



## Prepreg fabric data sheet

### Code # C160Ppp

#### Prepreg Properties

General Characteristics			
		Nominal	Tolerance
Mass unit per area	(g/m <sup>2</sup> )	291	±5%
Dry fabric areal weight	(g/m <sup>2</sup> )	160	±5%
Weave		Plain	
Thickness	(mm)	0.16*	±2.5%

Warp - Weft ratio			
		Warp	Weft
Fiber description		HS carbon fiber 3K	HS carbon fiber 3K
Thread count	(ends/cm)	4,0	4,0
Dry fabric weight distribution	(g/m <sup>2</sup> )	80	80
Dry fabric weight distribution	(%)	50	50
Epoxy content by weight	(%)	45 (±3)	

(\*) Theoretical thickness of compressed epoxy laminate with 40% of reinforcement in volume.

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#### Resin properties

##### Description

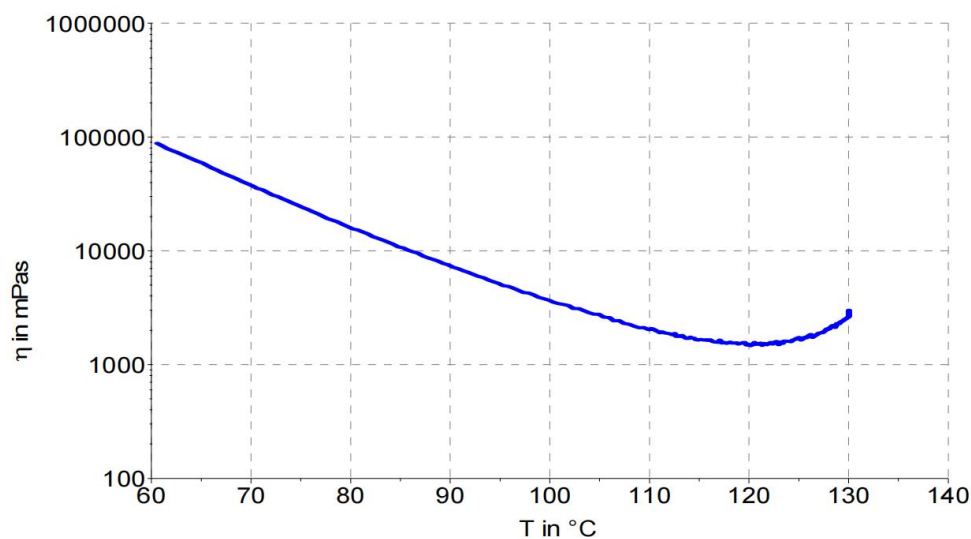
R625 is a toughened epoxy resin suitable for impregnating a wide range of carbon/glass and aramid fabrics. It exhibits high transparency and is suitable for "carbon look" composite parts where cosmetic requirements are needed. R625 can be used with composite or metal moulds, and with all standard hot processing technologies.

##### Benefits

- ◆ Field of application: automotive, sporting goods, marine, industrial.
- ◆ Different curing cycles possible
- ◆ Good mechanical properties
- ◆ Improved UV resistance

General Characteristics		
		Value
Cured resin density	(g/m <sup>3</sup> )	1,15 - 1,25
Gel Time at 125 °C (257 °F)	(min)	6'-9'
Gel Time at 110 °C (221 °F)	(min)	20' - 26'
Resin VOC on prepreg	(%)	< 1
Tg fully cured DMA	(°C (°F))	120 (248)
Shelf life at room temperature at 23 °C	(weeks)	5
Shelf Life at -18°C	(months)	18

