive 125 B/A Gray.

## Product Features

- 25 minute worklife
- Flexible
- Gray
- High peel and shear strength
- Controlled flow
- 1:1 mix ratio
- Recognized as meeting UL 94 HB

## Technical Information Note

The following technical information and data should be considered representative or typical only and should not be used for specification purposes.

## Typical Uncured Physical Properties

Attribute Name	Value
Mix Ratio by Weight (B:A)	1.2:1
Mix Ratio by Volume (B:A)	1:1

Attribute Name	Test Method	Temperature	Value
Base Color			Gray
Accelerator Color			Amber
Base Resin			Epoxy/Amine
Base Net Weight			10.3 to 10.7 lb/gal
Accelerator Net Weight			8.5 to 8.9 lb/gal
Base Viscosity	3M C1d	27 °C (80 °F)	35,000-75,000 cP <sup>1</sup>
Accelerator Viscosity	3M C1d	27 °C (80 °F)	45,000-65,000 cP <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Procedure involves Brookfield RVF, #7 spindle, 20 rpm. Measurement taken after 1 minute rotation.

## Typical Mixed Physical Properties

### Rate of Strength Buildup

Substrate: Etched Aluminum

Temperature: 22 °C (72 °F)

Test Method: ASTM D1002

Dwell Time	Value
3 h	250 lb/in <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>
6 h	500 lb/in <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>
24 h	1,700 lb/in <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>
7 d	2,300 lb/in <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>

Dwell Time	Value
1 month	3,300 lb/in <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> 1 in wide 1/2 in overlap specimens with 1 in x 4 in substrates. 0.005-0.008in bondline.  
Jaw separation 0.1 in/min.  
Substrate thickness 0.05-0.064 in  
Cohesive (CF), Adhesive (AF), Substrate (SF) Failure

Attribute Name	Test Method	Temperature	Value
Open Time			25 min <sup>1</sup>
Tack Free Time	3M C3173		≈2 h <sup>2</sup>
Time to Handling Strength		22 °C (72 °F)	≈2.5 h <sup>3</sup>
Worklife, 2g mixed	3M C3180	22 °C (72 °F)	25 min <sup>4</sup>
Worklife, 20g mixed	3M C3180	22 °C (72 °F)	15 min <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Max time allowed after applying adhesive to a substrate before bond must be closed and fixed. Cure times approximate and depend on adhesive temperature. Hotmelts: The approx. bonding range of a 1/8" bead of molten adhesive on a non-metallic surface.  
<sup>2</sup> Involves dispensing 0.5 gram amount of adhesive onto substrate and testing periodically for no adhesive transfer to metal spatula.  
<sup>3</sup> Minimum time required to achieve 50 psi of overlap shear strength. Cure times are approximate and depend on adhesive temperature.  
<sup>4</sup> Procedure involves periodically measuring a 2 gram mixed mass for self leveling and wetting properties. This time will also approximate the usable worklife in an 3M™ EPX™ Applicator mixing nozzle.

### Typical Physical Properties

Attribute Name	Value
Cured Color	Gray
Mixed Color	Gray

### Typical Cured Characteristics

Attribute Name	Test Method	Temperature	Value
Shore D Hardness	ASTM D2240	22 °C (72 °F)	70
Weight Loss by Thermal Gravimetric Analysis (TGA)	ASTM E1131	176 °C (349 °F)	1 % <sup>1</sup>
Weight Loss by Thermal Gravimetric Analysis (TGA)	ASTM E1131		303 °C (577 °F) <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Weight loss by Thermal Gravimetric Analysis reported as that temperature at which 5% weight loss occurs by TGA in air at 5°C (9°F) rise per minute.

Test Condition: Potted Washer Olyphant Test, 100°C [air] to -50°C [liquid]

Attribute Name	Test Method	Value
Thermal Shock Resistance	3M C3174	Pass 5 cycles without cracking <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Involves potting a metal washer into a 2 in. x 0.5 in. thick section and cycling this test specimen to colder and colder temperatures.

### Typical Performance Characteristics

#### T-Peel Adhesion

Substrate: Etched Aluminum  
Test Method: ASTM D1876

Temperature	Value
-55 °C (-67 °F)	3 lb/in width <sup>1</sup>
22 °C (72 °F)	35 lb/in width <sup>1</sup>
49 °C (120 °F)	18 lb/in width <sup>1</sup>
66 °C (150 °F)	3 lb/in width <sup>1</sup>

Temperature	Value
82 °C (180 °F)	2 lb/in width <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> T-peel strengths were measured on 1 in. wide bonds. Jaw separation 20 in/min. The substrates were 0.020 in. thick, 0.005-0.008in bondline. Samples dwelled for 24 hrs at 23C + 2 hrs at 71C before testing.

