# H359 EPOXY PREPREG PRODUCT DATASHEET

90°C (194°F) Curing Epoxy



#### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

H359 is an epoxy pre-impregnation agent suitable for vacuum and oven curing. It is designed to be easy to handle in terms of transportation and handling.Despite its high flow matrix, H359 provides a high quality surface when properly processed and cured. It is similar to the T359 prepreg system, but provides a higher level of mechanical strength than T359. An excellent choice for many industrial applications.

## **BENEFITS AND FEATURES**

- High toughness
- Very good bonding properties
- Excellent mechanical properties
- Suitable for structural parts requiring high durability and excellent surface quality
- Good chemical resistance

## TYPICAL REINFORCEMENTS

Fabric*	SM Carbon	E-Glass	
FAW and Product Form	• 300-600 TF** UD, • 200-1600 Stitched Fabric (Biaxial, Triaxial)	• 100-600 PW/2x2Twill	

\*Please contact with us for further option.

\*\*Thermal Fixed

#### TYPICAL APPLICATIONS

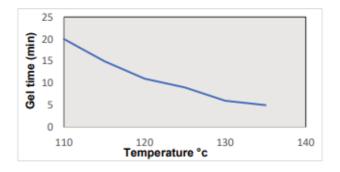
- Wind Applications
- Marine Applications
- Automotive
- Sport and Leisure
- Industrial Applications

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#### **RESIN PROPERTIES**

The resin system is mainly intended for industrial applications and is suitable for carrying high loads.



#### CURING SPECIFICATIONS

Specification	Minimum	Method	
Curing temperature (°C)	90°C	DSC	
Curing time (Hr) @ minimum curing temperature	10 Hr	DSC	
Glass transition temp. Tg (°C)	115°C	DSC	

### TYPICAL OVEN VACUUM CURING CYCLE

- Apply a 24" Hg vacuum for 5 minutes before beginning the heat cycle.
- Raise laminate temperature from room temperature to 80°C (176°F) within 30-40 min.
- Hold laminate at 80°C (176°F) for 30 min.
- Raise laminate temperature from 80°C (176°F) to 120°C (248°F).
- Hold laminate at 120°C (248°F) for 120 min.
- Cool the laminate to at least 80°C (176°F), prior to releasing vacuum pressure.

Notice: It should be understood that the curing period will begin only after the pre-impregnation temperature reaches the recommended temperature.



### PRESS MOLDING CURING CYCLE

1) Preheat the press to 120 °C

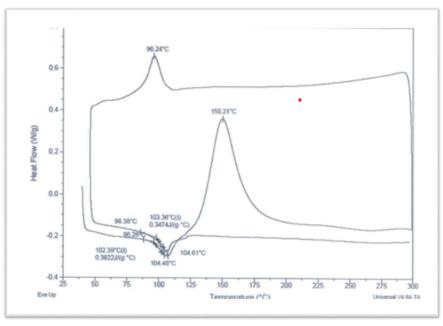
2) Place the laminate in the hot press and keep the laminate at this temperature by applying 3 - 7 bar 3 -

7 bar (0.3-0.7 MPa) pressure for 120 minutes.

3) Remove the laminate from the mold (cool below 95-100 °C (if possible)

#### ALTERNATIVE CURING CYCLES

Temperature (°C)	Gel time (mins)	Dwell time (Hrs:mins)	DSC Tg (°C)	
90	-	10:00	110-115	
100	-	6:00	119-123	
120	6-10	2:00	120-125	
130	2-5	-	-	



Wet Tg



### SHELF LIFE, STORAGE CONDITIONS AND HANDLING

H359 prepregs are wrapped in a barrier film immediately after impregnation. During storing and handling, the following notes

must be considered:

• H359 prepregs should be stored in their original packaging barrier film, or an equivalent film, at -18°C.-Before use, the prepreg roll has to be out of the freezer and remain tightly sealed for 48 hours, the time required to reach ambient room temperature.

• Thanks to its excellent thermoforming feature, it offers suitable placement for every process after 48 hours at room temperature.

• It is highly recommended to handle the prepreg at a clean area where the relative humidity is  $\leq$  52% and the ambient temperature is 20-23°C.

Temperature	Time		
4°C (40°F)	6 months		
-18°C (0°F)	12 months		
Working life at 24°C (75°F)	48 hours (B-stage state) (It is easily shaped and made suita- ble for the process)		



#### MECHANICAL PROPERTIES

Properties	Fiber Direction	Test Method	MI/MA	Units	Mechanical Properties Dry
Tensile Strenght	0°	TS EN ISO 527-4	MI MA	MPa	532,8
Tensile Modulus	0°	TS EN ISO 527-4	MI MA	MPa	42500
Compression Strenght	0°	ASTM D695	MI MA	MPa	>146
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Flexural Strength	45°	TS EN ISO 14125	MI MA	MPa	707
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#### VACUUM CURED STITCHED FIBER LAMINATES

400 GSM TWILL CARBON FABRIC

2h 120°C

#### SAFETY NOTES

Usual precautions, as follows, must be considered:

- During lamination, workers must avoid skin contact by wearing appropriate disposable protective gloves.
- Clean protective coveralls or equivalent clothes must be worn before laminating and also sanding.
- Protective glasses must be worn to avoid eye contamination. In case of contamination, eyes must be flushed for 15 min and then medical treatment must be applied.

• After working, hands and contaminated skin, if any, have to be washed with soap and warm water. This has to be implemented as a routine practice.