SilGrip* PSA610 Pressure Sensitive Adhesive

Description
PSA610 silicone pressure sensitive adhesive is a toluene solution of polysiloxane gum and resin. It is supplied at 60 percent silicone solids and may be further diluted with aromatic, aliphatic or chlorinated solvents. PSA610 may be blended with SR545 resin dispersion or with other methyl based silicone pressure sensitive adhesives to obtain specific performance properties. PSA610 adhesive has been found useful in coating of film and fabric substrates for manufacturing industrial pressure sensitive tapes. Possible applications include tapes for electrical insulation, electronic assembly masking, flame and plasma spray masking, EMI/RFI shielding, and splicing operations.

Key Features and Benefits
- Wide temperature range performance, maintains good shear and tack properties at intermittent temperatures up to 550 °F
- Adhesion to a wide variety of surfaces including low energy surfaces (silicones, fluoropolymers, polyolefines)
- Resistance to moisture, weathering (ozone, sunlight), chemical (acids, alkalis, oils) and biological (fungus) attack
- Minimum silicone residue on applied surfaces (e.g. printed circuit boards)
- Excellent balance of tack and peel adhesion properties

Typical Physical Properties

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Silicone Solids, %  
59

Viscosity @ 25º (77ºF), cps  
(Brookfield RVF, #6 Spindle, 10rpm)  
90,000

Color  
Gardner

Flash Point (ASTM D93) (PMCC), ºC(ºF)  
4 (40)

Solvent  
Toluene

**TYPICAL CURED ADHESIVE PROPERTIES**

- Peel Adhesion$^{(1)}$, oz/inch  
39

- Tack$^{(2)}$, g/cm$^2$  
740

$^{(1)}$ 2 mil dry adhesive thickness, 1mil polyester film, 1.5% benzoyl peroxide$^{(3)}$, curing cycle: 10 minutes air dry, 90 seconds at 177ºC, stainless steel, 12 inches/minute, 180º angle

$^{(2)}$ Polyken Tack Tester, 100g weight, 0.5 sec dwell time, 0.5 cm/sec draw speed, 2 mil dry adhesive thickness, 1mil polyester film, 1.5% benzoyl peroxide$^{(3)}$, curing cycle: 10 minutes air dry, 90 seconds at 177ºC

$^{(3)}$ Luperoxå A98 from Elf Atochem North America, Inc.

The properties of a cured silicone adhesive are affected by several factors such as type and amount of catalyst, cure cycle, adhesive thickness and backing type and thickness. Higher benzoyl peroxide catalyst concentration will increase cohesive strength of the adhesive and improve shear strength, but it will reduce its adhesive strength resulting in lower tack and peel values.

**Patent Status**

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**Product Safety, Handling and Storage**

The warranty period is 6 months from date of shipment from Momentive Performance Materials Inc.
Materials if stored in the original unopened container at 25ºC (77ºF).

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Processing Recommendations

Application

PSA610 silicone adhesive is supplied at a viscosity suitable for conventional tape coating equipment. If necessary, it may be thinned with toluene, xylene or other compatible solvents. After the adhesive is applied to the backing, it is exposed to a two step process: solvent removal and curing.

Solvent Removal

To achieve optimum adhesive properties, it is essential to optimize the drying step of the process in order to assure that the solvent is removed from the adhesive film before the curing step of the process starts. Improper drying will result in residual solvent entrapment within the adhesive. If the adhesive is then exposed to temperatures higher than 93.5 ºC (200 ºF), decomposing peroxide catalyst can cause crosslinking reaction between solvent and adhesive through methyl groups on siloxane chains and on solvent molecules and adversely affect the properties of the adhesive. Typical temperature range for the drying step of the process is 83 ºC (180 ºF) to 90 ºC (194 ºF). A typical drying cycle is 2 minutes at 90 ºC (194 ºF).

Curing Process

Once the solvent is removed from the adhesive film, the peroxide cure should be initiated by exposure to heat. A typical curing cycle is 2 minutes at 165 ºC (329 ºF). Longer exposure time and higher temperature, up to 204 ºC (400 ºF), can be used without adverse effects. The exact conditions required to achieve a complete cure will depend on oven length and efficiency, peroxide type and type of substrate used, and should be established during experimental trials on the machine.

Catalysts

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High purity, 98% benzoyl peroxide (3) in the quantity of 1 to 3% based on silicone solids, has been found to give the most consistent results in curing of silicone pressure sensitive adhesives. In applications requiring low temperature cure, 2,4-dichlorobenzoyl peroxide, which is activated at 132 °C (270 °F), can be used. It should be noted that 2,4-dichlorobenzoyl peroxide may generate polychlorinated biphenyls during the curing process. Please refer to Code of Federal Regulations, title 40, part 761 regarding incidental PCB byproducts if 2,4-dichlorobenzoyl peroxide is utilized.

The peroxide should be dispersed in solvent before it is mixed with the adhesive. Thorough mixing of the peroxide and adhesive to achieve homogeneous dispersion is essential for consistency of finished product.

(3) Available from: Elf Atochem North America, Inc.,

**Priming**

In certain applications, the anchorage of the adhesive to the backing may be insufficient and the coating of a primer prior to the adhesive coating may be required.

A typical formulation for a primer may be found in Table1 below. The formulation may need to be adjusted depending on required bath life, coating equipment and backing material. The primer may be coated by direct gravure, wire wound rod or other coating technique suitable for solvent based coatings, and must be cured prior to adhesive application. The curing conditions will depend on equipment capabilities, substrate type and formulation used and should be established during experimental trials on the machine.

**Table1. Typical Primer** (4) **Formulation**
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(4) Refer to document #CDS4994, SS4191 Silicone Release Coating System, for more information

(5) Typical solvents: toluene, heptane, toluene/heptane mixtures

Limitations
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