Temperature: 22 °C (72 °F)

Dwell Time: 2 h

Test Method: ASTM D882

Environmental Condition: +2 hr @ 160F(71C)

Attribute Name	Value
Elongation	120 % <sup>1</sup>
Tensile Strength	3,300 lb/in <sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Samples were 2 in. dumbbells with 0.125 in. neck and .030 in. sample thickness. Separation rate was 2 inches per minute.

Attribute Name	Value
Additional Test notes	<p>The following product performance data was obtained in the 3M laboratory under the conditions specified. The following data show typical results obtained with the 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Adhesives when applied to properly prepared substrates, cured, and tested according to the specifications indicated. The data was generated using the 3M™ EPX™ Applicator System equipped with an EPX applicator static mixer, according to manufacturer's directions. Thorough hand mixing should afford comparable results.</p> <p>Note: The following technical information and data should be considered representative or typical only and should not be used for specification purposes.</p>

## **Typical Environmental Performance**

### **Solvent Resistance**

Environmental Condition	Value
24hr @ RT + 2hr @ 160F(71C) + Isopropyl Alcohol 1hr	A <sup>1</sup>
24hr @ RT + 2hr @ 160F(71C) + Acetone 1hr	A <sup>1</sup>
24hr @ RT + 2hr @ 160F(71C) + 1, 1, 1 - Trichloroethane 1hr	A <sup>1</sup>
24hr @ RT + 2hr @ 160F(71C) + Freon TF 1hr	A <sup>1</sup>
24hr @ RT + 2hr @ 160F(71C) + Freon TMC 1hr	A <sup>1</sup>
24hr @ RT + 2hr @ 160F(71C) + RMA Flux 1hr	A <sup>1</sup>
24hr @ RT + 2hr @ 160F(71C) + Isopropyl Alcohol 1mo	A <sup>1</sup>
24hr @ RT + 2hr @ 160F(71C) + Acetone 1mo	A <sup>1</sup>
24hr @ RT + 2hr @ 160F(71C) + 1, 1, 1 - Trichloroethane 1mo	A <sup>1</sup>
24hr @ RT + 2hr @ 160F(71C) + Freon TF 1mo	A <sup>1</sup>
24hr @ RT + 2hr @ 160F(71C) + Freon TMC 1mo	B <sup>1</sup>
24hr @ RT + 2hr @ 160F(71C) + RMA Flux 1mo	A <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Cured OLS samples immersed in solvent and after dwell, examined for surface attack compared to control.

A: Unaffected, no color or texture change

- B: Slight attack, slight swelling of surface.  
 C: Moderate/severe attack, extreme swelling of surface.

## Electrical and Thermal Properties

Attribute Name	Test Condition	Value
Glass Transition Temperature (Tg)	Onset	12 °C (54 °F) <sup>1</sup>
Glass Transition Temperature (Tg)	Mid-Point	23 °C (73 °F) <sup>1</sup>
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	Below Tg (5°C to 20°C)	98 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> m/m/°C <sup>2</sup>
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion	Above Tg (65°C to 140°C)	187 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> m/m/°C <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Glass Transition Temperature (Tg) determined using DSC Analyzer with a heating rate of 68°F (20°C) per minute. Second heat values given.

<sup>2</sup> CTE determined using TMA Analyzer using a heating rate of 10°C per minute. Second heat values given.

Temperature: 110 °F

Attribute Name	Test Method	Value
Thermal Conductivity	C177	0.36 x 10 <sup>-3</sup> Cal/s/cm/°C (15.1 W/m/K) (0.087 (btu-ft)/(h-ft <sup>2</sup> -°F)) <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Thermal conductivity determined using C-matic Instrument using 2 in. diameter samples.

Temperature: 22 °C (72 °F)

Attribute Name	Test Method	Test Condition	Value
Dielectric Constant	ASTM D150	1 KHz	6.3
Dielectric Constant	ASTM D150	1MHz	0.13
Volume Resistivity	ASTM D257		1.0 x 10 <sup>11</sup> Ω-cm

## Handling/Application Information

### Directions for Use

1. For high strength structural bonds, paints, oxide films, oils, dust, mold release agents and all other surface contaminants must be completely removed. However, the amount of surface preparation directly depends on the required bond strength and the environmental aging resistance desired by user. For specific surface preparations on common substrates, see the section on surface preparation.

