

Advanced Materials**Araldite[®] LY 3508 / Aradur[®] 3475****WARM CURING EPOXY SYSTEM**

Araldite[®] LY 3508 is a toughened epoxy resin
Aradur[®] 3475 is an amine hardener

APPLICATIONS	Mass production of Automotive composites
PROPERTIES	Latent, fast cure and high toughness system for composite parts
PROCESSING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Resin Transfer Moulding (low and high pressure)• Wet Compression Moulding
PRODUCT DATA	Araldite[®] LY 3508
	Aspect (visual) white liquid
	Viscosity at 25 °C (ISO 12058-1) 11000 – 20000 ** [mPa.s]
	Density at 25 °C (ISO 1675) 1.15 - 1.20 [g/cm ³]
	Epoxy index (ISO 3001) 4.8 – 5.4 ** [Eq/kg]
	Aradur[®] 3475
	Aspect (visual) clear to slightly yellow
	Viscosity at 25 °C (ISO 12058-1) 5 – 40 ** [mPa.s]
	Density at 25 °C (ISO 1675) 0.92 – 0.99 [g/cm ³]
	Amine value (ISO 9702) 730 – 780 ** [mgX/g]

** Specified data are on a regular basis analysed. Data which is described in this document as 'typical' is not analysed on a regular basis and is given for information purposes only. Data values are not guaranteed or warranted unless if specifically mentioned.

STORAGE Provided that Araldite[®] LY 3508 or Aradur[®] 3475 are stored in a dry place in their original, properly closed containers at the storage temperatures mentioned in the MSDS they will have the shelf lives indicated on the labels. Partly emptied containers should be closed immediately after use.
Epoxy Araldite[®] LY 3508 which has crystallized and looks cloudy can be restored to its original state by heating to 60 - 80°C.

TYPICAL SYSTEM DATA

PROCESSING DATA

MIX RATIO	<i>Components</i>	<i>Parts by weight</i>	<i>Parts by volume</i>
	Araldite® LY 3508	100	100
	Aradur® 3475	20	25

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 pot life will decrease due to exothermic reaction. It is advisable to divide large mixes into several smaller containers.

Internal release agent with an amount of 0.5 – 2% is typically added to the system. It can either be mixed in as a 3rd component or premixed into the Araldite® LY 3508. The added amount depends on internal release agent type and part demolding behavior. Internal release agent used in this TDS is PAT657/HC from E. & P. Würtz GmbH & Co. (In der Weide 18, D-55411 Bingen am Rhein, Germany). Refer to respective E. & P. Würtz GmbH & Co. TDS for processing & handling details.

<i>Components</i>	<i>Parts by weight</i>	<i>Parts by volume</i>
Araldite® LY 3508	100	100
Aradur® 3475	20	25
PAT 657/HC	0.5 - 2	0.5 - 2

POT LIFE (TECAM 100G, 65%RH)	<i>[°C]</i>	<i>[min]</i>
	at 23	25 - 35

GEL TIME (HOT PLATE)	<i>[°C]</i>	<i>[min]</i>
	at 40	40 - 55
	at 110	1 - 2

The values shown are for small amounts of pure resin/hardener mix. In composite structures the gel time can differ significantly from the given values depending on the fibre content and the laminate thickness.

