

Description

ADINOX® M420 is a two-component, flexibilized toughened structural adhesive formulated for the structural bonding of metals such as aluminum, stainless steel, and carbon steel, thermosets, thermoplastics, and composites. It increases vibration, fatigue, and impact resistance of assemblies. Its thixotropic amber formulation does not sag, fills gaps up to 0.39 in, and cures at room temperature with an open time of 4 to 7 minutes and handling strength in 10 to 15 minutes. It requires little or no surface preparation and resists thermal cycling, chemicals, and environmental conditions.

Features:

- High elongation (95%) with excellent impact and fatigue resistance.
- Open time of 4 to 7 minutes with handling strength in 10 to 15 minutes.
- Replaces traditional fastening methods such as welds, screws, and rivets.

Applications

ADINOX® M420 is suitable for hidden automotive assemblies, powertrains, industrial compressors, and high cyclic-vibration equipment where extreme flexibility and fatigue resistance are priorities.

Physical Properties - Liquid

Property	Resin (A)	Activator (B)
Appearance	White / various colors	White / various colors
Viscosity @ 77 °F, cP	135,000-165,000	45,000-75,000
Flash Point (TCC)	51 °F	51 °F
Density	~8.2 lbs/gal	~8.5 lbs/gal

Mixing	Value
Mix ratio by volume	10 : 1
Mix ratio by weight	9,6:1
Color (mixed)	Amber
Mixed density	~8.1 lbs/gal

Physical Properties - Cured

Property	Value
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Open time	4-7 min
Working time	10 - 15 min
Full cure	24 hours @ 77 °F
Gap filling capacity	Up to 0.39 in
Elongation (ASTM D 638)	95%
Tensile Modulus (ASTM D 638)	77,000-98,000 PSI
Tensile Strength (ASTM D 638)	>2,450 PSI
Impact Resistance (ASTM D 256)	>21 ft-lb/in
Shore Hardness (ASTM D 2240)	71-75
Service temperature	-40 to 250 °F

Lap Shear Strength (ASTM D 1002)

Substrates	Shear Strength (PSI)	Failure Mode
SS / SS	>2,900	Cohesive failure
Al / Al	>2,900	Cohesive failure
ABS / ABS	>870	Substrate failure
FRP / FRP	>2,321	Fiber tear

Composites and plastics show substrate failure; metals show cohesive failure (bond strength exceeds the adhesive's internal strength).

Material Compatibility

Substrate	Compatibility
Metals	
Stainless steel	✓
Aluminum Series 1000-6000	✓
Anodized aluminum	✓
Carbon steel	✓
Cold rolled steel	✓
Aluminum 7000 Series (Al-Zn)	✗
Galvanized steel	✗
Copper	✗
Bronze / Brass	✗
Thermoset Plastics	
Phenolics	✓
Gelcoat	✓
Epoxies	✓
Polyurethane (PU rigid / elastomer)	✓
Polyurethane (RIM / SRIM)	✓

Rigid urethane	✓
Liquid molding resin	✓
Bakelite	✓
Thermoplastics	
ABS	✓
Acrylic (PMMA)	✓
Nylon (PA)	✓
PBT	✓
PPO	✓
PVC / Vinyl	✓
PET	✓
Polycarbonate (PC)	✓
EVA	✓
PE / PP (polyolefins)	✗
PTFE (Teflon)	✗
Silicone	✗
Composites	
Fiberglass (FRP / FRT)	✓
Carbon fiber	✓
Epoxy / polyester composites	✓
Kevlar	✓
Other	
Wood	✓
Ceramics	✓

Legend: ✓ = Compatible ✗ = Not recommended

Environmental Resistance

Condition	Lap Shear Strength (PSI)	Failure Mode
Initial (baseline)	>3,100	Cohesive failure
Environmental cycle - 30 days	>3,100	Cohesive failure

Lap Shear Strength per ASTM D 1002 - Stainless Steel / Stainless Steel. Environmental Cycle = 8 hours at -22 °F, 8 hours at 185 °F, 8 hours at 86 °F at 100% RH.

