



### CURING GUIDELINES

Fixture time is defined as the time to develop a shear strength of 0.1 N/mm<sup>2</sup> [10 psi] between glass slides. Actual cure time typically is 3 to 5 times fixture time. Maximum recommended thickness 0.10 mm.

Dymax Curing System (Intensity)	Fixture Time or Belt Speed <sup>A</sup>
<b>2000-EC</b> (50 mW/cm <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>B</sup>	1 s
<b>5000-EC</b> (200 mW/cm <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>B</sup>	1 s
<b>BlueWave® LED DX-1000 Spot</b> (10 W/cm <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>C</sup>	1 s
<b>BlueWave® 200</b> (10 W/cm <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>B</sup>	0.1 s
<b>UVCS Conveyor with one 5000-EC</b> (200 mW/cm <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>D</sup>	8.5 m/min [28 ft/min]
<b>UVCS Conveyor with Fusion F300S</b> (2.5 W/cm <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>D</sup>	8.2 m/min [27 ft/min]

**A** Curing through light-blocking substrates may require longer cure times if they obstruct wavelengths used for light curing (320-400 nm for UV light curing, 320-450 nm for UV/Visible light curing). These fixture times/belt speeds are typical for curing thin films through 100% light-transmitting substrates.

**B** Intensity was measured over the UVA range (320-395 nm) using a Dymax ACCU-CAL™ 50 Radiometer.

**C** Intensity was measured over the UVA/Visible range (350-450 nm) using a Dymax ACCU-CAL™ 50-LED Radiometer.

**D** At 53 mm [2.1 in] focal distance. Maximum speed of conveyor is 8.2 m/min [27 ft/min]. Intensity was measured over the UVA range (320-395 nm) using the Dymax ACCU-CAL™ 150 Radiometer.

Full cure is best determined empirically by curing at different times and intensities, and measuring the corresponding change in cured properties such as tackiness, adhesion, hardness, etc. Full cure is defined as the point at which more light exposure no longer improves cured properties. Higher intensities or longer cures (up to 5x) generally will not degrade Dymax light-curable materials.

### SECONDARY HEAT CURE

Heat can be used as a secondary cure mechanism where the adhesive cannot be cured with light. Light curing must be done prior to heat cure. The following heat cure schedule may be used:

Temperature	Time*
110°C [230°F]	60 minutes
120°C [250°F]	30 minutes
150°C [300°F]	15 minutes

\*Note: Actual heat cure time may vary due to part configuration, volume of adhesive applied, and oven efficiency.

Dymax recommends that customers employ a safety factor by curing longer and/or at higher intensities than required for full cure. Although Dymax Application Engineering can provide technical support and assist with process development, each customer ultimately must determine and qualify the appropriate curing parameters required for their unique application.

### OPTIMIZING PERFORMANCE AND HANDLING

1. This product cures with exposure to UV and visible light. Exposure to ambient and artificial light should be kept to a minimum before curing. Dispensing components including needles and fluid lines should be 100% light blocking, not just UV blocking.
2. All surfaces in contact with the material should be clean and free from flux residue, grease, mold release, or other contaminants prior to dispensing the material.
3. Cure speed is dependent upon many variables, including lamp intensity, distance from the light source, required depth of cure, thickness, and percent light transmission of components between the material and light source.
4. Oxygen in the atmosphere may inhibit surface cure. Surfaces exposed to air may require high-intensity (>100 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>) UV light to produce a dry surface cure. Flooding the curing area with an inert gas, such as nitrogen, can also reduce the effects of oxygen inhibition.
5. Parts should be allowed to cool after cure before testing and subjecting to any loads or electrical testing.
6. Light curing generally produces some heat. If necessary, cooling fans can be placed in the curing area to reduce the heating effect on components.
7. At the point of curing, an air exhaust system is recommended to dissipate any heat and vapors formed during the curing process.

### DISPENSING THE MATERIAL

This material may be dispensed with a variety of manual, semi-automated and fully automated, fluid delivery systems. Dymax has several dispensing systems that may be suitable for use with conformal coating materials such as our Model 110 mountable atomizing needle valve or SG-100-RS handheld spray gun. Small area applications including beads and small dots can be achieved using hand-held dispensers such as our SD-100 syringe dispenser and our Model 400 needle valve systems. These valve systems can be used in a manual, semi-automated or fully automated application. Questions relating to and defining the best fluid delivery system and curing equipment for specific applications should be discussed with the Dymax Application Engineering Team.

### STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

Store the material in a cool, dark place when not in use. Do not expose to light. This product may polymerize upon prolonged exposure to ambient and artificial light. Keep covered when not in use. This material has a 7-month shelf life from date of manufacture, unless otherwise specified, when stored between 10°C (50°F) and 32°C (90°F) in the original, unopened container. Prior to use, allow to equilibrate for 24 hours at room temperature.

### CLEANUP

Uncured material may be removed from dispensing components and parts with organic solvents. Cured material will be impervious to many solvents and difficult to remove. Cleanup of cured material may require mechanical methods such as ultrasonic bath, water jet, vacuum tweezers, air knife and/or warming to aid in the removal.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

This product is intended for industrial use only. Keep out of the reach of children. Avoid breathing vapors. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Wear impervious gloves. Repeated or continuous skin contact with uncured material may cause irritation. Remove material from skin with soap and water. Never use organic solvents to remove material from skin and eyes. For more information on the safe handling of this material, please refer to the Safety Data Sheet before use.

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