

Black Flame Retardant Epoxy, Encapsulating & Potting Compound

Description

834B *potting and encapsulating compound* is a black, flame retardant, thermally conductive two-part epoxy that offers extreme environmental, mechanical and physical protection for printed circuit boards and electronic assemblies.

This product is designed for applications where thermal management and self-extinguishing are critical. It also provides excellent electrical insulation and protects components from static discharges, vibration, abrasion, thermal shock, environmental humidity, salt water, fungus, and many harsh chemicals.

This epoxy has a convenient 2:1 volume mix ratio, making it compatible with most dispensing equipment. 834B can be cured at room temperature or higher.

Features and Benefits

- Meets UL 94V-0 standard—*flame retardant*
- Convenient 2A:1B volume mix ratio
- Thermal conductivity of $\sim 0.8 \text{ W}/(\text{m}\cdot\text{K})$
- Low exotherm
- Very high compressive and tensile strength
- Excellent adhesion to a wide variety of substrates including metals, composites, glass, ceramics, and many plastics
- Excellent electrical insulating characteristics
- Broad service temperature range of -40 to $175 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ (-40 to $347 \text{ }^\circ\text{F}$)
- Contains non-halogenated flame-retardant fillers
- Solvent-free

Usage Parameters

Properties	Value
Working life @22 °C [72 °F]	1 h
Shelf life	5 y
Full cure @22 °C [72 °F]	48 h
Full cure @65 °C [149 °F]	3 h
Full cure @80 °C [176 °F]	1 h
Full cure @100 °C [212 °F]	20 min

Temperature Ranges

Properties	Value
Constant service temperature	-40 to 175 °C [-40 to 347 °F]
Intermittent temperature limit ^{a)}	-50 to 200 °C [-58 to 392 °F]
Storage temperature of unmixed parts	16 to 27 °C [61 to 81 °F]

a) Temperature range that can be withstood for short periods without sustaining damage.

Cured Properties

Physical Properties	Method	Value ^{a)}
Color	Visual	Black
Density @25 °C [77 °F]	ASTM D 1475	1.59 g/mL
Hardness	Shore D Durometer	85D
Tensile strength	ASTM D 638	17 N/mm ² [2 400 lb/in ²]
Compressive strength	ASTM D 695	74 N/mm ² [11 000 lb/in ²]
Lap shear strength (stainless steel)	ASTM D 1002	8.2 N/mm ² [1 200 lb/in ²]
Lap shear strength (aluminum)	ASTM D 1002	11 N/mm ² [1 600 lb/in ²]
Lap shear strength (copper)	ASTM D 1002	11 N/mm ² [1 600 lb/in ²]
Lap shear strength (brass)	ASTM D 1002	17 N/mm ² [2 500 lb/in ²]
Lap shear strength (polycarbonate)	ASTM D 1002	2.2 N/mm ² [320 lb/in ²]
Lap shear strength (ABS)	ASTM D 1002	1.8 N/mm ² [260 lb/in ²]
Flammability	UL 94	Meets 94 V-0

Note: Specifications are for epoxy samples cured at 80 °C for 1 hour and conditioned at ambient temperature and humidity.

a) N/mm² = mPa; lb/in² = psi

Cured Properties

Electrical Properties	Method	Value
Breakdown voltage @2.4 mm	ASTM D 149	40 700 V [40.7 kV]
Dielectric strength @2.4 mm	ASTM D 149	431 V/mil [17 kV/mm]
Breakdown voltage @3.175 mm [1/8"]	Reference fit ^{a)}	47 000 V [47 kV]
Dielectric strength @3.175 mm [1/8"]	Reference fit ^{a)}	376 V/mil [14.8 kV/mm]
Volume resistivity	ASTM D 257	$2.1 \times 10^{12} \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$
Volume conductivity	ASTM D 257	$4.8 \times 10^{-13} \text{ S/cm}$
Dielectric dissipation, D @1 MHz	ASTM D 150-11	0.010
Dielectric constant, k' @1 MHz	ASTM D 150-11	3.10
Thermal Properties	Method	Value
Glass transition temperature (T _g)	ASTM D 3418	56 °C [133 °F]
CTE ^{b)} prior T _g after T _g	ASTM E 831 ASTM E 831	74 ppm/°C [165 ppm/°F] 107 ppm/°C [225 ppm/°F]
Thermal conductivity @25 °C [77 °F] @50 °C [122 °F] @100 °C [212 °F]	ASTM E 1461 92 ASTM E 1461 92 ASTM E 1461 92	0.79 W/(m·K) 0.59 W/(m·K) 0.72 W/(m·K)
Thermal diffusivity @25 °C [77 °F]	ASTM E 1461 92	0.33 mm ² /s
Specific heat capacity @25 °C [77 °F]	ASTM E 1269 01	1.5 J/(g·K)

