



# LTB300

## High bio-content Epoxy Tooling Prepreg

### Introduction

LTB300 is an epoxy resin tooling system with 30% bio content derived from a renewable source and is designed for faster cure at low temperatures whilst giving the potential for high temperature tooling. It can be supplied on a variety of fabrics to meet your cost and manufacturing requirements.

**Typical applications:** *Low CTE tooling*

### Key Features & Benefits

- **30%** certified bio-derived content
- Cure temperature from **45°C** to **60°C**
- Low resin viscosity ideal for heavyweight reinforcements
- Service temperature up to **180°C** after post cure
- Low CTE and shrinkage
- Work life at 20°C: **2 days \***
- Storage life at -18°C: **6 months**
- Very low VOC content – no added solvents during manufacture
- Excellent handleability in warmer conditions

*\* 1 day for 1000g/m<sup>2</sup> reinforcements*

### Available Reinforcements (standard)

<b>Carbon Surface ply</b>	– 200g/m <sup>2</sup> 2x2 twill
<b>Carbon Bulk ply</b>	– 650g/m <sup>2</sup> 2x2 twill for standard 1:8:1 layup
	– 1000g/m <sup>2</sup> 2x2 twill for 1:5:1 layup
<b>Glass Surface ply</b>	– 300g/m <sup>2</sup> 8 harness satin
<b>Glass Bulk ply</b>	– 870g/m <sup>2</sup> 2x2 twill

Please consult SHD Technical Team for other reinforcement options including those with flax and flax/carbon hybrids  
Note – other reinforcements available on request. Please enquire for details.



## 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

### CURE CYCLE OPTIONS:

Temperature		Duration	Tg Onset
45°C	(minimum)	12 hours	61°C
55°C		8 hours	68°C
60°C	(maximum)	6 hours	70°C
180°C	Post cure	2 hours	180°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%

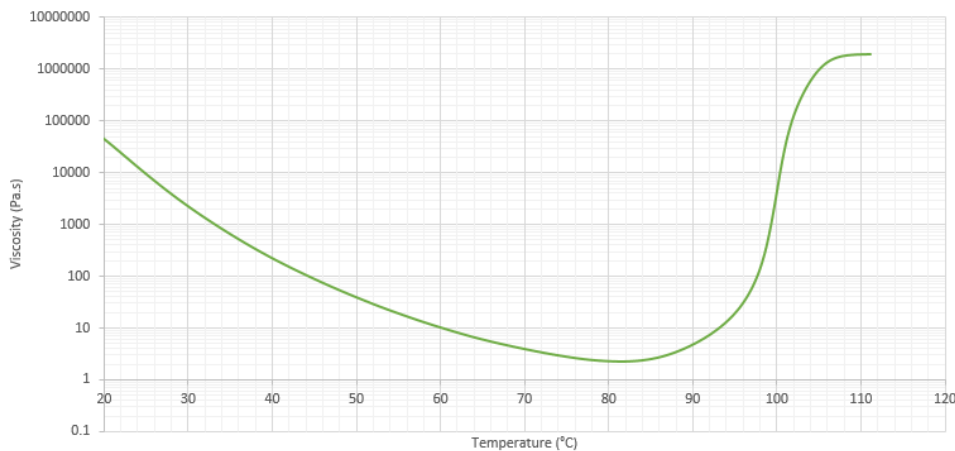
- Typical Tg:

<b>DMA – Dry Tg</b>	With 180°C for 2hrs (PC)	Tg E' Onset	<b>180°C</b>	<i>Modified ASTM D7028 (Single Cantilever)</i>
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## Viscosity Profile

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



## 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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