

Description

ADINOX® C388 is a black, medium viscosity, rubber-toughened instant adhesive with high impact resistance. Provides superior shock, vibration, and thermal resistance when bonding rubbers, metals, and plastics in harsh environments. Meets military specification MIL-PRF-46050 Type II Class 2.

Physical Properties — Liquid (Uncured)

Property	Value
Appearance	Black liquid
Viscosity (Brookfield) @ 25 °C (77 °F), Spindle 1 @ 20 rpm	350 – 480 cP
Specific gravity	1.06 g/cc
Flash point (TCC)	185 °F
Shelf life (refrigerated, unopened)	12 months

Curing Mechanism

Moisture present on the surface initiates the curing process. The adhesive will continue curing for at least 24 hours to develop full strength. Handling resistance is achieved in a short period and may vary depending on environmental conditions and the substrates being bonded.

Cure Performance

The adhesive layer thickness affects cure speed. Gaps slow down curing. Activators may be applied to improve cure speed, although they may impact the overall performance of the adhesive. Recommended bond gap: 0.001 – 0.005 in (25 – 125 µm).

Physical Properties — Cured

Property	Value
Appearance	Solid, black
Softening point	329 °F
Refractive index	1.49
Lap shear strength (carbon steel/carbon steel)	> 3,480 PSI
Service temperature range	-65 to 280 °F
Full cure time	24 hours

Dielectric strength	11.6 KV/mm
Dielectric constant (@1 kHz)	5.4
COE	2.27×10^{-4} mm/mm/°C
Hardness (Rockwell)	M58
Solubility	Nitromethane, acetone, dimethylformamide

Cure Times by Substrate

Conditions: 23 °C (73 °F), 50% RH. Time to handling strength. Working time is defined as the time required to achieve a shear strength of 0.1 N/mm².

Substrate	Time
EPDM	15 – 35 sec
Nitrile rubber	15 – 35 sec
Neoprene	20 – 40 sec
PVC	20 – 38 sec
Balsa wood	25 – 45 sec
ABS	25 – 50 sec
Aluminum	25 – 50 sec
Carbon steel	25 – 60 sec
Polycarbonate	40 – 80 sec

Lap Shear Strength (ASTM D 1002 / ISO 4587)

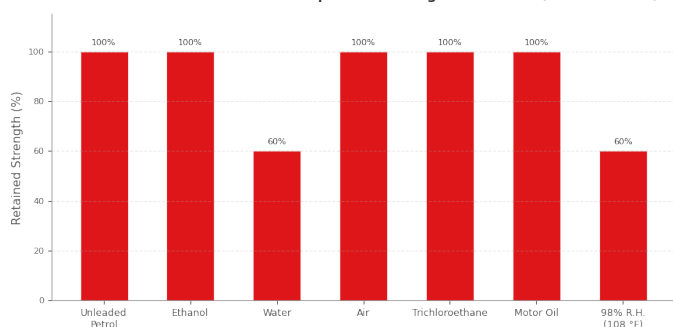
Tensile shear strength after 48 hours at 23 °C (73 °F).

Substrates	Strength (PSI)
Carbon steel / Carbon steel	2,900 – 3,916
Aluminum / Aluminum	2,030 – 3,191
Neoprene / Neoprene	> 1,450
ABS / ABS	> 870
PVC / PVC	> 870
Polycarbonate / Polycarbonate	> 725

Chemical Resistance

Specimens exposed for 6 weeks at 23 °C (73 °F) after full cure of the adhesive. Carbon steel / Carbon steel (ASTM D 1002). Bond gap: 0.05 mm. Cure: 7 days at 23 °C (73 °F). Percentage of retained strength.

