Development of Improved Composites and Adhesives for Aircraft Structures and Interiors

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## Agenda

#### Henkel Background

#### Development of Improved Products

>New Approach to development of FST products

#### > Specific Examples:

- Structural Paste adhesive for Aircraft Interiors
- Composites for structural aplications

#### > Summary



#### **Henkel Areas of Competence**



#### **Quality with Brands & Technologies**



# **Structural Adhesive Products**

#### **Hysol<sup>®</sup> Aerospace Products**

Paste, Films, Primers, Wet Peel Ply

# SynCore<sup>®</sup> Syntactic Films

Lightweight stiffening replacement

#### SynSpand<sup>®</sup> Expanding Syntactic Films

Lightweight core fill & potting Jet engine abradable seal applications

#### SynSkin<sup>®</sup> Composite Surfacing Films

Superior surface for painting & lightning strike foil/screen protection

#### **Frekote<sup>®</sup> Composite Release Polymers**

World's standard semi-permanent mold release system





# **Aerospace Group of Henkel**

- Henkel leverages R&D and PD laboratories over the world to serve the Aerospace market
- Henkel Aerospace covers the product range from pretreatment to the final bonding process



# **Development of Improved Products: Industry Needs**

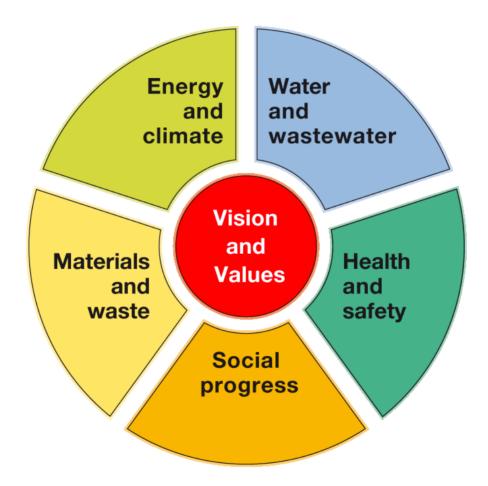


#### **Industry Needs**

- Improved Flame, Smoke and Toxicity
- > Performance criteria: mechanical, damage, temperature, ageing.....
- Meet current and future environmental standards
  - Workplace exposure resins/flame retardants
  - In service exposure
  - End of life
- Cost:
  - Acquisition: material and fabrication
  - Total life cost
- Ease of use:
  - Storage, processability, working life, cure etc



# Our Strategy for Sustainability: Five Focal Areas





# Industrial Applications/Markets of Flame Resistant Materials

#### **Aerospace Industry**

Interior (adhesives, core materials, acoustic materials, laminates)

Composite structures

#### Railway and road transportation market

Interiors (adhesives, foams, laminates)

Composite structures

#### **Naval Structures**

Interiors (adhesives, foams, laminates)

Composite structures

#### **Electronics, PCB, battery markets**

Low ignition materials, dielectrics

#### **Offshore Oil & Gas Production Platform**

#### **Building & Construction Industry**



## **Technical Analysis – Flame Resistance**

Resins	PhenolicsBenzoxazinesCyanate EstersPolyimidesSpecialty EpoxiesBismaleimide Resins (BMI)	Standard Epoxies Polyurethanes Acrylics Vinylesters Vulcanized Rubbers	Resins
Curatives	Phenolics Cresol Novolacs Amines + High Crosslink Density Melamines	DICY Acids Anhydrides Amines + Low Crosslink Density	Curatives

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## **Technical Analysis – Flame Resistance**

"The thermal stability of epoxy resins, as well as their flammability, depends on the structure of the <u>monomer</u>, the structure of the <u>curing agent</u> and the <u>crosslink density</u>"

"Thermal decomposition, combustion and flame-retardancy of epoxy resins – a review of the recent literature" S V Levchik, E D Weil Polym Int. 53 1901-1929 (2004)

