

LEECAST 38-191 GASOLINE-RESISTANT EPOXY

Description

LEECAST 38-191 is a proprietary two-part epoxy adhesive and encapsulating compound. It has been used extensively for potting lead wires in UL-listed commercial gasoline pumps. LEECAST 38-191 has exceptional chemical resistance, especially in respect to gasoline, various gasoline alcohol additives, and other aggressive organic solvents. It also features fast room temperature cure and excellent adhesion to a variety of wire coatings and other substrates. It is formulated with enough thixotropy to inhibit sag on vertical surfaces and self-leveling when applied in a bead on horizontal surfaces.

TYPICAL PROPERTIES				
	Part A	Part B		
Appearance	Light gray liquid	Black liquid		
Thixotropy, 25°C, cps	121,000	146,000		
Viscosity, 25°C, cps.	50,900	45,500		
Density, lbs/gal	10.8	12.5		
Specific Gravity, g/ml	1.3	1.5		
Shelf Life, months	6	6		

TYPCIAL HANDLING PROPERTIES				
	Part A	Part B		
Mix Ratio, by volume	100	20		
Mix Ratio, by weight	100	23		
Gel Time, 25°C, 100 g, min.	32			
Cure Time, 25°C,				
Green Strength, hours	15			
Full Strength, days	7			
Hardness, 25°C, Shore D	85			

CHEMICAL RESISTANCE ¹				
	Fuel C/methanol	Fuel C/ethanol	Fuel C only	
Weight Gain, %	0.0066	0.0007	0.0004	
Hardness Change, %	Nil	Nil	Nil	
Compressive Strength Increase, %	1.01	0.09	0.11	

UL Crush Test

METHOD

Cylindrical specimens of LEECAST 38-191 were exposed to saturated vapors for a period of 168 hours. Following these exposures, the samples were placed between two parallel plates and crushed with a compression-testing machine having a crosshead speed of 0.1 in/min. The load was applied perpendicular to the axis of the cylindrical samples and the compressive force required to crack and break the specimens was recorded.

RESULTS

Sample Conditioning	Sample Crush Force (lb.)	Percent of As Received
As received	3897	100
Fuel C	3633	93
Fuel A	3443	88
IRM 903 Oil	3410	88
85% Fuel C/ 15% Methanol	3510	90
85% Fuel C/ 15% Ethanol	3613	93

The resistance to crushing following sample conditioning was higher than 85 percent of the As Received value.