

QM260 () 2-Part Addition cure moulding rubber

Introduction

QM260 is a pourable 2-part addition cure silicone elastomer system. After mixing parts 'A' and 'B' in the correct proportions, the system will cure at ambient temperatures within 24 hours, but the rate of cure can be accelerated by heat. The cured rubber exhibits excellent physical and electrical properties.

Key Features

- **High tear strength**
- **Very low shrinkage**
- **Chemically resistant**
- **Ideal for large mouldings**

Food Approvals

QM260 No

Use and Cure Information

How to Use

IMPORTANT: **QM260** contains the platinum catalyst, great care should be taken when using automatic dispensing equipment. Please ensure that it is not contaminated by residual hydride containing rubber in the dispensing equipment, as curing will result. If in doubt, it's advised to thoroughly purge the equipment with a suitable hydrocarbon solvent or silicone fluid.

Mix both the A and B parts gently to ensure homogeneity. Place the required amount of A and B parts by weight at the ration of **10:1** (A to B) in a clean plastic or metal container of approximately 3 times their volume, and mix until the colour of the mixture is uniform. Degas by intermittent evacuation, the larger volume of the mixing vessel helps prevent overflow during this operation. In case of automatic dispensing with static mixing head, the two components should be degassed before processing. Recommended vacuum conditions are 30-50 mbar intermittently over 5-10 minutes. Cast the mixture either by gravity or pressure injection.

Curing Conditions

The following table offers a guide to the rate of cure of **QM260** at various temperatures, mixing of the components between 15 and 25°C is recommended to ensure adequate pot life for degassing and handling. The pot life can be extended to several hours by chilling the components.

Temperature, °C	Max Cure Time	De-mould Time
25	hrs	10
100	hrs	
150		

Inhibition of Cure

Great care must be taken when handling and mixing all addition cured silicone elastomer systems, that all the mixing tools (vessels and spatulas) are clean and constructed in materials which do not interfere with the curing mechanism. The cure of the rubber can be inhibited by the presence of compounds of nitrogen, sulphur, phosphorus and arsenic; organotin catalysts and PVC stabilizers; epoxy resin catalysts and even contact with materials containing certain of these substances e.g. moulding clays, sulphur vulcanised rubbers, condensation cure silicone rubbers, onion and garlic.

Property	Test Method	Value
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Uncured Product

Colour A Part:		Beige
Colour B Part		Blue
Colour Mixed		Blue
Appearance:		Viscous Liquid
Viscosity:	Brookfield	130000 mPa.s
Catalysed viscosity	Brookfield	70000mPa.s
Pot Life:		60 minutes *
De-mould time		10 hours *
* measured at 23+/-2°C and 65% relative humidity using standard catalyst.		
Approved for use with food		No

Cured Elastomer

(after 7 days cure at 23+/-2°C and 65% relative humidity)

Tensile Strength:	BS903 Part A2	5.17 MPa
Elongation at Break:	BS903 Part A2	190 %
Youngs Modulus:		6.20MPa
Modulus at 100% Strain:	BS903 Part A2	4.27MPa
Tear Strength:	BS903 Part A3	14.80 kN/m
Hardness:	ASTM D 2240-95	60° Shore A
Specific Gravity:	BS 903 Part A1	1.31
Linear Shrinkage:		0.09 %
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion:		
Volumetric Linear		706 ppm / °C
Linear		235 ppm / °C
Min. Service Temperature:		-60°C
Max. Service Temperature:	AFS 1540B	204 °C

All values are typical and should not be accepted as a specification.

FDA compliance

If approved for food use all components present in the fully cured product are listed in CFR 21, 175.300, "Resinous and polymeric coatings" and CFR 21, 177.2600, "Rubber articles intended for repeated use". The fully cured rubber satisfies the requirements of CFR21, 175.300 and 177.2600, sub paragraphs (e) and (f) for applications involving both aqueous and fatty foods

Health and Safety - Material Safety Data Sheets available on request.

Packages – **QM260** is supplied in 5.5 kg and 20 kg kits.

MM TA3 is supplied in 200 g, 500 g and 1 kg containers. Arrangements can be made to supply in other pack sizes.

Storage and Shelf Life – Expected to be **24** months in original, unopened containers below 30°C.

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