#### **General Trends**

Higher Crosslink Density >> Lower Crosslink Density

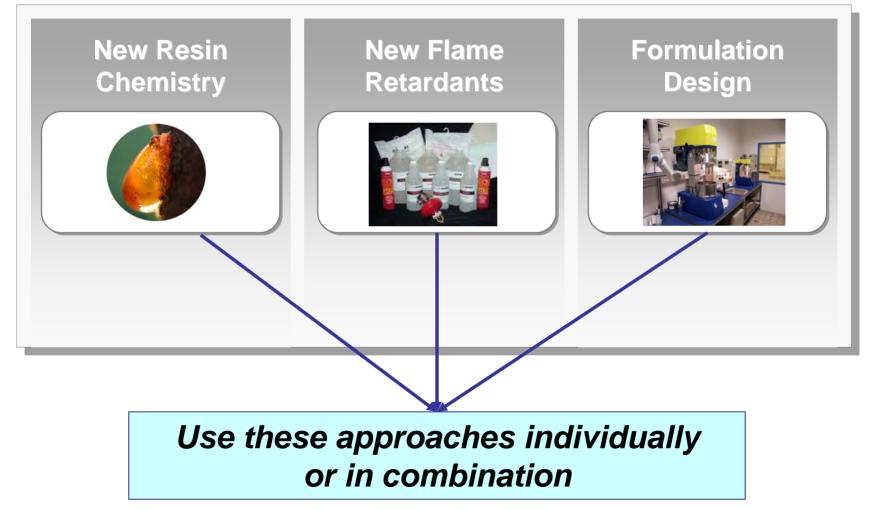
→ 1-Part Heat Cure & High Tg >> 2-Part RT Cure & Low/Med Tg

Higher Charring Tendency >> Lower Charring Tendency

→ Phenolic Systems, Highly filled Systems better



## Paths to Improved Flammability Resistance





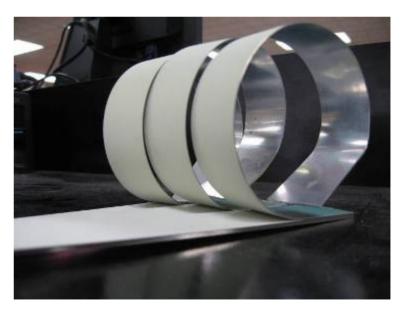
# **Structural Paste Adhesive: Aircraft Interior Applications**



## **Flame Resistant Structural Paste Adhesive**

- > Flame retardant paste adhesive designed for interior applications
- > White, two-part paste
- > High dispensability
- > High Mechanical properties
- > Meets FST requirements







# **Flame Resistant Structural Paste Adhesive** LP31007.0

Components		Part A		Part B		
Color	Color		White		Straw	
Specific Grav	Specific Gravity		1.43		1.35	
Characteristic		Moderate Liqu	,			
Mixed Adhesive		Units	Temperature		LP31007.0	
Mix Ratio A/B	volu	ume/volume			2/1	
IVIIX NAUU A/D	we	eight/weight			2.12/1	
			23°C (7	5°F)	91	

Dispensability<sup>1</sup>

Flow

1. Dispensability determined using 200 ml side-by-side cartridges

gpm

inches / 10 min

cm / 10 min

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37°C (99°F)

23°C (75°F)

300

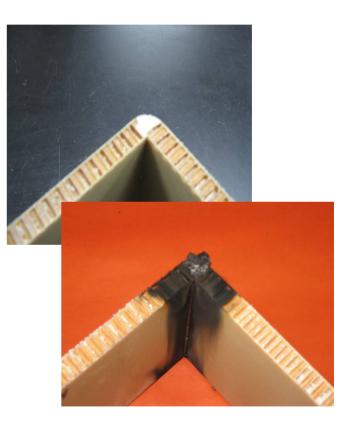
0.85

2.2

# **Typical Flammability Results**

Extinguishing Time	Burn length		
(seconds)	(cm / in)		
~1	2.5 – 3.8cm (1 – 1.5inch)		

- Corner exposed to flame for 60 Seconds
- Extinguish time is time to extinguish after ignition source is removed
- Burn Length is the distance the surface skin was eroded from the edge of specimen