## Viscosity VS Temperature behaviour



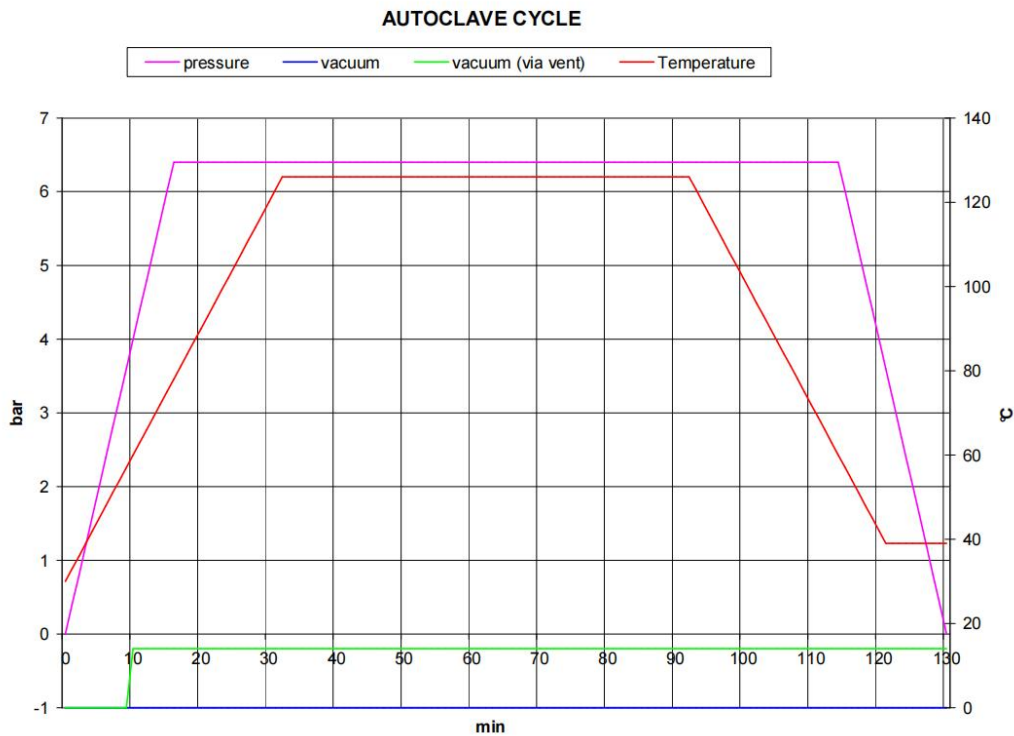
## Minimum curing cycles suggested

Curing Cycles		
Temperature	Time	Tg (°C)
110	2h	120-125
125	1h	120-125

## Process description

### Autoclave: 125°C cycle

1. After sealing the bag, apply -0.9 ÷ -1.0 bar vacuum.
2. Heat up to 125°C at 1-3°C / min rate.
3. Apply air pressure at a high rate, in order to reach the maximum possible value (e.g. 4 ÷ 7 bar) before 80°C. After process pressure is reached, it could be possible to reduce the vacuum value to -0.2 bar (via vent), depending on judgement of the autoclave operator.
4. When 125°C temperature is reached hold the pressure for at least 1h.
5. Cool to 60°C and after this release the pressure.
6. Pull the part out of the autoclave and demold at room temperature.



### Hot Press: 125°C cycle

1. Place the prepreg material into the mould at room temperature and close the mould at 1 bar pressure.
2. Heat to 125°C at a 1-3°C/min (3-5°C/min for small parts if possible).
3. When 100-110°C is reached apply 2-3 bars or more if the flow could be controlled.
4. When 125°C temperature is reached hold the pressure for at least 1h.
5. Cool to 40-50°C under pressure.
6. Demold.

R625 is a highly reactive epoxy formulation. A high heat up rate and/or high temperature can result to an exotherm reaction inside the stack lay up when thick laminates are processed (thickness over 1 cm).

*These autoclave and hot press cycles are suggestions based on Fibremax tools and experience. Different curing cycle conditions may apply to different processing equipment.*

### Typical mechanical properties

*The mechanical data below were performed on laminate cured by hot press technology at 125°C curing cycle (see above).*

Flexural strength (Mpa): 800  
 Flexural modulus (Gpa): 54  
 ILSS - Short Beam Shear (Mpa): 64

*The values are to be understood as the average of the experimental values observed.*

### Storage life

Prepregs should be stored in the original packing, at a cool dry place or in a refrigerator. Storage life is:

- ◆ 12 months at -18 °C
- ◆ 5 weeks at +23 °C

## **Precautions for use**

We recommend that users observe established precautions for handling resin and fine fibrous materials. Operators working with this product should wear clean, impervious gloves to reduce possibility of skin contact and prevent contamination of the material.

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