

# SPABOND™ 445

## TOUGHENED GAP FILLING EPOXY ADHESIVE SYSTEM

- High Tg, strength and toughness
- Excellent gap filling, low exotherm and low shrinkage properties
- Designed for cartridge and mixing machine dispense
- Two hardener speeds give a full range of working times / clamp times
- Hardeners compatible with Spabond™ 435 and Spabond™ 440
- Black cured colour is ideal for cosmetic carbon applications
- Lloyds Register & DNV-GL certifications pending
- Low Toxicity Hardener Formulations

### INTRODUCTION

**Spabond™ 445 is a toughened, high performance adhesive system ideal for bonding large structures where substrate surfaces have uneven geometry. Developed from the proven performance of its predecessors, Spabond™ 445 delivers the ease of application of Spabond™ 340 with the gap filling & cured performance of Spabond™ 345.**

The product has a thick, paste-like consistency, and can be applied without sag in thicknesses of over 30mm at 15°C, making it ideal where large, uneven vertical gluelines are required. Available with a choice of two hardeners, improved cure progression chemistry eliminates the need for an extra-slow hardener.

The unique formulation offers improved health & safety through the careful selection of low toxicity raw materials.

The product has a 3:1 mix ratio by volume. To aid mixing, the hardener components are pigmented to give visual indication of mix quality. The mixed colour for all hardener speeds is black, which is useful for improving the cosmetic appearance of bondlines involving exposed carbon composites.

Spabond™ 445 is available in cartridges and straight-sided pails & drums for machine mixing/dispense.

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	Spabond™ 400 Fast	½ hour	3 ½ - 4 ½ hours	3
	Spabond™ 400 Slow	3 ½ hours	Less than 16 hours	4

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## PRODUCT INFORMATION

The product is available in a number of formats including DNV-GL and Lloyd's Register certifications (see table) please contact your local customer support representative for more information.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	STATUS	CERTIFICATION
Spabond™ 445	Pending	DNV-GL
Spabond™ 445	Pending	Lloyd's Register

### TRANSPORT & STORAGE

The resin and hardeners should be kept in securely closed containers during transport and storage. Any accidental spillage should be soaked up with sand, sawdust, cotton waste or any other absorbent material. The area should then be washed clean (see appropriate Safety Data Sheet). Adequate long term storage conditions will result in a shelf life of 2 years for both the resin and hardeners. Storage should be in a warm dry place out of direct sunlight and protected from frost. The storage temperature should be kept constant between 10°C and 25°C, cyclic fluctuations in temperature can cause crystallization. Containers should be firmly closed. Hardeners, in particular, will suffer serious degradation if left exposed to air.

COMPONENT	UNITS	10 – 25°C
Spabond™ 445 Resin	months	24
Spabond™ 400 Hardeners	months	24

For more information on crystallization please refer to the Adhesives section on the Gurit website. ([www.gurit.com](http://www.gurit.com))

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

The product is optimised for use at 15 - 25°C. At lower temperatures the components thicken and may eventually become unworkable. To ensure accurate mixing and good workability pre-warm the resin & hardener as well as the surfaces to be bonded before use.

### SURFACE PREPARATION

Before using the product ensure that surfaces to be bonded are clean, dry and dust-free. Prepare all surfaces by abrading with medium grit paper or other suitable abrasive, remove dust then wipe with acetone.

**Metals** - requires a chemical pre-treatment to create the best bond. Please contact Gurit for a Guide to Surface Preparation and Pre-treatments.

**Polyester or vinylester** - ensure laminates are fully cured before bonding, then prepare as above.

**Epoxy laminates** - it is recommended to use a suitable Peel Ply as the last stage in their manufacture, otherwise prepare as above. Trials may be required to test Peel Ply suitability.

**Ferrocement** - etch with 5% solution of hydrochloric acid, wash with fresh water, then dry.

**Timber** - sand with abrasive paper across grain. Degrease oily timber with a fast evaporating solvent (e.g. acetone). For resinous or gummy timber, etch with 2% caustic soda solution, wash off with fresh water and dry.

### MIXING & HANDLING

Gurit recommends mixing machine dispense. If mixing by hand, mix thoroughly for at least one minute, paying particular attention to the sides and bottom of the mixing vessel, to ensure no streaks remain. Once fully mixed the adhesive should have a uniform colour. Use from pot quickly to maximise resin working life.