2. Use gloves to minimize skin contact. Do not use solvents for cleaning hands.

3. Mixing.

For Duo Pak Cartridges

3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Epoxy Adhesives DP125 Translucent and Gray are supplied in a dual syringe plastic duo-pak cartridge as part of the 3M™ EPX™ Applicator System. To use, simply insert the duo-pak cartridge into the EPX applicator and start the plunger into the cylinders using light pressure on the trigger. Next, remove the duopak cartridge cap and expel a small amount of adhesive to be sure both sides of the duo-pak cartridge are flowing evenly and freely. If automatic mixing of Part A and Part B is desired, attach the EPX applicator mixing nozzle to the duo-pak cartridge and begin dispensing the adhesive. For hand mixing, expel the desired amount of adhesive and mix thoroughly. Mix approximately 15 seconds after uniform color is obtained.

For Bulk Containers

Mix thoroughly by weight or volume in the proportions specified in the typical uncured properties section. Mix approximately 15 seconds after uniform color is obtained.

4. For maximum bond strength, apply adhesive evenly to both surfaces to be joined.

5. Application to the substrates should be made within 20 minutes. Larger quantities and/or higher temperatures will reduce this working time.

6. Join the adhesive coated surfaces and allow to cure at 60°F (16°C) or above until completely firm. Heat up to 200°F (93°C), will speed curing. These products will cure in 7 days @ 75°F (24°C).

7. Keep parts from moving during cure. Contact pressure necessary. Maximum shear strength is obtained with a 3-5 mil bond line.

8. Excess uncured adhesive can be cleaned up with ketone type solvents.\*

\*Note: When using solvents, extinguish all ignition sources, including pilot lights, and follow manufacturer's precautions and directions for use.

Adhesive Coverage (typical): A 0.005 in. thick bondline will yield a coverage of 320 sqft/gallon.

### **Surface Preparation**

For high strength structural bonds, paint, oxide films, oils, dust, mold release agents and all other surface contaminants must be completely removed. However, the amount of surface preparation directly depends on the required bond strength and the environmental aging resistance desired by user.

**The following cleaning methods are suggested for common surfaces:**

#### **Steel:**

1. Wipe free of dust with oil-free solvent such as acetone, isopropyl or alcohol solvents.\*
2. Sandblast or abrade using clean fine grit abrasives.
3. Wipe again with solvent to remove loose particles.\*
4. If a primer is used, it should be applied within 4 hours after surface preparation.

#### **Aluminum:**

1. Alkaline Degrease: Oakite 164 solution (9-11 oz./gallon water) at 190°F ± 10°F for 10-20 minutes. Rinse immediately in large quantities of cold running water.
2. Acid Etch: Place panels in the following solution for 10 minutes at 150°F ± 5°F .  
Sodium Dichromate 4.1 - 4.9 oz./gallon  
Sulfuric Acid, 66°Be 38.5 - 41.5 oz./gallon  
2024-T3 aluminum (dissolved) 0.2 oz./gallon minimum  
Tap water as needed to balance
3. Rinse: Rinse panels in clear running tap water.
4. Dry: Air dry 15 minutes; force dry 10 minutes at 150°F ± 10°F.
5. If primer is to be used, it should be applied within 4 hours after surface preparation.

**Note:** Read and follow supplier's environmental, health, and safety documentation for these chemicals prior to preparation of this solution.

#### Plastics/Rubber:

1. Wipe with isopropyl alcohol.\*
2. Abrade using fine grit abrasives.
3. Wipe with isopropyl alcohol.\*

#### **Glass:**

1. Solvent wipe surface using acetone or MEK.\*
2. Apply a thin coating (0.0001 in. or less) of primer such as 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Metal Primer EC3901 to the glass surfaces to be bonded and allow the primer to dry before bonding.

\***Note:** When using solvents, extinguish all ignition sources, including pilot lights, and follow manufacturer's precautions and directions for use.

### **Application Equipment**

For small or intermittent applications the 3M™ EPX™ Applicator System is a convenient method of application.

For larger applications these products may be applied by use of flow equipment.

Two part meter/mixing/proportioning/dispensing equipment is available for intermittent or production line use. These systems may be desirable because of their variable shot size and flow rate characteristics and are adaptable to many applications.

### **Industry Specifications**

UL 94 HB

### **Storage and Shelf Life**

Store products at 60-80°F (16-27°C) for maximum shelf life.

These products have a shelf life of 24 months from date of manufacture in their unopened original containers.

### **Precautionary Information**

Refer to Product Label and Material Safety Data Sheet for health and safety information before using this product. For additional health and safety information, call 1-800-364-3577 or (651) 737-6501.

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