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# **Ensure a secure bond**

Structural Epoxy and Nitrile Phenolic Adhesive Films, Core Splice Films and the associated Structural Adhesive Bonding Primers.

## Structural Adhesive Films

3M have a wide range of adhesive film solutions for the aerospace industry, available in a variety of film thicknesses.

Our products are used to structurally bond a wide range of metal and composite substrates, either by co-curing or co bonding.

## **Structural Epoxy Adhesive Films**

3M<sup>™</sup> Scotch-Weld<sup>™</sup> Structural Epoxy Adhesive Films are thermosetting and designed for various different structural bonding applications. Depending on product choice, they will provide medium to high temperature resistance with typical cure cycles from 120°C to 180°C.

3M epoxy adhesive films are utilised in aircraft maintenance and to ensure production efficiency. Specially designed for metal bonding, metal to composite bonding, structural bonding and surfacing, these heat-curing, easy handling films are designed to meet numerous customer specs in aerospace manufacturing.

Product	Available	Optimal cure	Optimal cure	Glass tran temp. (°C)	sition	Ovelap sh	ear (MPa)			Floatin (N/25r	ig roller mm)	peel	Metal- metal climbing	Metal- honeycomb	Metal- honeycomb	Tensile	T-peel	Properties
name	forms	temp. (°C)	dwell (minutes)	Dry	Wet	-55°C	24°C	82°C	150°C	-55°C	24°C	82°C	drum peel (mN/m)⁺	drum peel (mN/m) <sup>*</sup>	tensile (MPa)⁺	(MPa)	(N/25mm)	Properties
AF 126-2	<ul> <li>Matte</li> <li>Non-woven scrim-supported</li> </ul>	120	60	*	*	33.8	39.3	10.3	*	245	289	267	400.9	*	*	35.8	178	<ul> <li>Adhesive can be cured from 80°C up to 175°C</li> <li>High-tack for shop handling performance</li> <li>Moderate peel strength</li> </ul>
AF 163-2	<ul> <li>Fiberglass scrim</li> <li>Knitted</li> <li>Matte, lightweight non-woven supported</li> <li>Matte, non-woven scrim-supported</li> <li>Matte, one-side tacky, non-woven</li> <li>Unsupported</li> </ul>	120	90	108	82	42.7	40	26.2	*	347	347	338	356.3	34.2	6.4	48	200.4	<ul> <li>Adhesive can be cured from 80°C up to 150°C</li> <li>High fracture toughness and peel strength</li> <li>Excellent shop handling characteristics</li> <li>Excellent pre-bond humidity performance on composite structures</li> </ul>
AF 3109-2	<ul> <li>Knitted</li> <li>Unsupported</li> </ul>	120/ 175	60	*	*	37.9	40	23.4	11	*	218	*	*	70.7	7.6	59.6	*	<ul> <li>Adhesive can be cured from 120°C up to 175°C</li> <li>Excellent shop handling characteristics</li> <li>Excellent pre-bond humidity performance on composite structures</li> <li>High-fracture toughness and peel strength</li> </ul>
AF 191	<ul> <li>Knitted</li> <li>Matte</li> <li>Unsupported</li> </ul>	175	60	226	218	32.4	37.2	22.1	19.3	67	178	*	191.5	63.8	9.7	*	*	<ul> <li>Adhesive can be cured from 135°C up to 175°C</li> <li>Excellent elevated temperature performance</li> <li>Excellent cryogenic performance</li> </ul>
AF 555	<ul> <li>Knitted</li> <li>Lightning strike</li> <li>Matte</li> <li>Unsupported</li> </ul>	175	60	151	137	33	40	30	16	*	*	*	*	*	7.3	*	*	<ul> <li>Adhesive can be cured from 135°C up to 175°C</li> <li>Good pre-bond humidity performance on composite substrates</li> <li>One year out time at ambient conditions</li> <li>High-fracture toughness</li> <li>Excellent shop handling characteristics</li> </ul>

<sup>†</sup>At room temperature (approx. 23–24°C)

For more information on the testing conditions please see our technical data sheets available online.



## **Structural Nitrile Phenolic Adhesive Films**

3M<sup>™</sup> Scotch-Weld<sup>™</sup> Structural Nitrile Phenolic Adhesive Films are designed for metal and structural bonding and surface protection. They can outperform liquid epoxies at high temperatures and provide greater strength retention after aging in many environmental conditions. Protected by a suitable liner for ease of application, the films can help save you time, money and the incovenience of managing liquid adhesives.

