



Technical Datasheet

OPTOCAST

3553-HM Gen2

OPTOCAST 3553-HM Gen2 is a new cationic cure epoxy resin designed specifically for joining optoelectronic parts. This epoxy is optically clear, has a high Tg and good chemical resistance. OPTOCAST 3553-HM Gen2 has been designed to be stable for up to 2 weeks in shipping at ambient temperatures, thus eliminating expensive Dry Ice shipping charges.

Uncured Properties

Color:	Clear
Viscosity:	400-800 cps
Specific Gravity:	1.12
Shelf Life:	6 months @ less than 0°C
Pot Life:	5 days @ 20-25°C

*See Handling and Storage for more information

Cured Properties

Color:	Clear to Amber depending upon thickness	Maximum Operating Temperature:	165°C
Hardness:	86 Rex D	Tensile Strength:	7500 psi
Tg:	135-145°C	Elongation:	2.5%
CTE:	55 ppm/°C	Young's Modulus:	490,000 psi
MVTR:	0.3	Linear Shrinkage:	0.3 %

Cure Profile

OPTOCAST 3553-HM Gen2 can be cured with UV, UV and heat or heat alone with wavelengths from 320 nm to 380 nm.

- ◆ Minimum UV intensities of 100 mW/cm² (using a flood lamp) or 1500 mW/cm² (using a spot cure) must be used. Minimum UV cure times start at 10 seconds.
- ◆ Minimum post UV heat cure temperature is 50°C. Minimum heat only cure temperature is 110°C. Maximum heat cure temperature recommended is 150°C. Heat cure times start from 10 minutes to 1 hour. Heat cure times depend upon the thermal conductivity of the substrate.
- ◆ Always wear proper UV eye protection when working with ultraviolet light.

Handling and Storage

OPTOCAST 3553-HM Gen 2 is shipped at ambient temperatures for up to 15 days. It must be stored in the freezer at 0°C or less upon receipt for the remainder of the shelf life. The 5-day pot life starts when a syringe is removed from the freezer for use.

- ◆ Shelf life at 0°C is 6 months.
- ◆ Pot life at 25°C is 5 days.
- ◆ Thaw syringes (with back-cap on) for 30 minutes before use.
- ◆ Do not thaw and refreeze syringe more than 5 times.
- ◆ Always replace back cap when refreezing.

Shipments received AFTER 15 days from the original EMI ship date absolutely MUST be evaluated by the customer for fitness of use.

Shipping and Unpacking Procedure

This material is packed and shipped at ambient temperatures. It is a stable material but should be refrigerated at 0°C or less upon receipt.

- ◆ It is critical that the shipping container is not opened in transit and is expedited to its final destination.
- ◆ DO NOT ALLOW THE SHIPMENT TO BE LEFT ON LOADING DOCKS, IN CUSTOMS WAREHOUSES, OR ON FREIGHT TRUCKS FOR EXTENDED TIME PERIODS.
- ◆ Maintaining temperature at 0°C or less upon receipt is critical to maintain the functionality and performance of the material.
- ◆ Failure to maintain these temperatures will void any warranties and will adversely affect the materials performance.
- ◆ Upon receipt, the syringes should be transferred from the shipping container to a freezer at 0°C or less.
- ◆ Care must be taken during this step as a sudden increase in temperature can cause irreversible air voids due to the thermal expansion of the syringe barrels.

Storage and Thawing

Prior to application, the material must be allowed to thaw naturally to room temperature (ideally 20-25°C) by placing the syringes in a vertical position with dispense tip facing downward. This is a critical step for obtaining optimum dispensing performance.

- ◆ Under no circumstance should artificial heat sources be used to increase thaw speed.
- ◆ Do not place the syringes in, or near, any heat source including ovens, hot plates, hot air guns, etc. to speed thawing.
- ◆ Thaw time varies by package style, size, and ambient temperature, but is typically 30 to 120 minutes.
- ◆ Do not attempt to dispense the material before it reaches ambient temperature.
- ◆ Wipe all excess moisture or condensation from the syringes prior to use.
- ◆ A small amount of air in the tip area is normal. Carefully remove the tip cap and manually extrude a small amount of material. This will displace any air that may be in the tip area.
- ◆ A small amount of air may accumulate at the rear of the syringe near the piston. This is also normal, and this air can easily be removed by manually placing a light amount of pressure on the piston near the location of the visible air with the tip cap in place. This will force the air to by-pass the piston and exit the rear of the syringe. Mount the syringe onto the dispense equipment and purge material through the system until an unbroken flow of material is extruded.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Good housekeeping rules are always important. Provide ample ventilation in all areas of handling, and use. Avoid prolonged breathing of possible fumes. Minimize skin contact. Use of goggles, rubber gloves, and protective creams is recommended. Always wash exposed areas immediately using warm water and soap followed by rinsing with clear water. If material comes in contact with eyes, flush with clear water for fifteen minutes and consult a physician immediately.

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