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BMI-1SC Bismaleimide Prepreg

Introduction

BMI-1SC prepreg resin system is designed for use in high temperature tooling or components. It has been formulated to give very high service temperatures without compromising performance and may provide extended tool life compared to lower Tg alternates. It can be supplied on a variety of fabrics to meet your cost and manufacturing requirements.

Typical applications: high service temperature, high stability tooling

Key Features & Benefits

- Good handling characteristics
- Cure temperature: 185°C (365°F)
- Potential Tg up to 350°C (662°F) after post-cure
- Low CTE and shrinkage
- Work life at 20°C (70F): 30 days
- Storage life at -18°C (0F): 12 months
- Processable in **autoclave**. Press or oven may be possible depending on requirements, please contact SHD Composites for more information.

Storage & Out Life

This material should be kept frozen at -18°C (-1°F). It must be kept sealed in a polythene bag which must not be opened until fully thawed to room temperature. If the material is not fully used, then the material must be resealed in the polythene bag to prevent moisture absorption.

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Cure Cycles & Service Temperatures

Recommended cure cycle:

- Ramp up to 100°C (212°F) at 2°C/min (3.6°F/min) under vacuum only
- Apply 6 bar pressure and remove vacuum
- Ramp up to 140°C (284°F)⁽¹⁾ at 2°C/min (3.6°F/min) and hold 140°C (284°F)⁽¹⁾ for 1hr
- Ramp up to 185°C (374°F)⁽¹⁾ at 2°C/min (3.6°F/min) and hold 190°C (374°F)⁽¹⁾ for 2hrs
- Cool down below 60°C (140°F) before removing for post-cure

⁽¹⁾±5°C *(±5°F)*

Recommended post cure cycles:

	Option 1:	Resulting Tg:
0	Ramp up to 220°C (428°F) at 0.3°C/min (0.54°F/min)	235°C (464°F)
0	Hold 220°C <i>(428°F)</i> for 2hrs	

	Option 2:	Resulting Tg:
С	Ramp up to 260°C <i>(500°F)</i> at 0.3°C/min <i>(0.54°F/min)</i>	350°C <i>(662°F)</i>

- Hold 260°C (500°F) for 2hrs
- Curing Schedule is meant to be a guide only and is subject to local conditions.
- To avoid exotherm particular care must be taken with thick laminates.
 Ramp rates must not exceed 3.0°C (5.4°F) per minute during initial cure.
 Ramp rates must not exceed 0.3°C (0.54°F) per minute during post cure (free standing).

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Material Properties

SURFACE PLY: 200gsm 3k, 43% resin weight

Material description: BMI-1SC-C200T-HS-3K-43%RW-1250 (SHD2251-1250)

Test	Results			Standard
Vf	Fibre volume fraction	49.08	%	BS EN ISO 14127
				Method B
СРТ	Cured ply thickness	0.238	mm	BS EN ISO 14127
				Method B
Tensile 0°	Tensile strength	609	MPa	BS EN ISO 527-4
	Tensile modulus	55.2	GPa	
	Poisson's ratio	0.07		
Tensile 90°	Tensile strength	665	MPa	
	Tensile modulus	55.5	GPa	
	Poisson's ratio	0.06		
Compressive 0°	Compressive strength	874	MPa	prEN 2850 Type B
	Compressive modulus	52.7	GPa	
Compressive 90°	Compressive strength	869	MPa	
	Compressive modulus	51.0	GPa	
Flexural 0°	Flexural strength	783	MPa	BS EN ISO 14125
	Flexural modulus	55.3	GPa	
Flexural 90°	Flexural strength	776	MPa	
	Flexural modulus	54.1	GPa	
In-Plane Shear ±45°	In-Plane shear strength (ultimate)	101.2	MPa	BS EN ISO 14129
	In-Plane shear modulus	4.49	GPa	
Interlaminar Shear 0°	Interlaminar shear strength	78.4	MPa	BS EN ISO 14130
Interlaminar Shear 90°	Interlaminar shear strength	84.5	MPa	
DMA – Dry Tg	Tg E' Onset	244	°C	Modified ASTM D7028
	Tg Peak Tan δ	280	°C	(Single Cantilever)

Cure schedule: see "recommended cure cycle" and "recommended post-cure cycle, option 1" on page 2. All figures in this table are actual test results and have not been normalised. Complete test reports can be supplied independently upon request.

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BULK PLY:

650gsm 12k, 38% resin weight

Material description:

BMI-1SC-C650T-HS-12K-38%RW-1250 (SHD2252-1250)

Test	Results			Standard
Vf	Fibre volume fraction	52.77	%	BS EN ISO 14127
				Method B
СРТ	Cured ply thickness	0.676	mm	BS EN ISO 14127
				Method B
Tensile 0°	Tensile strength	754	MPa	BS EN ISO 527-4
	Tensile modulus	53.0	GPa	
	Poisson's ratio	0.11		
Tensile 90°	Tensile strength	675	MPa	
	Tensile modulus	54.9	GPa	
	Poisson's ratio	0.11		
Compressive 0°	Compressive strength	650	MPa	nrFN 2850 Type B
	Compressive modulus	51.7	GPa	p:_:: 2000 type D
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Compressive 90°	Compressive strength	494	MPa	
	Compressive modulus	55.4	GPa	
Flexural 0°	Flexural strength	639	MPa	BS EN ISO 14125
	Flexural modulus	46.4	GPa	
Flexural 90°	Flexural strength	480	MPa	
	Flexural modulus	53.2	GPa	
In-Plane Shear ±45°	In-Plane shear strength (ultimate)	64.2	MPa	BS EN ISO 14129
	In-Plane shear modulus	4.38	GPa	
Interlaminar Shear 0°	Interlaminar shear strength	55.1	мра	BS EN ISO 14130
Interlandiner Cheer 000		40.0	MDe	
interiaminar Snear 90°	interiaminar snear strength	48.0	IVIPa	
DMA – Drv Tg	Tg E' Onset	235	°C	Modified ASTM D7028
	Tg Peak Tan δ	275	°C	(Sinale Cantilever)
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Cure schedule: see "recommended cure cycle" and "recommended post-cure cycle, option 1" on page 2. All figures in this table are actual test results and have not been normalised. Complete test reports can be supplied independently upon request.

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Viscosity Profile

Measured using a rotational rheometer



Health and Safety

This material contains resin which can cause allergic reactions with skin contact and must avoid repeated and prolonged skin contact.

Please refer to the product Safety Data Sheet before using this material. The following precautions must be taken when using epoxy resin prepregs:

- Overalls must be worn.
- Impervious gloves must be worn.
- Curing schedule is meant to be as a guide only and is subject to local conditions.
- To avoid exotherm, particular care must be taken with thick laminates.

SHD Composite Materials Ltd cannot accept any liability for injury or damage where the above precautions have not been taken or where the material is used for any purpose other than its intended use.

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