Product	0.1	Optimal cure	Optimal cure	Overla	p shear	(MPa)		Floating	Tensile	T-peel	Ormahilitika
name	Colour	temp. (°C)	dwell (minutes)	-55°C	24°C	82°C	150°C	(N/25mm) <sup>†</sup>	shear (MPa)⁺	(N/25mm)	
AF 6	Yellow	175	60	*	26.2	11.7	6.9	*	23.4	267	<ul> <li>Good flexibility and shear strength at service temperatures from -55°C to 82°C</li> </ul>
AF 10	Yellow	175	60	*	26.2	11.7	6.9	45	24.1	267	<ul> <li>Easy application in a dry film which can be pressure, heat or solvent tacked into position</li> </ul>
AF 13	Yellow	175	60	*	26.2	11.7	6.9	*	19.3	156	<ul> <li>Excellent retention of strength after aging in many environments</li> </ul>
AF 15	Tan	175	60	24.4	23.5	19	15	20	*	*	<ul> <li>Offers maximum performance in elevated temperatures, retaining good flexibility and strength</li> <li>Similar in composition to 3M<sup>™</sup> Scotch-Weld<sup>™</sup> Bonding Film AF 31</li> </ul>
AF 30	Light brown	175	60	15.8	30.3	17.9	11.7	35	29.1	165	<ul> <li>High peel and shear strength</li> <li>Retains strength after aging in many environments</li> <li>Offers adhesion to most metals</li> <li>Extremely low flow</li> <li>Can be pressure, heat or solvent tacked into position</li> </ul>
AF 31	Yellow/ brown	175	60	19	30.5	*	17.6	20	42.5	*	<ul> <li>Good flexibility and shear strength at service temperatures from -55°C to 260°C</li> <li>Easy application in a film form which can be pressure, heat or solvent tacked in position</li> <li>Excellent retention of strength after aging in many environments</li> </ul>
AF 32	Yellow/ brown	175	60	35	26.4	15.8	6.7	55	28.1	267	<ul> <li>Exceptionally high peel strength</li> <li>Good flexibility and shear strength at service temperatures from -55°C to 260°C</li> <li>Low tack, dry film. Easy application in a film form which can be pressure, heat or solvent tacked in position</li> <li>Excellent retention of strength after aging in many environments</li> <li>Extremely low flow</li> </ul>

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## **Structural Adhesive Core Splice Films**

low density, and reinforce

3M<sup>™</sup> Scotch-Weld<sup>™</sup> Core Splice Adhesives are heat curing, low density, expandable films designed to fill mismatched areas, splice and reinforce a honeycomb core.

Droduct roma	Colour	Cure temp.	Tube shear s	strength (MPa)	' cured at 125	°C	Flatwise tensile strength (MPa)
Product name	Colour	(°C)	-55°C	24°C	82°C	121°C	24°C
AF 3024	Off-white	121/176	10	9.9	10.7	4.8	6.5
AF 3070 FST	Light red/brown	125/175	11.3	7.1	4.8	*	*
AF 3090	Black	120/180	10.1	11.1	6.6	*	8.5
AF 3014	Beige	120/180	8.8	7.7	9.5	*	*

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#### 3M<sup>™</sup> Scotch-Weld<sup>™</sup> Structural Core Splice Film AF 3024

A low density, thermally expanding film designed for filling mismatched areas or reinforcing and splicing honeycomb core.

- Excellent gap filling capability due to 150% expansion rate
- Versatile performance and application allows for consolidation of inventory
- Low sag formula helps eliminate rework

#### 3M<sup>™</sup> Scotch-Weld<sup>™</sup> Structural Core Splice Film AF 3070 FST

An epoxy based, dual cure, expandable adhesive film for filling mismatched areas, core splicing, sandwich edge finishing and reinforcing honeycomb core.

- Completely halogen free FST system
- ► An expansion range of 50–75% for a 120°C cure

Low density product

#### 3M<sup>™</sup> Scotch-Weld<sup>™</sup> Structural Core Splice Film AF 3090

A thermally expanding structural adhesive film. Designed for metal-to-metal and composite bonding applications, the filling of mismatched bond surfaces, core-splicing, and reinforcing honeycomb structures.

- Resistant to cracking and fracturing
- Exceptional impact and peel strength
   Conformable and extremely durable
- Capable of low pressure bonding
- Expands up to 120% during cure

#### 3M<sup>™</sup> Scotch-Weld<sup>™</sup> Structural Core Splice Film AF 3014

A thermally expanding structural adhesive film. Designed for filling mismatch areas or reinforcing and splicing honeycomb core.

- ▶ High expansion (150 to 230%)
- ► Extended shelf life at room temperature
- Non-refrigerated transport

#### Easy liner removal



## **Structural Adhesive Bonding Primers**

3M<sup>™</sup> Scotch-Weld<sup>™</sup> Structural Adhesive Bonding Primers help prepare surfaces for bonding; improving conditions so the adhesives are more effective and create stronger, longer lasting bonds.

