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# Rite-Lok™

## General Purpose Instant Adhesives

EC5 • EC40 • EC100 • EC600 • EC1500 • EC2500 • ECIGEL

Technical Data

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### Product Description

Rite-Lok™ General Purpose Instant Adhesives are single component, high strength ethyl cyanoacrylate adhesives designed to bond to a variety of substances including most plastics, rubbers, metals, and other common substrates. They are available in a wide variety of viscosities.

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### Specific Features

- Rite-Lok™ General Purpose Instant Adhesive EC5 is a very low viscosity, wicking grade, cyanoacrylate that has a very fast cure speed. It is recommended for use on pre-assembled parts with very close-fitting parts and smooth, even surfaces.
- Rite-Lok™ General Purpose Instant Adhesive EC40 is a low viscosity cyanoacrylate that is fast curing. It is recommended for use on assemblies with close-fitting parts and smooth, even surfaces.
- Rite-Lok™ General Purpose Instant Adhesive EC100 is a low-medium viscosity cyanoacrylate that is fast curing and useful for general purpose bonding.
- Rite-Lok™ General Purpose Instant Adhesive EC600 is a medium viscosity cyanoacrylate that resists migration from the bond area. It can be used for wire tacking on printed circuit boards.
- Rite-Lok™ General Purpose Instant Adhesive EC1500 is a high viscosity cyanoacrylate with a slower cure rate. It can be used on assemblies where parts are not close-fitting, surfaces are rough or porous, or where time is required to align parts before cure.
- Rite-Lok™ General Purpose Instant Adhesive EC2500 is a very high viscosity liquid cyanoacrylate with an even slower cure rate. It is also used on assemblies where parts are not close-fitting, surfaces are rough or porous, or where time is required to align parts before cure.
- Rite-Lok™ General Purpose Instant Adhesive ECIGEL is an industrial strength thixotropic gel for maximum gap filling. It is suitable for bonding poorly mating components and for porous substrates such as ceramic and can be used on vertical surfaces as it will not drip or slump.

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### Typical Uncured Physical Properties

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<b>Color</b>	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear	Clear Gel
<b>Base</b>	Ethyl	Ethyl	Ethyl	Ethyl	Ethyl	Ethyl	Ethyl
<b>Appearance</b>	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Gel
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.08	1.08	1.06	1.10
<b>Viscosity (cps)</b>	1 - 10 <sup>1</sup>	34 - 44 <sup>1</sup>	80 - 120 <sup>1</sup>	500 - 700	1,275 - 1,650 <sup>2</sup>	2,175 - 2,750	7,000 - 20,000 <sup>3</sup>
<b>Time to Handling Strength (sec)</b>	5 - 15	10 - 30	10 - 40	5 - 60	20 - 60	20 - 60	45 - 180
<b>Full Cure Time (hr)</b>	24	24	24	24	24	24	24

<sup>1</sup> ISO 3104/3105.

<sup>2</sup> Brookfield LVF Spindle #3 @ 30 rpm.

<sup>3</sup> Brookfield RVT 'T-spindle' C.

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<b>Temperature Range (°F)</b>	-65 to 180	-65 to 180	-65 to 180	-65 to 180	-65 to 180	-65 to 180	-65 to 180
<b>Gap Fill (in)</b>	0.002	0.004	0.006	0.007	0.008	0.008	0.010
<b>Tensile Strength (psi)</b>	2,900 <sup>4</sup>	2,900 <sup>4</sup>	2,900 <sup>4</sup>	–	2,900 <sup>4</sup>	2,900 <sup>4</sup>	–
<b>Overlap Shear Strength (psi)</b>	–	–	–	3,000 <sup>5</sup>	–	–	3,000 <sup>5</sup>

<sup>4</sup> ISO 6922.

<sup>5</sup> ASTM D1002.

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### Handling Information

#### Surface Preparation

For optimum strength structural bonds, paint, oxide films, oils, dust, mold release agents, and all other surface contaminants must be completely removed. However, the amount of surface preparation depends on the required bond strength and the environmental aging resistance desired by the user. Typical quick surface preparation would include wiping with a clean solvent (such as isopropyl alcohol\*), abrading the surface with a clean fine abrasive, and then wiping again with a clean solvent to remove loose particles.

#### Directions for Use

1. Ensure that parts are clean, dry, and free from oil and grease.
2. A Rite-Lok™ Instant Adhesive Activator may be required if there are bonding gaps or porous substrate surfaces, if substrates are low surface energy plastics (e.g., polyethylene, polypropylene) or if substrates have acidic surfaces (e.g., paper, leather).
3. Bond speed is typically very fast so ensure that parts are properly aligned before dispensing.
4. Product is normally hand applied from the bottle. Apply sparingly to one surface and press parts firmly together until handling strength is achieved. As a general rule, as little cyanoacrylate as possible should be used. Over application will result in slower cure speed and lower bond strength.

#### Cured Bond Characteristics

1. Full bond strength will typically be achieved within a 24 hour cure time.
2. Low humidity or low temperature conditions will slow down the cure rate.
3. After curing, Rite-Lok™ General Purpose Instant Adhesive bonds are suitable for use up to about 180°F (82°C). At 180°F (82°C) the bonds will be approximately 70% of the strength at room temperature and at 212°F (100°C) about 50% of full strength.
4. Cyanoacrylate bond resistance to most oils and solvents is excellent. Long term humidity, moisture, or water immersion may affect the strength of a cured cyanoacrylate bond depending on the substrates and the bond gap. Testing is recommended to evaluate the effect.

**\*Note:** When using solvents, extinguish all ignition sources, including pilot lights, and follow the manufacturer's precautions and directions for use.

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### Storage

For short term storage (<30 days), keep adhesive in a cool (60°F to 80°F [16°C to 27°C]), dry place out of direct sunlight. Keep containers tightly covered and free of moisture. Refrigeration (40°F [4°C]) gives optimum long term storage stability.

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### Shelf Life

Rite-Lok™ General Purpose Instant Adhesives can be expected to have a shelf life of one year from the date of shipment from 3M when stored under refrigerated conditions.

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### Precautionary Information

Refer to Product Label and Material Safety Data Sheet for health and safety information before using this product. For additional health and safety information, call 1-800-364-3577 or (651) 737-6501.

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### Technical Information

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### Product Use

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