



LTC400

Long Outlife Epoxy Tooling Prepreg

Introduction

LTC400 Prepreg is designed to cure at low to medium temperatures whilst giving the potential for high temperature tooling. It has been formulated to give extended outlife without compromising performance. It can be supplied on a variety of fabrics to meet your cost and manufacturing requirements.

Typical applications: *Longer outlife tooling*

Key Features & Benefits

- Cure temperature from **65°C** to **80°C**
- Service temperature up to **200°C** after post cure
- Low CTE and shrinkage
- Work life at 20°C: **30 days**
- Storage life at -18°C: **12 months**
- Very low VOC content – no added solvents during manufacture
- Excellent handleability in warmer conditions

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

- Recommended Initial cure: **65°C for 20h**, at a ramp rate of **1.0°C/min**
- Recommended Post cure: **200°C for 2h**, at a ramp rate of **0.3°C/min**

CURE CYCLE OPTIONS:

Temperature		Duration	Tg
65°C	(minimum)	20 hours	75°C
70°C		12 hours	80°C
80°C	(maximum)	6 hours	90°C
200°C	Post cure	2 hours	210°C

- 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%

Cured Material Properties

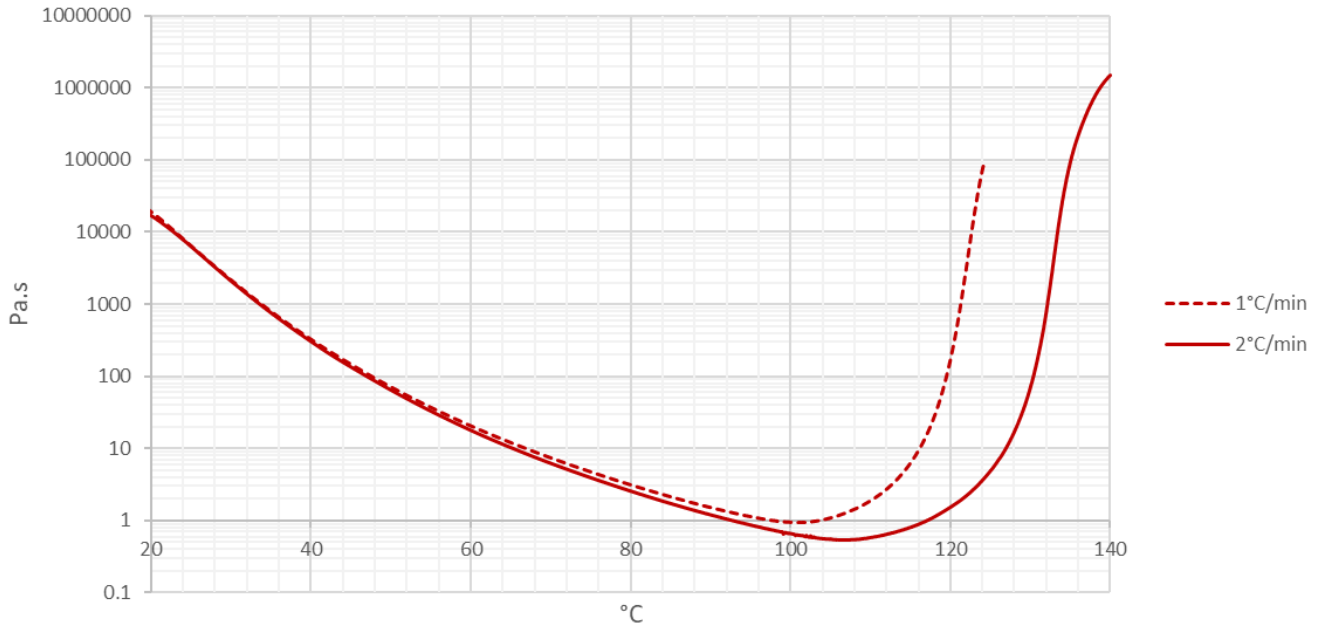
Test	Results	Standard	
DMA	Tg – Storage Modulus Onset	207 °C	ASTM D7028
	Tg – Tan δ Peak	228 °C	

Data obtained after a 200°C, 2h post cure.



Viscosity Profile

Testing carried out at $23\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$, $50\pm 5\%$ RH.



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 preregs:

- 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 $1.0^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$ during initial cure and $0.3^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{min}$ during post cure.

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