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- a)** To allow comparison between products, the dielectric strength was recalculated with the Tautscher equation fitted to 5 experimental values and extrapolated to a standard thickness of 1/8" (3.175 mm).
b) Coefficient of Thermal Expansion (CTE) units are in ppm/°C = in/in/°C × 10⁻⁶ = unit/unit/°C × 10⁻⁶

Uncured Properties

Physical Properties	Mixture (A:B)
Color	Black
Viscosity @25 °C [77 °F]	16 200 cP [16.2 Pa·s] ^{a)}
Density	1.57 g/mL
Mix ratio by volume	2:1
Mix ratio by weight	2.4:1

a) Brookfield viscometer at 30 rpm with spindle LV S64

Physical Properties	Part A	Part B
Color	Black	Black
Viscosity @25 °C [77 °F]	27 500 cP [27.5 Pa·s] ^{b)}	2 100 cP [2.1 Pa·s] ^{c)}
Density	1.69 g/mL	1.40 g/mL
Odor	Mild	Mild

b) Brookfield viscometer at 100 rpm with spindle RV S07

c) Brookfield viscometer at 100 rpm with spindle RV S05

Compatibility

Adhesion—As seen in the substrate adhesion table, 834B epoxy adheres to most plastics and metals used to house printed circuit assemblies; however, it is not compatible with contaminants like water, oil, or greasy flux residues that may affect adhesion. If contamination is present, first clean the surface to be coated with MG Chemicals 824 Isopropyl Alcohol.

Storage



Store between 16 and 27 °C [61 and 81 °F] in a dry area, away from sunlight. Storage below 16 °C [61 °F] can result in crystallization.

If crystallization occurs, reconstitute the product to its original state by temporarily warming it to between 50 and 60 °C [122 and 140 °F]. To ensure full homogeneity, stir the warm product thoroughly. Make sure to reincorporate all settled material, close the lid, and then let cool before use.

Health and Safety

Please see the 834B Safety Data Sheet (SDS) parts A and B for further details on transportation, storage, handling, safety guidelines, and regulatory compliance.

Substrate Adhesion (In Decreasing Order)

Physical Properties	Adhesion	
Brass	Stronger	
Aluminum/Copper	 	
Steel		
Fiberglass		
Wood		
Paper, Fiber		
Glass		
Rubber		
Acrylic		
Polycarbonate		Weaker
Polypropylene		Does not bond
Teflon™	Does not bond	

Application Instructions

For best results, follow the procedure below.

Manual mixing:

1. Scrape settled material free from the bottom and sides of the part A container; stir contents until homogenous.
2. Scrape settled material free from the bottom and sides of the part B container; stir contents until homogenous.
3. Measure 2 parts by volume of the pre-stirred part A, and pour into the mixing container. Ensure all contents are transferred by scraping the container.
4. Measure 1 part by volume of the pre-stirred part B, and pour slowly into the mixing container while stirring. Ensure all contents are transferred by scraping the container.
5. Thoroughly mix parts A and B together.
6. Let sit for 15 minutes to de-air.
—OR—
Put in a vacuum chamber at 25 inHg for 2 minutes to de-air.
7. If bubbles are present at the top, break and stir them gently with the mixing paddle.
8. Pour the mixture into a container holding the components to be protected.
9. Close the part A and B containers tightly between uses to prevent skinning.

Attention!

Mixing >1 kg at a time decreases working life and can lead to a flash cure. Limit the size of hand-mixed batches. For large production volumes, contact MG Chemicals Technical Support for assistance.

Cure Instructions

Room temperature cure:

- Let cure at room temperature for 48 hours.

Heat cure:

- Put in oven at 65 °C [149 °F] for 3 hours.
—OR—
- Put in oven at 80 °C [176 °F] for 1 hour.
—OR—
- Put in oven at 100 °C [212 °F] for 20 minutes.

Attention!

Due to exothermic reaction, heat cure temperatures should be at least 25% below the maximum temperature the most fragile PCB component can tolerate. For larger potting blocks, reduce heat cure temperature by greater margins.

Packaging and Support Products

Cat. No.	Packaging	Net Volume
834B-375ML	2 Bottle kit	375 mL [12.6 fl oz]
834B-2.7L	3 Can kit	2.7 L [2.85 qt]
834B-10.8L	3 Can kit	10.8 L [2.85 gal]
834B-60L	3 Pail kit	60 L [15.8 gal]

Technical Support

Please contact us regarding any questions, suggestions for improvements, or problems with this product. Application notes, instructions and FAQs are located at www.mgchemicals.com.

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