### CARTRIDGE USE

If dispensing product from a two component cartridge, first prime the cartridge by dispensing slowly until both resin and hardener are at the outlet of the cartridge. Secondly, clean the outlet and attach the mixing head. When starting a new cartridge, dispense and discard a small amount of adhesive (typically the length of a mix head) prior to applying adhesive to the substrate, in order to ensure thorough mixing of the system. If using a pneumatic gun, regulate supply air pressure to a maximum of 4 Bar. Relieve the pressure on the cartridge after use.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

The following points must be considered:

1. Skin contact must be avoided by wearing protective gloves. Gurit recommends the use of disposable nitrile gloves for most applications. The use of barrier creams is not recommended, but to preserve skin condition a moisturising cream should be used after washing.
2. Overalls or other protective clothing should be worn when mixing, laminating or sanding. Contaminated work clothes should be thoroughly cleaned before re-use.
3. Eye protection should be worn if there is a risk of resin, hardener, solvent or dust entering the eyes. If this occurs flush the eye with water for 15 minutes, holding the eyelid open, and seek medical attention.
4. Ensure adequate ventilation in work areas. Respiratory protection should be worn if there is insufficient ventilation. Solvent vapours should not be inhaled as they can cause dizziness, headaches, loss of consciousness and can have long term health effects.
5. If the skin becomes contaminated, then the area must be immediately cleansed. The use of resin-removing cleansers is recommended. To finish, wash with soap and warm water. The use of solvents on the skin to remove resins etc must be avoided.  
Washing should be part of routine practice:
  - before eating or drinking
  - before smoking
  - before using the lavatory
  - after finishing work
6. The inhalation of sanding dust should be avoided and if it settles on the skin then it should be washed off. After more extensive sanding operations a shower/bath and hair wash is advised.

### APPLICABLE RISK & SAFETY PHRASES

Gurit produces a separate full Safety Data Sheet for all hazardous products. Please ensure that you have the correct SDS to hand for the materials you are using before commencing work.

## SPABOND™ 445 & SPABOND™ 400 FAST HARDENER

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### MIXING AND HANDLING

PROPERTY	UNITS	Spabond™ 445 RESIN	Spabond™ 400 Fast	MIXED SYSTEM	TEST METHOD
Appearance - colour	Description	Black	Red	Black	-
Appearance - form	Description	Thixotropic Paste			-
Mix ratio by weight	Parts by weight	100	31		-
Mix ratio by volume	Parts by volume	100	33	-	-
Density at 21 °C	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.17	1.08	1.15	Archimedes

### COMPONENT & MIXED SYSTEM VISCOSITY

PROPERTY	UNITS	15 °C	20 °C	25 °C	30 °C	TEST METHOD
Spabond™ 445 Resin Viscosity	P	455 - 475	200 – 220	125 – 145	75 – 95	-
Spabond™ 400 Fast Hardener Viscosity	P	100 - 120	80 - 100	70 - 90	40 - 60	-
Initial Mixed System Viscosity	P	-	-	110 - 130	-	-
Pot-life (100 g, mixed in air)*	hrs:min	-	-	00:28	-	-
Clamp Time* (time to 2kN cleavage strength)	hrs:min	-	-	03:30 – 04:30	-	BS 5350 Part C1
Sag resistance*	mm	-	-	30	-	-

### ADHESIVE PERFORMANCE

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES	SYMBOL	UNITS	16 HOURS AT 50°C**	5 HOURS AT 70°C**	TEST STANDARD
Cleavage on steel (0.5mm bondline)	F <sub>cleavage</sub>	kN	12.3	11.4	BS 5350 Part C1
Lap shear on steel (0.5mm bondline)	τ <sub>steel</sub>	MPa	39.3	37.4	BS 5350 Part C5