All primers can be sprayed, bushed or applied by a roller. The sprayable composition promotes high transfer efficiency for reduced overspray waste.

### **Epoxy based**

These heat curing, epoxy based primers are compatible with our Structural Epoxy Adhesive Films. They offer superior corrosion resistance and the wettability of the adhesive, which in turn enhances the durability of the chemical resistance.

Primer	Colour	Composition	Density (gram per litre)	VOC (gram per litre)	Solid content (% by weight)	Attributes
EC 3924B	Yellow	Solvent based, chromated	0.89	826	<5%	<ul> <li>Prevents the onset of corrosion</li> <li>Impressive hot/wet durability</li> <li>Protects etched and anodized substrates for long term storage</li> <li>Provides robust mechanical performance when used with 170°C curable Scotch-Weld Structural Adhesive Films</li> </ul>
EC 3917	Yellow/ green	Solvent based, chromated	0.86	752	5–15%	<ul> <li>Ensures complete wetting of the film adhesive system to bonding surfaces</li> <li>Protects etched and anodised substrates for long term storage</li> <li>Can be co-cured with adhesives at 120–170°C</li> <li>Impressive hot/wet durability</li> </ul>
EW 5000	Yellow	Water based, non-chromated	1.06	178	31%	<ul> <li>Excellent corrosion protection</li> <li>Low VOC (178 g/L)</li> <li>Can be sprayed to target thickness, 5–6 µ within one box coat</li> <li>3-6 times higher coverage compared to solvent-borne primers</li> <li>Ensures complete wetting of the film adhesive system to bonding surfaces</li> <li>Handleable prior to the bake cycle</li> <li>Hot/wet durability</li> </ul>
EW 5000AS	Green	Water based, non-chromated	1.06	244.2	36.5%	<ul> <li>Excellent corrosion protection</li> <li>Low VOC (less than 250g/L)</li> <li>Delivers comparable performance to solvent based products, offers more choice in respective processes</li> <li>Ensures complete wetting of the adhesive to the surface</li> <li>Handleable prior to the bake cycle</li> <li>Serves 170°C co-cure requirements</li> <li>Impressive hot/wet durability</li> </ul>

For more information on the testing conditions please see our technical data sheets available online.

### Nitrile Phenolic based

This range of primers are compatible with our Structural Nitrile Phenolic Adhesive Films. All solvent based, they provide a high degree of protection against corrosive environments and promote the long-term durability in bonded joints.

Primer	Colour	Composition	Density (gram per litre)	VOC (gram per litre)	Solid content (% by weight)	
EC 2174	Tan	Solvent based	0.81	744	5–15%	
EC 1290	Light amber	Solvent based	0.86	777	10%	
EC 1660	Green	Solvent based	0.84	797	<5%	
EC 1593	Blue/ green	Solvent based	0.89	791	22%	

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### Adhesive promoter

3M<sup>™</sup> Scotch-Weld<sup>™</sup> Structural Adhesive Primer EC 2333

Formulated for improved adhesion and to promote long-term durability for joints in metal bonding applications. It protects cleaned surfaces until the bonding operations can be completed and can be co-cured with adhesives at 170°C. Can be cured at room temperature, therefore effective for maintenance and repair operations.

- Non-chromated
- Excellent corrosion protection
- Yellow

### 0.88

Density (gram

### Adhesive surface pre-treatment

3M<sup>™</sup> Surface Pre-treatment AC 130-2

A high performance surface preparation for adhesive bonding, designed to promote enhanced adhesion of substrates. It can be cured at room temperature, therefore is predominantly used for repairs.

- Provides an economical and environmentally superior alternative to more costly and hazardous processes
- Clear



#### Attributes

Provides a solvent resistant coating when cured at 120°C Can be co-cured with adhesives at 170°C Stable coating protects etched and anodized substrates for long term storage Dries at ambient temperatures Ensures complete wetting of film adhesive to the bonding surfaces Improves adhesion at elevated temperatures Impressive hot/wet durability Protects etched and anodized substrate for long term storage Dries at ambient temperatures Can be co-cured with adhesives at 170°C Ensures complete wetting of film adhesive to adhered surfaces Impressive hot/wet durability Can be co-cured with adhesives at 170°C Robust mechanical performance Stable coating protects etched and anodized substrates for long term storage Impressive hot/wet durability Good overlap shear strengths on aluminum and magnesium from -55°C to 82°C

er litre)	VOC (gram per litre)	Solid content (% by weight)
	857	9-20%

## **Primers and Films compatibility table**

In general, 3M Scotch-Weld<sup>™</sup> Structural Adhesive Primers complement the Scotch-Weld structural adhesive<u>s portfolio.</u>







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