Chemical Resistance

Media	Lap Shear Strength (PSI)
Gasoline	>3,100
Acetic acid (10%)	>3,000
Xylene	>3,100
Lubricating oil HD30	>3,200
Paraffin	>2,900
Water @ 73 °F	>3,000
Water @ 194 °F	>2,900

Lap Shear Strength per ASTM D 1002 - Aluminum / Aluminum. Specimens cured for 7 days at 77 °F and immersed for 1 month in the listed media.

Storage and Shelf Life

Component	Shelf Life	Conditions
Resin (Part A)	12 months from date of manufacture	Store between 55 - 75 °F. Refrigeration (45 - 55 °F) extends shelf life.
Activator (Part B)	12 months from date of manufacture	

- Sustained exposure above 75 °F shortens shelf life progressively.
- Prolonged storage above 100 °F can reduce shelf life to less than one month.
- Do not freeze.
- Bring the adhesive to room temperature for at least 24 hours before use to ensure proper cure and viscosity.
- Keep containers tightly sealed when not in use.
- Date of manufacture is printed on each container label.

Packaging

Packaging	Volume	Description
Dual cartridge 10:1	50 ml	
Dual cartridge 10:1	250 ml	
Dual cartridge 10:1	490 ml	
5 Gallon Pail	5 gal	

Application

Surface Preparation

Bonding surfaces must be clean, dry, and free of oil, grease, dust, and loose particulates.

Wipe both surfaces with isopropyl alcohol (IPA) or acetone. Remove rust or mill scale by abrasion before solvent cleaning.

Light scuff-sanding immediately before bonding improves surface wetting and maximizes joint strength. Most metals can be bonded directly after a solvent wipe without primer.

Mixing and Dispensing

Purge the dual cartridge before and after attaching the static mixing nozzle until a uniform color with no streaks is achieved.

For previously opened or aged cartridges, allow a small amount of purged adhesive to cure to confirm proper reactivity.

Apply enough adhesive to completely fill the bond gap; plan for controlled squeeze-out at joint edges.

Mix ratio is 10:1 by volume (9.6:1 by weight). Use only 10:1 cartridges and the corresponding mixing nozzles.

Assembly

Position and align parts, then dispense the adhesive. Repositioning is possible within the open time (4–7 min).

Clamp or fixture parts firmly during initial cure. Avoid excessive clamping pressure that thins the bond line.

Check adhesive hardness at joint edges with a fingernail before releasing fixtures.

Parts can typically be moved within 10 to 15 minutes at 77 °F. Full mechanical properties develop over 24 hours.

Temperature Conditions

Optimal bonding between 65 - 85 °F. Below 65 °F, cure slows noticeably and viscosity increases. Above 85 °F, cure accelerates and open time shortens; plan the assembly sequence accordingly. The viscosity of both components is temperature-sensitive.

Cleanup

Condition	Method
Uncured adhesive	Wipe away with acetone, MEK, or a compatible industrial solvent before polymerization begins.
Cured adhesive	Mechanical removal required. Soaking in a strong solvent or paint stripper may soften the cured material.

Dispensing Equipment

Recommended: disposable 10:1 dual cartridges with static mixing nozzles, or volumetric meter-mix-dispense systems.

Dispense from approved manual or pneumatic applicator guns for 10:1 cartridges.

For meter-mix systems, verify chemical compatibility between the adhesive components and all wetted surfaces.

Wetted metal parts should be stainless steel or aluminum, or lined with chemically resistant materials.

Non-metallic seals and gaskets: Teflon (PTFE) or UHMW polyethylene are recommended.

Precautions

⚠ Component A contains reactive monomer — use only in well-ventilated areas.

- ADINOX® M420 is flammable (flash point 51 °F). Keep away from heat sources, sparks, and open flames.
- Avoid adhesive contact with copper, zinc, brass, or alloys in dispensing equipment (causes premature polymerization); does not affect adhesion to galvanized substrates.
- Keep adhesive capped when not in use. Industrial use only.
- NOT UV stable — adhesive will yellow over time. Does not affect bond performance, only appearance

Limitations and Recommendations

- **Not suitable for polyolefins (PE, PP), PTFE, silicone rubber, or bituminous surfaces.**
- Not recommended for continuous immersion in strong polar solvents (ketones, esters), concentrated acids, or concentrated alkalis.
- Do not apply in oxygen-enriched environments or near strong oxidizing agents.
- Structural gap filling up to 0.39 in. Maximum safe thickness 0.59 in.
- Bond surfaces must be clean, dry, and contaminant-free.
- Use only 10:1 ratio cartridges and compatible equipment. Seals must be PTFE or UHMW polyethylene.
- Not suitable for creating imperceptible seams on work surfaces (yellows over time).

