

Rhodorsil® V-243

Addition Cure Silicone Elastomer

Description

Rhodorsil® V-243 is a two component, high strength, addition cure, silicone requiring a heat cure to obtain optimum properties. The long work life, high strength properties, and its ability to accept high levels of silicone diluent fluid, make it an excellent choice for transfer print pad applications. **Rhodorsil® V-243** is also an excellent product for roll applications.

Applications

- Transfer Print Pads
- Converter and embossing rolls
- Heat activated adhesive label rolls
- Hot melt glue rolls

Typical Properties

TYPICAL PROPERTIES - AS SUPPLIED		TYPICAL CATALYZED PROPERTIES	
<u>Part A - Base Component</u>		Mixed at 24°C (75°F) and 50% R.H.	
• Color	Beige	• Mix Ratio , A:B (Parts by weight)	10:1
• Consistency	Pourable	• Viscosity , cP. (mPa.s)	100,000
• Viscosity , cP. (mPa.s)	150,000	• Pot Life , hours ⁽¹⁾	5
• Specific Gravity	1.28	<i>Cure rolls for 3-4 hours at 150°C (300°F) to obtain a Shore Hardness of 60. Allow extra soak time for heat transfer through casing and core of roll.</i>	
<u>Part B – Curing Agent</u>			
• Color	Black		
• Specific Gravity	1.018		

⁽¹⁾ Time at which material gels.

TYPICAL PROPERTIES OF CURED RUBBER (Cured 1 hour at 150°C (300°F))		
Property	Test Method	Value
• Color	ASTM D2240	Beige
• Specific Gravity		1.24
• Hardness (Shore A)		60
• Coverage - cu. in/lb. (cc/kg)		22.5 (812)
• Temperature Range , °C (°F)		-54 to 204 (-65 to 400)

TRANSFER PRINT PAD FORMUATIONS - Cure 2 hrs at 185°F to 212°F (85°C to 100°C), pad thickness 1 inch			
Components	Parts by Weight	Shore (00)	
RHODORSIL® V-243A	100	50 (crown)	crown = curved surface of pad
RHODORSIL® V-243B	10	45 (flat)	flat = flat surface of pad
RHODORSIL® Fld 47V50	100		
RHODORSIL® V-243A	100	40 (crown)	
RHODORSIL® V-243B	10	35 (flat)	
RHODORSIL® Fld 47V50	130		
RHODORSIL® V-243A	100	35 (crown)	
RHODORSIL® V-243B	10	30 (flat)	
RHODORSIL® Fld 47V50	150		

Please note: The typical properties listed in this bulletin are not intended for use in preparing specifications for any particular application of Rhodorsil® silicone materials. Please contact our Technical Service Department for assistance in writing specifications.

Storage and shelf life

When stored in its original unopened packaging, at a temperature of 24°C (75°F), **Rhodorsil® V-243** may be stored for 24 months from the date of manufacture. Beyond this date, Bluestar Silicones no longer guarantees that the product meets the sales specifications.

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Safety

Please consult the Safety Data Sheet. The curing agent for this material can generate a flammable gas upon contact with acidic, basic, or oxidizing materials. Precautions to avoid contact of this curing agent with these materials should be exercised. Keep product away from children. To obtain a material safety data sheet for this product contact Bluestar at 800-356-7560.

Mixing Guidelines


1. Stir the base (Part A) well before use (except when machine dispensing).
2. Shake the catalyst container (Part B) well before use.
3. Weigh the desired amount of base into a clean mixing container. Tip the container and roll the base all the way around the side wall up to two inches from the top. This will prevent the catalyst from becoming absorbed into the container. It is recommended that the container be filled to not more than 1/3 the container depth to allow sufficient room for expansion during the deaeration procedure.
4. Weigh the proper amount of catalyst into the container. Mix the base and catalyst together by stirring with a stiff, flat ended metal spatula until a uniform color is obtained. Scrape the container walls and bottom well to insure a thorough mix.
5. Place the container into a vacuum chamber and evacuate the entrapped air from the mixture using a vacuum pump capable of achieving 29 inches of mercury vacuum. The mixture will rise, crest and then collapse in the container. Interruption (bumping) of the vacuum may be necessary to prevent overflowing the container. Keep the mixture under full vacuum for 2-3 minutes after the material has receded in the container.
6. Bleed air slowly into the vacuum chamber. When the chamber is at atmospheric equilibrium, remove the cover plate and take out the container.
7. Pour the deaired material slowly in a steady stream from one end of the mold box so that the material flows evenly over the pattern. This should minimize entrapment of air bubbles under the flowing material. A "print" coat may be poured first over the pattern which will also help reduce the possibility of entrapping air on the pattern and in the cured rubber. A mold release (petroleum jelly) may be applied on the pattern first to improve release.
8. Allow the rubber to cure for 16-24 hours at 75±5°F (24°C) before removing the cured rubber mold from the pattern. Heat acceleration is not recommended with this product.
9. For best results, allow the mold to air cure an additional 24 hours before using it in production. Full cure is achieved in 3-7 days.
10. For bonding to wood or metals, use **RHODORSIL® V-04** primer. Follow recommendations on the **RHODORSIL® V-04** technical data sheet for best results.

PROCESSING INFORMATION

CATALYZED PROCESSING PROPERTIES ARE AFFECTED BY TEMPERATURE AND HUMIDITY VARIATION

1. For best results, mix and cure the material at 75°F (24°C) and 50% relative humidity.
2. Higher temperature and humidity will decrease the work life and pot life of the material. The faster cure will also affect the flow properties. Refrigeration of the base prior to use in hot environments has shown to improve the handling properties of this material.
3. Lower temperatures and humidity will increase the work life and pot life of the material. The slower cure will increase the flow time. Cure temperatures below 68°F (20°C) are not recommended and have been found to cause a reduction in final cure hardness and properties.
4. It is important that the catalyst containers are tightly closed after use. Catalyst exposed to air for extended periods of time will hydrolyze (cure). An indication of hydrolysis is a film or crust formation on the surface of the catalyst. The use of hydrolyzed catalyst is not recommended and may cause incomplete cure.

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