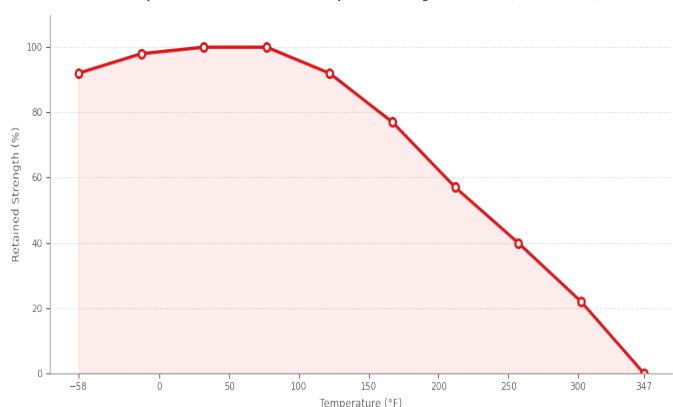
Chemical Resistance — Steel Lap Shear Strength Retention (ASTM D 1002)



Temperature Resistance

Test on carbon steel (ASTM D 1002), cured 24 h at 23 °C (73 °F), conditioned 1 h at test temperature. Percentage of retained strength.

Temperature Resistance — Steel Lap Shear Strength Retention (ASTM D 1002)



Directions for Use

- The surfaces to be bonded must be clean and free of grease.
- Apply the adhesive to one of the surfaces to be bonded. Do not use tools to spread the adhesive.
- Assemble the parts immediately. Position with precision, as only a brief adjustment time is available.
- Hold the assembly firmly in place until the adhesive has set.
- Allow the product to develop full strength before subjecting to operational loads (24 to 72 hours depending on gap, materials, and conditions).

Storage and Shelf Life

Parameter	Value
Optimum temperature	36 – 50 °F (refrigerated)
Maximum temperature	77 °F
Shelf life (unopened, refrigerated)	12 months

Refrigeration at 39 °F provides optimum storage stability. Store in original sealed container, away from moisture sources. Prolonged exposure to direct light may affect product performance.

Standard Packaging

Content
20 g (0.71 oz)
50 g (1.76 oz)
454 g (1 lb)

Cleaning

Condition	Method
Uncured (immediate)	Acetone or specialized remover.
Cured	Specialized remover or mechanical removal.
Skin contact	Soak in warm soapy water. Do NOT force apart.

Precautions

- Not recommended for use with pure oxygen and/or oxygen-rich systems.
- Do not use as a sealant for chlorine or other strong oxidizers.
- Avoid contact with eyes and skin — instant bonding.
- Use in well-ventilated areas — vapors are irritating to eyes and respiratory tract.
- In case of eye contact: flush thoroughly with water and seek medical attention.
- In case of skin bonding: soak in warm soapy water, do NOT force apart.
- Refer to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for complete hazard information.

Test Methods

Standard	Description
ASTM D 1002	Standard test method for apparent shear strength of single-lap-joint adhesively bonded metal specimens by tension loading.
ISO 4587	Adhesives — Determination of tensile lap-shear strength of rigid-to-rigid bonded assemblies.
MIL-PRF-46050	Military specification for instant-cure adhesives, Type II (medium viscosity), Class 2 (clean assembly).

Pre-Testing Recommendation

The end user is solely responsible for verifying the performance of ADINOX® C388 under actual production conditions prior to committing to series use. The following validation steps are strongly recommended:

- Bond the actual substrates under the surface conditions and contamination levels expected in the production environment.
- Measure joint strength under the relevant mechanical load modes (shear, tension, peel).
- Evaluate performance across the full intended service temperature range.
- If long-term durability is critical, conduct accelerated aging tests including thermal cycling and chemical immersion.
- Confirm that the adhesive joint design meets all applicable structural integrity requirements.

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Units of Measurement and Glossary

International System / Imperial Equivalences

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 mm	= 0.0394 in
°C to °F	°F = (°C × 9/5) + 32

Glossary of Abbreviations and Terms

Abbreviation / Term	Meaning/Definition
cP / mPa·s	Centipoise / Millipascal-second (viscosity)
TCC	Tag Closed Cup (flash point test)
COE	Coefficient of thermal expansion
KV	Kilovolt
SDS	Safety Data Sheet
Moisture curing	Polymerization initiated by trace moisture on the substrate surface.
Dielectric strength	Maximum voltage per unit thickness a dielectric material can withstand.
Softening point	Temperature at which the cured adhesive begins to lose rigidity.