### CURED MECHANICAL AND THERMAL PROPERTIES

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES	SYMBOL	UNITS	16 HOURS AT 50°C**	5 HOURS AT 70°C**	TEST STANDARD
Glass Transition Temperature	T <sub>g2</sub>	°C	74	87	ISO 11357 (DSC)
Ultimate Glass Transition Temp.	UT <sub>g2</sub>	°C	96	97	ISO 11357 (DSC)
Cured Density	ρ <sub>ply</sub>	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.18	-	Archimedes
Linear Shrinkage		%	1.73	-	Archimedes
Tensile Strength	σ <sub>T</sub>	MPa	55.1	59.0	ISO 527-2
Tensile Modulus	E <sub>T</sub>	GPa	3.18	3.14	ISO 527-2
Tensile Strain	ε <sub>T</sub>	%	5.39	5.68	ISO 527-2
3-point Flexural Strength	σ <sub>F</sub>	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	94.7	96.9	ISO 178
3-point Flexural Modulus	E <sub>F</sub>	GPa	3.04	2.98	ISO 178
3-point Flexural Strain	ε <sub>F</sub>	%	7.38	6.49	ISO 178
Charpy Impact Strength	KV	kJ/m <sup>2</sup>	3.99	3.78	ISO 179-1 (notched)
Fracture Toughness	K <sub>Ic</sub>	MPa.m <sup>0.5</sup>	1.83	1.86	ASTM D5045
28 Day Water Uptake		%	0.62	-	-

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\*\*initial cure of 24 hours at 21°C

## SPABOND™ 445 & SPABOND™ 400 SLOW HARDENER

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### MIXING AND HANDLING

PROPERTY	UNITS	Spabond™ 445 RESIN	Spabond™ 400 Slow	MIXED SYSTEM	TEST METHOD
Appearance - colour	Description	Black	Green Gel	Black	-
Appearance - form	Description	Thixotropic Paste			
Mix ratio by weight	Parts by weight	100	30		-
Mix ratio by volume	Parts by volume	100	33	-	-
Density at 21 °C	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.17	1.04	1.14	Archimedes

### COMPONENT & MIXED SYSTEM VISCOSITY

PROPERTY	UNITS	15 °C	20 °C	25 °C	30 °C	TEST METHOD
Spabond™ 445 Resin Viscosity	P	455 - 475	200 – 220	125 – 145	75 – 95	-
Spabond™ 400 Slow Hardener Viscosity	P	55 - 75	45 - 65	35 - 55	25 - 45	-
Initial Mixed System Viscosity	P	-	-	90 - 110	-	-
Pot-life (100 g, mixed in air)*	hrs:min	-	-	03:31	-	-
Clamp Time* (time to 2kN cleavage strength)	hrs:min	-	-	< 16:00	-	BS 5350 Part C1
Sag resistance*	mm	-	-	25 - 30	-	-

### ADHESIVE PERFORMANCE

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES	SYMBOL	UNITS	16 HOURS AT 50°C**	5 HOURS AT 70°C**	TEST STANDARD
Cleavage on steel (0.5mm bondline)	F <sub>cleavage</sub>	kN	12.2	11.7	BS 5350 Part C1
Lap shear on steel (0.5mm bondline)	τ <sub>steel</sub>	MPa	36.0	36.2	BS 5350 Part C5

### CURED MECHANICAL AND THERMAL PROPERTIES

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES	SYMBOL	UNITS	16 HOURS AT 50°C**	5 HOURS AT 70°C**	TEST STANDARD
Glass Transition Temperature	T <sub>g2</sub>	°C	68	79	ISO 11357 (DSC)
Ultimate Glass Transition Temp.	UT <sub>g2</sub>	°C	92	94	ISO 11357 (DSC)
Cured Density	ρ <sub>ply</sub>	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.17	-	Archimedes
Linear Shrinkage		%	1.73	-	Archimedes
Tensile Strength	σ <sub>T</sub>	MPa	49.3	52.4	ISO 527-2
Tensile Modulus	E <sub>T</sub>	GPa	3.02	2.86	ISO 527-2
Tensile Strain	ε <sub>T</sub>	%	8.33	7.92	ISO 527-2
3-point Flexural Strength	σ <sub>F</sub>	N/mm <sup>2</sup>	87.3	90.2	ISO 178
3-point Flexural Modulus	E <sub>F</sub>	GPa	3.08	2.95	ISO 178
3-point Flexural Strain	ε <sub>F</sub>	%	8.81	8.33	ISO 178
Charpy Impact Strength	KV	kJ/m <sup>2</sup>	3.76	4.68	ISO 179-1 (notched)
Fracture Toughness	K <sub>IC</sub>	MPa.m <sup>0.5</sup>	1.88	2.02	ASTM D5045
28 Day Water Uptake		%	0.78%	-	-

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