



## SpeedMask<sup>®</sup> 718 Thermal-Spray Coating Maskant

### APPLICATIONS

- Air Plasma Spray
- HVOF
- Wire Arc Spray
- D-Gun Coating

### FEATURES

- UV/Visible Light Cure
- Resists Flame-Spray Processes
- High Adhesion
- Hard/Durable
- Thixotropic Gel
- High Viscosity
- Fast Curing

### RECOMMENDED SURFACES

- Nickel Alloys
- High-Temperature Steel

SpeedMask<sup>®</sup> 718 UV/Visible light-curable masking resin is formulated to provide excellent surface and cavity protection during APS and HVOF coatings aiding in the manufacture, overhaul, repair, and rework of turbine engine blades, vanes, and other turbine components. This durable resin cures quickly and is easily removed by incineration at a minimum of 650°C [1200°F] leaving a residue-free surface with minimal ash from combustion of the maskant. SpeedMask resins contain no nonreactive solvents and cure upon exposure to light. Their ability to cure in seconds enables faster processing, greater output, and lower processing costs. When cured with Dymax light-curing spot lamps, focused-beam lamps, or flood lamps, they deliver optimum speed and performance for many masking applications. Dymax lamps offer the ideal balance of UV and visible light for the fastest, deepest cures. This product is in full compliance with RoHS directives 2015/863/EU.

#### UNCURED PROPERTIES \*

Property	Value	Test Method
Solvent Content	No Nonreactive Solvents	N/A
Chemical Class	Acrylated Urethane	N/A
Appearance	Opaque Gel	N/A
Soluble in	Organic Solvents	N/A
Density, g/ml	1.7	ASTM D1875
Viscosity, cP (20 rpm)	46,000 (nominal)	ASTM D2556
Shelf Life @ RT (22°C to 25°C) from Date of Manufacture	12 months	N/A

#### CURED MECHANICAL PROPERTIES \*

Property	Value	Test Method
Durometer Hardness	D80	ASTM D2240
Tensile at Break, MPa [psi]	41 [6,000]	ASTM D638
Elongation at Break, %	3	ASTM D638
Modulus of Elasticity, MPa [psi]	965 [140,000]	ASTM D638

#### OTHER CURED PROPERTIES \*

Property	Value	Test Method
Boiling Water Absorption, % (2 hr)	4.5	ASTM D570
Water Absorption, % (25°C, 24 h)	2.7	ASTM D570
Linear Shrinkage, %	0.3	ASTM D2566

#### DISPENSE EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS \*

Application	Manual	Semi-Automated	Fully Automated
Dots	SD-100	Model 400 Needle Valve	eco-PEN
Beads	SD-100	Model 400 Needle Valve	eco-PEN

#### CURING EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDATIONS \*

Process Method	Spot Lamp	Flood Lamp	Conveyor
Broad Spectrum	BlueWave <sup>®</sup> 200	5000-ECE or PortaRay 400	UVCS Conveyor with Fusion F300S

#### ADHESION

Substrate	Recommendation
SS stainless steel	✓
CRS cold rolled steel	✓
AL aluminum	✓
BR Brass	✓
CU Copper	✓

✓ Recommended      ○ Limited Applications  
 st Requires Surface Treatment (e.g. plasma, corona treatment, etc.)

\* Not Specifications  
 N/A Not Applicable





### CURING GUIDELINES

Cure rate is dependent upon many variables, including lamp intensity, distance from the light source, and required depth of cure. The cure times below are based on lab results and are intended for reference only. Testing was performed using a 0.38 mm [0.015 in] coating thickness. Time/belt speed was determined by a complete, tack-free cure.

Dymax Curing System (Intensity)	Cure Time or Belt Speed
2000-EC (50 mW/cm <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>A</sup>	60 s
5000-EC (200 mW/cm <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>A</sup>	30 s
BlueWave® 200 (10 W/cm <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>A</sup>	10 s
PortaRay 400 (400 mW/cm <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>A</sup>	15 s
UVCS Conveyor with Fusion F300S (2.5 W/cm <sup>2</sup> ) <sup>B</sup>	3.0m/min [10 ft/min]

<sup>A</sup> Intensity was measured over the UVA range (320-395 nm) using a Dymax ACCU-CAL™ 50 Radiometer.

