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Laminate thickness ~5.3mm

LTC210

Epoxy Tooling Prepreg

Introduction

LTC210 Prepreg is designed to cure at low temperatures whilst giving the potential for high temperature tooling. Typical initial cure cycles are 24 hrs at 45°C or 10 hrs at 55°C, followed by a 200°C post cure. LTC210 can be supplied on a variety of fabrics to meet your cost and manufacturing requirements.

Product variants: LTC210B Black pigmented, default on all glass reinforcements

LTC210-1 Lower viscosity, Higher tack

Typical applications: Low CTE tooling

Key Features & Benefits

Cure temperature from 45°C to 70°C

• Service temperature up to 200°C after post cure

Low CTE and shrinkage

Work life at 20°C: 4 days

• Storage life at -18°C: 12 months

Very low VOC content – no added solvents during manufacture

Excellent handleability in warmer conditions

Available Reinforcements (standard)

Carbon Surface ply - 200g/m² 2x2 twill

Carbon Bulk ply − 650g/m² 2x2 twill For standard 1:8:1 layup Laminate thickness ~5.5mm

- 1000g/m² 2x2 twill For 1:5:1 layup

Glass Surface ply – 300g/m² 8 harness satin

Glass Bulk ply − 870g/m² 2x2 twill For standard 1:8:1 layup Laminate thickness ~5.2mm

Note – other reinforcements available on request. Please enquire for details.

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Storage & Out Life

This material should be kept frozen at -18°C. 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.

Cure Cycles & performances

Temperature		Duration		Tg
45°C	(minimum)	24 to 40	hours*	55°C
55°C		10 to 16	hours*	65°C
60°C		8	hours	70°C
70°C	(maximum)	4	hours	80°C
200°C	Post cure	8	hours	210°C

^{*}The initial cure duration will depend on part and tool geometry, volume, mass, etc. Please consult SHD Composites for details.

- 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 1.0°C per minute during initial cure.
 Ramp rates must not exceed 0.3°C per minute during post cure (free standing).

Volatile content	< 1.0%
Fibre volume fraction	50 to 60%
Voidage (autoclave cure)	< 1.0%

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Mechanical Properties

Tests performed on LTC210-C(t)200-1250 SHD0127 laminates (SURFACE PLY):

Test	Results			Standard
Tension 0°	Tensile strength	516	MPa	BS EN ISO 527-4
	Tensile modulus	50.6	GPa	
	Poisson's Ratio	0.05		
Compression 0°	Compressive strength	641	MPa	prEN 2850 Type B
	Compressive modulus	46.8	GPa	
In Plane Shear ±45°	IPS strength	73	MPa	EN 6031
	IPS modulus	2.90	GPa	
Interlaminar Shear Strength 0°	Interlaminar shear strength	50.4	MPa	BS EN ISO 14130

Tests performed on LTC210-C(t)650-1250 SHD0128 laminates (BULK PLY):

Test	Results			Standard
Tension 0°	Tensile strength	667	MPa	BS EN ISO 527-4
	Tensile modulus	60.5	GPa	
	Poisson's Ratio	0.07		
Compression 0°	Compressive strength	399	MPa	prEN 2850 Type B
	Compressive modulus	56.3	GPa	
In Plane Shear ±45°	IPS strength	57	MPa	EN 6031
	IPS modulus	3.90	GPa	
Interlaminar Shear Strength 0°	Interlaminar shear strength	33.9	MPa	BS EN ISO 14130

Tests performed on **LTC210** typical 1-8-1 laminates:

Test	Results		Standard
DMA	Tg E' Onset	202 °C	AITM 1-0003 Issue 3
	Tg Tan δ Peak	221 °C	

Mechanical testing carried out at 23 ± 2 °C, 50 ± 5 % RH. Initial cure 16 hrs @ 55°C @ 1°C/min, 90psi. Post cure 8 hrs @ 200°C @ 0.3°C/min, free standing. All mechanical testing was completed independently by UKAS approved organisations. Complete test reports can be supplied independently upon request. All figures are actual test results and have not been normalised.

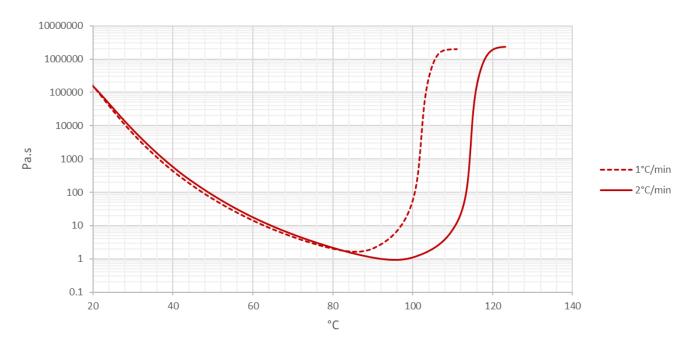
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Viscosity Profile

Measured using a rotational rheometer



Health and Safety

This material contains epoxy 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.
- Ramp rates must not exceed 1.0°C/min during initial cure and 0.3°C/min during post cure.

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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