Advanced Materials



Structural Composites

MATRIX SYSTEMS FOR INDUSTRIAL COMPOSITES

Provisional DATA SHEET

Warm-curing epoxy system based on Araldite® LY 1556 SP* / Hardener XB 3461* / Hardener XB 3464* / Hardener XB 3405*

Araldite LY 1556 SP (epoxy resin) Hardener XB 3461 (amine hardener) Hardener XB 3464 (amine hardener) Hardener XB 3405 (amine hardener)

Applications Industrial composites

Properties

Laminating system with high flexibility. The reactivity may easily be adjusted to demands through the combination of the different hardeners. The long pot life of XB 3461 facilitates the production of very large industrial parts. The systems are qualified by Germanischer Lloyd.

Processing

- Wet lay-up
- Resin Transfer Moulding (RTM, SCRIMP)
- Filament Winding

Key data

Araldite LY 1556 SP		
Aspect (visual)	clear liquid	
Viscosity at 25 °C (ISO 9371B)	10000-12000	[mPa s]
Density at 25 °C (ISO 1675)	1.15-1.2	[g/cm ³]
Hardener XB 3461		
Aspect (visual)	clear yellow to brown	liquid
Viscosity at 25 °C (ISO 9371B)	30-70	[mPa s]
Density at 25 °C (ISO 1675)	0.9-1.0	[g/cm ³]
Flash point (ISO 2719)	> 110	[°C]

clear blue liquid	
15-35	[mPa s]
0.9-1.0	[g/cm ³]
120	[°C]
	15-35 0.9-1.0

Hardener XB 3405		
Aspect (visual)	clear red liquid	
Viscosity at 25 °C (ISO 9371B)	70-90	[mPa s]
Density at 25 °C (ISO 1675)	0.95-1.0	[g/cm ³]
Flash point (ISO 2719)	109	[°C]
Storage temperature	2-40	[°C]
(see expiry date on original container)		

Storage

Provided that Araldite LY 1556 and Hardeners XB 3461 / XB 3464 or XB 3405 are stored in a dry place in their original, properly closed containers at the above mentioned storage temperatures they will have the shelf lives indicated on the labels.

Partly emptied containers should be closed immediately after use.

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In addition to the brand name product denomination may show different appendices, which allows us to differentiate between our production sites:
e.g. BD = Germany, US = United States, IN = India, etc. These appendices are in use on packaging, transport and invoicing documents. Generally the same specifications apply for all versions. Please address any additional need for clarification to the appropriate Huntsman contact.

Processing data

Mix ratio	Components	Parts by weight	Parts by volume	
	Araldite LY 1556 SP Hardener XB 3461	100 33	100 41	
	Araldite LY 1556 SP Hardener XB 3464	100 33	100 41	
	Araldite LY 1556 SP Hardener XB 3405	100 33	100 41	
	We recommend that the components are weighed with an accurate balance to prevent mixing inaccuracies which can affect the properties of the matrix system. The components should be mixed thoroughly to ensure homogeneity. It is important that the side and the bottom of the vessel are incorporated into the mixing process.			
	When processing large quantities of mixture the percentage reaction. It is advisable to divide large mixes into s			
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Viscosity at 25 °C			LY 1556 SP XB 3461	LY 1556 SP XB 3464	LY 1556 SP XB 3405
		[mPas]	800-1100	700-1000	1500-1800
Pot life (Tecam 100 g)			LY 1556 SP XB 3461	LY 1556 SP XB 3464	LY 1556 SP XB 3405
	at 28 °C	[min.]	320-360	180-220	40-50
Gel time (Hot plate)			LY 1556 SP XB 3461	LY 1556 SP XB 3464	LY 1556 SP XB 3405
	at 80 °C	[min.]	30-34	23-27	6-9
Gelation at 28 °C (in thin layers:			LY 1556 SP XB 3461	LY 1556 SP XB 3464	LY 1556 SP XB 3405
0.4-0.7 mm)	Start End	[min.] [min.]	450-490 680-740	400-440 620-670	200-260 300-360