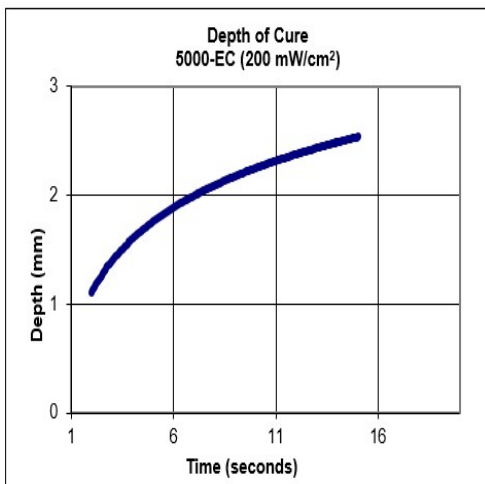
<sup>B</sup> At 53 mm [2.1 in] focal distance. Maximum speed of conveyor is 8.2 m/min [27 ft/min]. Intensity was measured over the UVA range (320-395 nm) using a Dymax ACCU-CAL™ 160 Radiometer.

Full cure is best determined empirically by curing at different times and intensities, and measuring the corresponding change in cured properties such as tackiness, adhesion, hardness, etc. Full cure is defined as the point at which more light exposure no longer improves cured properties. Higher intensities or longer cure times may degrade Dymax light-curable maskants.

Dymax recommends that customers employ a safety factor by curing longer and/or at higher intensities than required for full cure. Although Dymax Application Engineering can provide technical support and assist with process development, each customer must ultimately determine and qualify the appropriate curing parameters required for their unique application.

### DEPTH OF CURE

The graph below shows the increase in depth of cure as a function of exposure time. A 9.5 mm [0.37 in] diameter specimen was cured in a polypropylene mold and cooled to room temperature. It was then released from the mold and the cure depth was measured.





## OPTIMIZING PERFORMANCE AND HANDLING

1. This product cures with exposure to UV and visible light. Exposure to ambient and artificial light should be kept to a minimum before curing. Dispensing components, including needles and fluid lines, should be 100% light blocking, not just UV blocking.
2. All surfaces to be masked should be clean and free from grease, mold release, or other contaminants prior to dispensing the resin.
3. Oxygen in the atmosphere may inhibit surface cure. Surfaces exposed to air may require higher intensity UV ( $> 100 \text{ mW/cm}^2$ ) to produce a tack-free cure. Flooding the bond area with an inert gas, such as nitrogen, can also reduce the effects of oxygen inhibition.
4. Part should be allowed to cool after cure before testing.
5. Light curing generally produces some heat. If necessary, cooling fans can be placed in the curing area to reduce the heating effect on components.
6. At the point of curing, an air exhaust system is recommended to dissipate any heat and vapors formed during the curing process.
7. Cure speed is dependent upon many variables, including lamp intensity, distance from the light source, required depth of cure, bond gap, and percent light transmission of the substrate.

## DISPENSING SUPPORT

The Dymax Application Engineering team is ready to discuss your application requirements to provide the most appropriate dispensing and/or spraying solution. Visit our current dispensing equipment portfolio [here](#) or consult our [global contact](#) phone numbers and online chat feature (available in North America only) during normal business hours for instant support.

## STORAGE AND SHELF LIFE

Store the material in a cool, dark place when not in use. Do not expose to light. This product may polymerize upon prolonged exposure to ambient and artificial light. Keep covered when not in use. This material shelf life is noted on page 1 of this document, when stored between 10°C (50°F) and 32°C (90°F) in the original container.

## CLEAN UP

Uncured material may be removed from dispensing components and parts with organic solvents. Cured material will be impervious to many solvents and difficult to remove. Cleanup of cured material may require mechanical methods of removal.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

This product is intended for industrial use only. Keep out of the reach of children. Avoid breathing vapors. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and clothing. Wear impervious gloves. Repeated or continuous skin contact with uncured material may cause irritation. Remove material from skin with soap and water. Never use organic solvents to remove material from skin and eyes. For more information on the safe handling of this material, please refer to the Safety Data Sheet before use.

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**718 Product Data Sheet**

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