



SG 4528-028AL-105

LIGHTNING STRIKE PREPREG

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DESCRIPTION

SG4528-028AL-105 is a medium weight, conductive, surfacing film composed of a non-woven metallic aluminum mesh impregnated with a toughened epoxy resin. It is capable of providing Zone 1A and Zone 2A direct effects lightning protection for composite laminates.

DA4528-028AL-105 will provide a high degree of electromagnetic shielding for electric and magnetic fields associated with lightning and high powered radio frequency transmitters.

DA4528-028AL-105 can also be used for equipotential ground planes and as a counterpoise for antenna installations.

FEATURES

- ◇ Dual Co-cure capabilities between 250°F and 350°F, post curable to 350°F
- ◇ Epoxy formulation results in a tough outer shell with outstanding surfacing capabilities
- ◇ Extremely low volatile content contributes negligible surface porosity
- ◇ Excellent tack and handling properties for ease of lay-up
- ◇ Excellent environmental performance from -65°F to 300°F
- ◇ Compatible with a wide range of other epoxy prepreg systems
- ◇ Non-woven foil mesh qualified at most all composite aircraft manufacturers

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Form:	Modified epoxy impregnated non-woven mesh
Resin Weight:	.030-.035 psf
Resin Color:	white opaque
Volatiles:	Less than 1%
Metallic MC Mesh:	Astrostrike AL028
Metallic Mesh Weight:	.028 psf aluminum
Metallic Mesh Thickness:	.006" typical
Prepreg weight:	.060 psf typical
Separator:	paper, polyethylene
Tack:	Medium
Gel time:	10-12 minutes at 250°F
Out Time:	30 days at 75° F
Shelf Life:	One year at 0° F Four months at 40° F
Availability:	36" width

APPLICATION

1. Remove the material from cold storage at least 24 hours prior to use to allow for stabilization at lay up temperature conditions. Open the container box to allow air circulation around the sealed prepreg poly bag. **Important: Keep the prepreg sealed to prevent moisture from condensing on the prepreg.** If details are cut and replaced in cold storage, the prepreg must be placed in sealed containers. Shorter stabilization times can be used with these details.
2. Cut the material to size, remove the release paper
3. Apply the prepreg to the part or mold starting at one edge and proceed in a rolling motion.
4. Next using moderate hand pressure and starting in the center, proceed, in a uniform manner, to push out any air pockets toward the outer edges. The warmth of your hand will allow the material to become more conformable and impart more tack between the prepreg and the surface to which it is being applied.
5. Remove the poly liner from the prepreg by peeling it back over itself minimizing lift off. If lift off occurs or if any air pockets are noticeable, pull the poly liners back over the area and use the palm of your hand to workout the air pocket and impart more tack.
6. Use your standard debulking procedure for 10 minutes.
7. Continue the prepreg lay up.
8. Debulking after each 3-5 plies is recommended.

RECOMMENDED CURE

DA4528 is designed to cure at 250°F or 350°F. Cure at 250°F takes place in one hour at 250°F, however, cure times and temperatures can be extended to 90 minutes and post cures at 350°F to achieve a higher Tg. Alternatively, a processing profile of 60-90 minutes at 350°F can be used to effect a cure.

STORAGE

Store prepreg at 0°F for maximum shelf life.

CLEAN UP

The prepreg resin can be removed from non-bonding areas with ketones or methylene chloride solvents. Be sure to follow all the material safety data sheet guidelines for the solvent to be used.

CAUTION

This material contains epoxy resins and amines, which may cause irritation to sensitive skin. Avoid contact with eyes or skin. If skin contact occurs, wash as soon as possible with soap and water. If contact with eyes occur, flush with water for 15 minutes. Do not handle this material until the material safety data sheet has been read and understood. The user of this material is required to use the necessary protective equipment as directed by the applicable state and federal laws when handling, curing, and grinding this material.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Information in this data sheet has been obtained under controlled laboratory conditions and is believed to be accurate. Properties listed are typical values and are not intended for use in preparing specifications. Actual values may vary. No warranty is expressed or implied for which APCM or AM&E assumes legal responsibility. APCM or AM&E cannot be responsible for misapplication or handling and use under conditions beyond its control and under no circumstances shall be liable for incidental or consequential damage resulting from handling or use of this material.

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