Properties of the cured, neat formulation

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Glass transition temperature	Cure:	T_{G}	LY 1556 SP XB 3461	LY 1556 SP XB 3464	LY 1556 SP XB 3405
(IEC 1006, DSC, 10 K/min)	4h 60 °C + 6h 80 °C	[°C]	80-86	80-86	92-98
HDT (ISO 75)	4h 60 °C + 6h 80 °C	[°C]	74-78	72-76	80-85
Tensile test (ISO 527)	Cure: 4h 60 °C + 6h 80 °C		LY 1556 SP XB 3461	LY 1556 SP XB 3464	LY 1556 SP XB 3405
	Tensile strength Elongation at tensile	[MPa]	70-80	70-80	78-88
	strength Ultimate strength Ultimate elongation Tensile modulus	[%] [MPa] [%] [MPa]	4-5 55-65 7-9 3000-3250	4-5 55-65 7-9 3100-3350	4.5-5.5 70-80 8-10 3200-3500
Flexural test (ISO 178)	Cure: 4h 60 °C + 6h 80 °C	Ľ J	LY 1556 SP XB 3461	LY 1556 SP XB 3464	LY 1556 SP XB 3405
	Flexural strength Elongation at flexural	[MPa]	120-130	115-125	130-145
	strength Ultimate strength Ultimate elongation Flexural modulus	[%] [MPa] [%] [MPa]	5-6 95-110 8.5-10.5 2950-3200	5-6 85-100 9-11 2800-3100	6-7 110-125 9-11 3100-3400
Water absorption	Cure: 4h 60 °C + 6h 80 °C		LY 1556 SP XB 3461	LY 1556 SP XB 3464	LY 1556 SP XB 3405
	After 24 hours at 23 °C After 168 hours at 23 °C	[%] [%]	0.12-0.16 0.35-0.39	0.12-0.16 0.35-0.39	0.13-0.17 0.37-0.41
Fracture properties	Cure: 4h 60 °C + 6h 80 °C		LY 1556 SP XB 3461	LY 1556 SP XB 3464	LY 1556 SP XB 3405
Bend notch test (PM 258-0/90)	Fracture toughness K_{1C} Fracture energy G_{1C}	[MPa√m] [J/m²]	0.75-0.90 175-205	0.75-0.90 175-205	0.65-0.80 130-170

Handling precautions

Mandatory and recommended industrial hygiene procedures should be followed whenever our products are being handled and processed. For additional information please consult the corresponding product safety data sheets and the brochure "Hygienic precautions for handling plastics products" (Publ. No. 24264/e).

Personal hygiene

Safety precautions at workplace protective clothing gloves	yes essential	
arm protectors	recommended when skin contact likely	
goggles/safety glasses	yes	
Skin protection before starting work after washing	Apply barrier cream to exposed skin Apply barrier or nourishing cream	
Cleansing of contaminated skin		
•	Dab off with absorbent paper, wash with warm water and alkali-free soap, then dry with disposable towels. Do not use solvents	
Disposal of spillage		
	Soak up with sawdust or cotton waste and deposit in plastic-lined bin	
Ventilation		
of workshop	Renew air 3 to 5 times an hour	
of workplaces	Exhaust fans. Operatives should avoid inhaling vapours	

First aid

Contamination of the eyes by resin, hardener or mix should be treated immediately by flushing with clean, running water for 10 to 15 minutes. A doctor should then be consulted.

Material smeared or splashed on the skin should be dabbed off, and the contaminated area then washed and treated with a cleansing cream (see above). A doctor should be consulted in the event of severe irritation or burns. Contaminated clothing should be changed immediately.

Anyone taken ill after inhaling vapours should be moved out of doors immediately. In all cases of doubt call for medical assistance.

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