# Flame Resistant Structural Paste Adhesive Mechanical Performance

Cured Properties	Units	Test Temperature	LP31007.0
Lap Shear Strength	MPa	23°C (75°F)	23.6
	IVIF a	71°C (160°F)	19.1
Working Life after 1 hour at 23°C (75°F)	MPa	23°C (75°F)	23.6
Working Life after 1 hour at 37°C (99°F) (300 gpm)	MPa	23°C (75°F)	21.8
Modified Bell Peel	N/cm	23°C (75°F)	34.7
'Ditch and Pot' Mechanical Strength	Ν	23°C (75°F)	133
'Ditch and Pot' Burn (extinguish time)	sec	NA	<1



# Flame Resistant Structural Paste Adhesive Conclusions

> Using new Technology Approach Henkel has develop a new Structural Paste Adhesive which:

- Exceeds flammability requirements
- > Has improved mechanical performance
- Meets dispensability requirements
- Long working life
- Self colored white



**Structural Composites: Benzoxazine Matrix Resins** 



# **Structural Composites Industry Needs**

Structural Composites used for many years:

- Commercial Aircraft secondary structures
- Military Aircraft primary structures
- > Main Resin Systems:
  - Epoxy
  - Bismaleimide

#### Increasing use of composites in commercial aircraft

Structure:

Fuselage, Wings

- Engines and nacelles
- High temperature areas: APUs
  Engine pylons
  Wheel wells
  - Leading edges (de-icing)







# Henkel Benzoxazine Resin

- Ambient shipping and storage
- Material costs comparable to Epoxy
- Process equivalent to Epoxy
- Excellent FST performance

#### **Compared to epoxy resins**

- Lower cure shrinkage and heat release
- > Higher hot/wet performance
- Inherent FST characteristics

## G<sub>1c</sub> G<sub>1c</sub> Henkel BZ Resin BMI BMI BMI 50 100 150 200

Hot/Wet Tg, °C

#### **Compared to phenolics**

- No microcracks
- No water generated

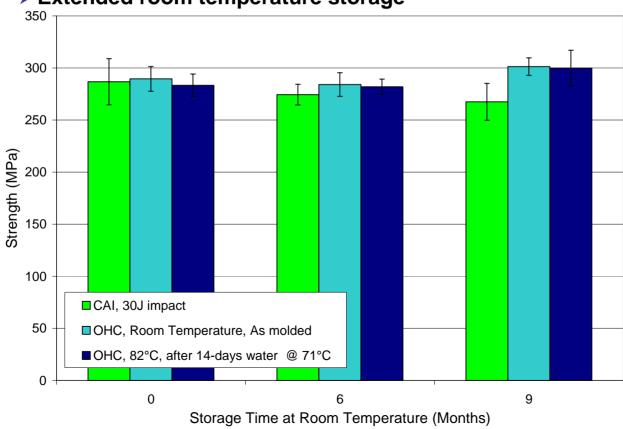
#### **Compared to BMI**

- > Lower cure temp and shorter cure time
- Lower cost
- Higher toughness



## **Epsilon Benzoxazine Prepreg Resins**

- > High retention of hot/wet properties
- > Damage tolerance equivalent to toughened epoxy prepregs
- Meets flammability and burn-through requirements



> Extended room temperature storage



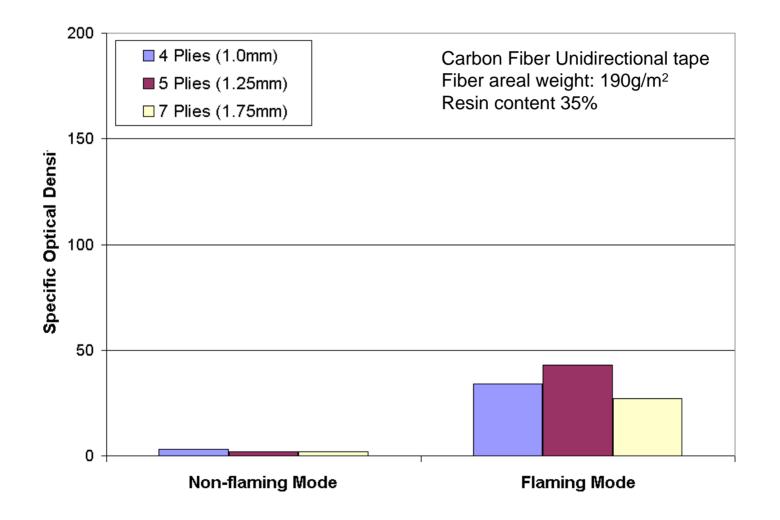
# **Epsilon Benzoxazine Prepreg Composite:** Flame, Smoke and Toxicity