**INITIAL MIX
VISCOSITY**
(CONE-PLATE
VISCOSIMETER)

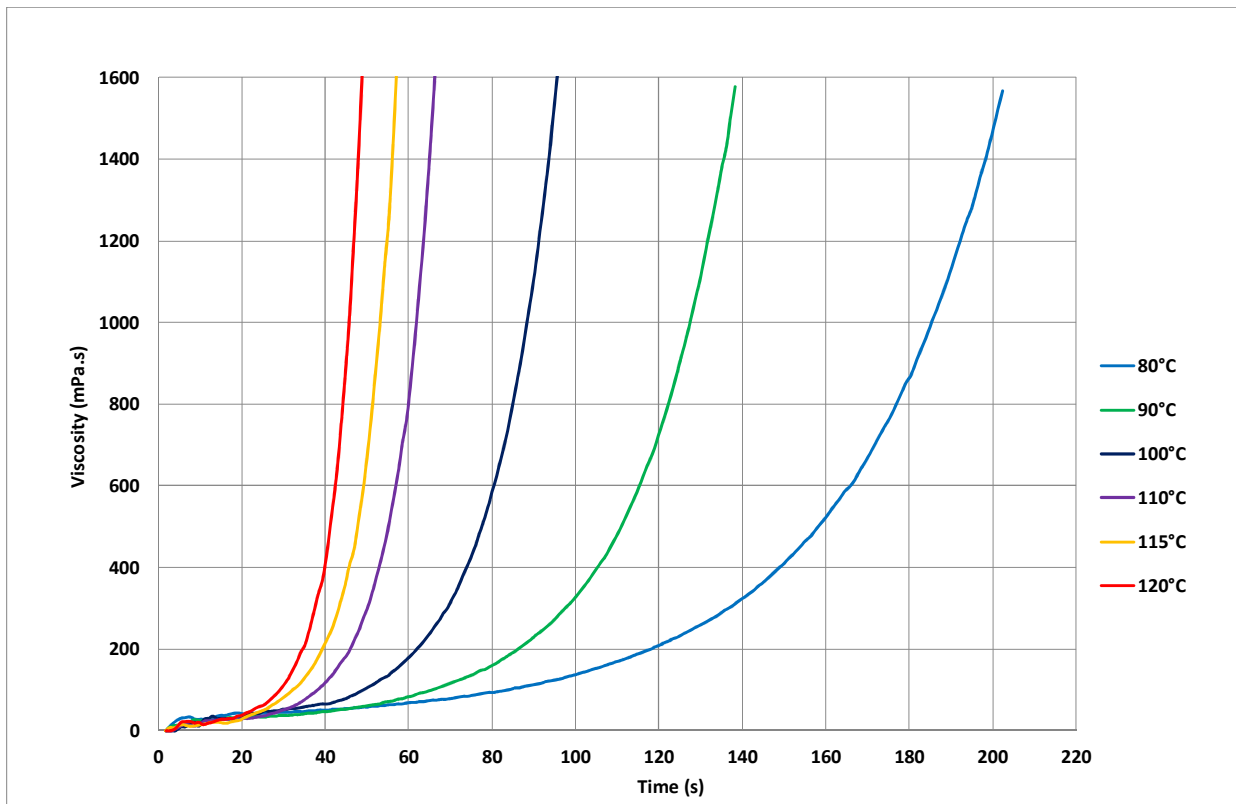
[°C]

[mPa.s]

at 25
at 40
at 60

1100 - 1300
320 - 420
100 - 130

**VISCOSITY
BUILD UP**
(BROOKFIELD)



PROPERTIES OF THE CURED, NEAT FORMULATION (Thickness 4 mm)

	<i>Components</i>	<i>Parts by weight</i>	<i>Parts by volume</i>
	Araldite® LY 3508	100	100
	Aradur® 3475	20	25
	PAT657/HC	1.5	1.5
TENSILE TEST (ISO 527-2)	<i>Cure:</i>		<i>2min. 115 °C</i>
	Tensile modulus	[MPa]	2400 - 2600
	Tensile strength	[MPa]	65 - 75
	Ultimate elongation	[%]	9.0 - 10.5
FRACTURE PROPERTIES	<i>Cure:</i>		<i>2min. 115 °C</i>
BEND NOTCH TEST (ISO 13586)	Fracture toughness K_{1C}	[MPa√m]	1.45 - 1.55
	Fracture energy G_{1C}	[J/m ²]	850 - 950
WATER ABSORPTION	<i>Cure:</i>		<i>2min. 115 °C</i>
	After 168 hours at 23 °C	[%]	0.40 - 0.50

PROPERTIES OF THE CURED, REINFORCED FORMULATION

*Samples: 6 plies Carbon fabric UD (300g/m²); Zoltek Panex 35 UD0300
Laminate thickness: 2.0 mm
Fibre volume content: 47 – 53%*

GLASS TRANSITION TEMPERATURE (ISO 11357-2, DSC, 10K/MIN)	<i>Cure:</i>		<i>2min. 115 °C</i>
	<i>Tg midpoint</i>	[°C]	120 - 130
GLASS TRANSITION TEMPERATURE (ISO 6721-4, DMA) 2K/MIN, G' onset	<i>Cure:</i>		<i>2min. 115 °C</i>
	<i>Tg</i>	[°C]	110 - 120

We recommend to specify and assess Tg on composites and not on neat resin. Indeed the exothermic behavior during neat resin coupons production is generating a significant temperature rise resulting in the resin curing to a much higher temperature and hence leading to higher Tg value compared to the final composite part.

INTERLAMINAR SHEAR STRENGTH (ASTM D 2344)	<i>Cure:</i>		<i>2min. 115 °C</i>
	<i>Shear strength</i>	[MPa]	54 - 58

**HANDLING
PRECAUTIONS****Personal hygiene**

Safety precautions at workplace

protective clothing	yes
gloves	essential
arm protectors	recommended when skin contact likely
<u>goggles/safety glasses</u>	<u>yes</u>

Skin protection

before starting work	Apply barrier cream to exposed skin
<u>after washing</u>	<u>Apply barrier or nourishing cream</u>

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
<u>of workplaces</u>	<u>Exhaust fans. Operatives should avoid inhaling vapours</u>

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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