

## CRYSTIC VE 676/1TP

### Vinyl Ester Resin

#### Introduction

Crystic VE 676/1TP is pre-accelerated, thixotropic epoxy bisphenol A based, vinyl ester resin. Crystic VE 676/1TP has excellent chemical resistance to a wide range of substances (acid, alkalis and oxidising agents).

#### Application

It is suitable for the fabrication of fibre reinforced composites by conventional techniques (spray lay-up and hand lay-up in different constructions) and for use in many chemical processing industry applications (storage tanks, vessels, ducts).

#### Features and Benefits

Crystic VE 676/1TP is less reactive than Crystic VE 671-05TPA. It has higher molecular weight, higher styrene content and higher viscosity than basic Crystic VE 671 or Crystic VE 671-05TPA. It has excellent chemical resistance, the best alkali resistance of all Crystic VE types. Crystic VE 676/1TP cures with standard catalyst as Butanox M50.

#### TYPICAL PROPERTIES

Property		Liquid Resin
Appearance	-	Violet, thix
Acid value	mgKOH/g	Max 10
Viscosity Brookfield RVT @ 25°C sp 2/20rpm	mPas	650-1000 *
Volatile content	%	43-48
Shelf life (max 25°C, in the dark)	months	6
Geltime @ 25°C using: 100g resin 1,5 Butanox M50	minutes	25-35
25°C to peak	minutes	35 – 50
Peak exotherm	°C	155-185

\*Variants available, on request, designed for improved fabrication

Properties		Cured cast resin *
Tensile strength**	MPa	80
Tensile modulus**	GPa	3.4
Elongation to break**	%	5
Flexural strength**	MPa	150
Flexural modulus**	GPa	3.8
Barcol hardness**		42
HDT **	°C	100-102
Water absorption** : 7 days	mg	35

\*\* Curing Schedule: 24 hrs at 20°C followed by 3 hrs at 100°C.

Laminate Properties	at different temperature					
Temperature (°C)	23°C	65°C	93°C	107°C	121°C	149°C
Flexural Strength (MPa)	208	198	189	101	34	22
Flexural Modulus (GPa)	7.6	6.9	5.9	3.4	3.3	1.6
Tensile Strength (MPa)	152	172	145	124	76	50
Tensile Modulus (GPa)	9.9	10.2	8.5	6.3	4.3	-
Compressive Strength (MPa)	1185	-	-	-	-	-
Glass Content (%)	40					
Laminate Construction:	V/M/M/WR/M/WR/M					

V = veil, M = CSM, W = woven roving

## Post Curing

Satisfactory laminates for many applications can be made from Crystic VE 676/1TP by curing at ambient temperature (20°C). For optimum properties and long term performance laminates should be post cured before being put into service.

The laminate should be allowed to cure for 24 hours at 20°C and then be oven cured for a minimum of 3 hours at 80°C; the time will be dependent upon the thickness of the laminate. Post curing at 100°C is advisable for high operating temperatures.

## Chemical Resistance

Crystic VE 676/1TP has excellent chemical resistance to a wide range of substances (acid, alkalis, oxidising agents) at room and elevated temperatures. A separate technical leaflet offers the user a comprehensive guide to the use of Crystic VE 676/1TP based laminates in a wide variety of chemical environments.

## Storage

Resin should be stored in dark. It is recommended that storage temperature should be less than 20°C, but should not exceed 25°C. In addition, it can be recommended that the vinyl ester resin is weekly aerated with dry and oil free air for 30 minutes through dip pipe (Note: this dip pipe should not contain any zinc or copper alloy). This is done to improve efficiency of inhibitor in order to extend the shelf life of the resin.

## Packaging

200 kg resin is supplied in 210 dm<sup>3</sup> protected drums, white coloured outside.

## Health & Safety

Please see separate Material Safety Data Sheet.

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