Property	Units	Limit	Epsilon				
			Composite				
Vertical Burn: 60secs							
After burn length	inch	6	0.91				
After flame time	secs	15	2				
After flame time of drips	secs	3	No Drips				
			Non-Flaming	Flaming			
			Mode	Mode			
Smoke Density							
Specific Optical Density	N/A	200	3	34			
Toxicity							
HCN	ppm	150	0	0			
CO	ppm	1000	2	40			
NO/NO <sub>2</sub>	ppm	100	0	2			
SO <sub>2</sub> /H <sub>2</sub> S	ppm	100	0	2			
HF	ppm	100	0	0			
HCI	ppm	150	1	1			

4-ply Carbon Fiber Composite Unidirectional Tape: 1mm thick

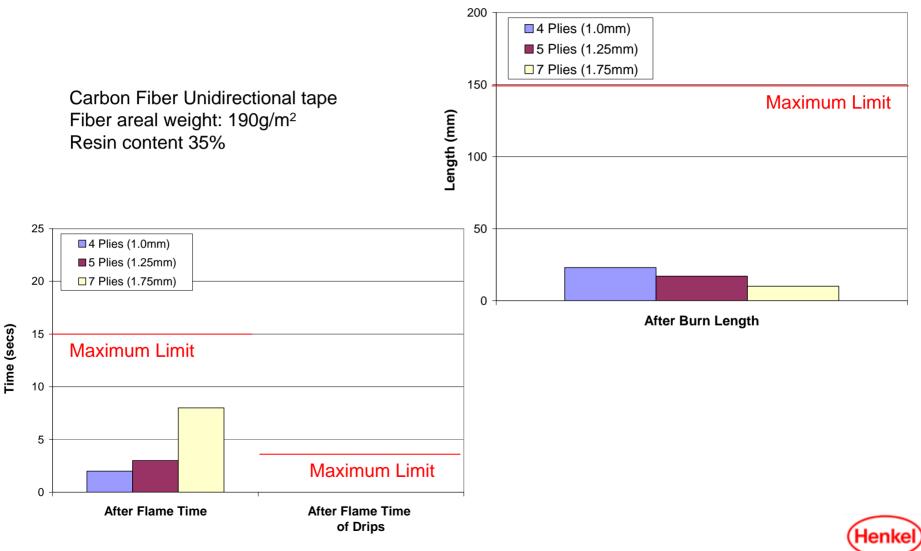


## **Structural Composite: Smoke Test Results**





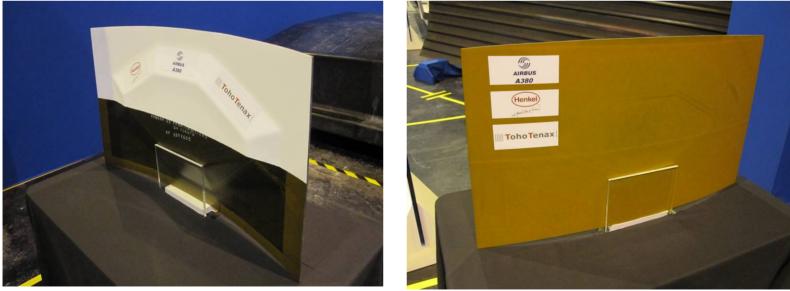
## **Structural Composite: 60sec Vertical Burn**



## **Structural Composite Application**

#### >A380 APU Housing & Duct:

- Carbon fiber, Glass Fiber Prepreg and Film Adhesive
- Meets Structural Performance requirement
- Meets standard FST requirements: OSU, Vertical Burn, Smoke, Toxicity
- >Meets oil burner 15min, 1100°C burn-through requirement







## Summary

#### > Requirements becoming more demanding:

Flame, smoke and toxicity requirements Health, safety and environmental requirements Service performance Processability Cost: Acquisition and total life cycle

#### > New approach needed to materials development:

Resin chemistry Flame retardants Formulation design

#### > Initial Product Developments

Flame retarded paste adhesive for structural bonding Structural composites using Benzoxazine matrix resin