Legal Information and Disclaimer

Limitation of Warranty

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Test Methods Applied

Standard	Description
ASTM D 638	Standard test method for tensile properties of plastics. Used to determine tensile strength, modulus, and elongation of bonded assemblies by tension loading.
ASTM D 1002	Standard test method for apparent shear strength of single-lap-joint adhesively bonded metal specimens by tension loading (lap shear). The primary test for structural adhesive bond strength.
ASTM D 2240	Standard test method for rubber property - durometer hardness. Used to measure Shore D hardness of the cured adhesive.
ASTM D 256	Standard test method for determining the Izod pendulum impact resistance of plastics. Used to measure impact resistance of the cured adhesive.

Recommendation of Prior Testing

The end user must verify ADINOX® M420 performance under actual production conditions before committing to series use. Representative prior testing for the intended application and process is strongly recommended.

Units of Measurement and Glossary SI / Imperial Equivalencies

SI Unit	Imperial Equivalent
1 MPa	= 145.04 PSI
1 PSI (lb/in ²)	= 0.00689 MPa
1 N/mm ²	= 1 MPa = 145.04 PSI
1 kg/cm ²	= 14.22 PSI = 0.098 MPa
1 mm	= 0.0394 in
1 in	= 25.4 mm
1 ml	= 0.0338 fl oz
1 fl oz	= 29.57 ml
1 g/mL	= 8.345 lb/gal
°C to °F	°F = (°C × 9/5) + 32

Glossary of Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
PSI	Pounds per Square Inch
MPa	Megapascal (SI pressure unit)
cP / mPa·s	Centipoise / Millipascal-second (viscosity)
UHMW	Ultra-High Molecular Weight (polyethylene)
PTFE	Polytetrafluoroethylene (Teflon®)
TCC	Tag Closed Cup (flash point test)
FRP	Fiber Reinforced Plastic
PBT	Polybutylene Terephthalate
IPA	Isopropyl Alcohol
ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
SDS	Safety Data Sheet
UV	Ultraviolet

Technical Terms

Term	Definition
Open time	Period after combining components A and B during which the adhesive remains fluid and parts can be positioned or repositioned. For ADINOX® M420: 4-7 minutes at 77 °F.
Working time	Elapsed time after mixing needed to develop initial handling strength, allowing clamps or fixtures to be removed and parts to be

	moved carefully. For ADINOX® M420: 10 - 15 minutes at 77 °F.
Full cure	Time to reach maximum mechanical properties. Typically 24 hours at 77 °F. ADINOX Series M adhesives cure exclusively by chemical reaction between components; elevated temperature accelerates cure, reduced temperature slows it. Assemblies can enter service at approximately 80% strength (roughly 2 to 3 times the working time).
Elongation	Percentage of stretch a material undergoes before fracture, expressed as a proportion of original length.
Modulus	Ratio of stress to strain in the elastic region of a material. Higher modulus indicates a stiffer bond. Reported in PSI or MPa.
Tensile strength	Peak stress a material endures before fracture under a uniaxial pulling force, reported in PSI or MPa.

Cohesive failure	Fracture occurs within the adhesive layer itself, demonstrating that adhesion to both substrates exceeds the internal strength of the adhesive.
Substrate failure	Fracture occurs in the bonded material rather than in the adhesive, indicating the bond is stronger than the substrate.
Exothermic reaction	Chemical reaction that generates heat. In ADINOX Series M adhesives, large confined masses can reach temperatures above 250 °F and release flammable vapors.
Static mixing nozzle	Disposable tube containing internal helical elements that homogeneously blend the two adhesive components as they are dispensed.
Gap filling	Maximum clearance between mating surfaces that the adhesive can span while maintaining full structural performance.