

ST 95

STRUCTURAL SPRINT™

- Good balance of mechanical properties
- Excellent laminate quality
- Extremely low void content
- Drape-able and conformable
- Good tack
- Fast layup
- No de-bulk necessary between plies
- Variable cure temperature 85-120°C (185-257°F)
- DNV-GL Certified

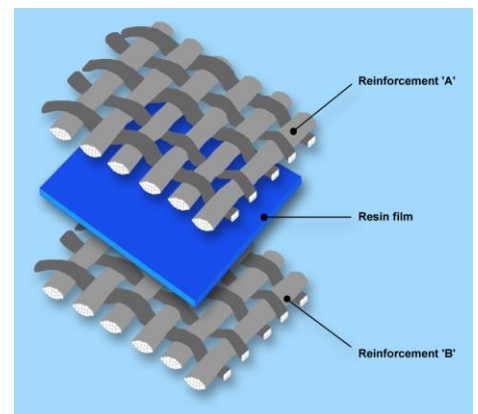
INTRODUCTION

The patent-approved ST 95 Structural SPRINT™ is a moulding material that consists of two layers of carbon or glass reinforcement either side of a precast, pre-catalysed resin film. The material therefore has the appearance of dry reinforcement that has resin concealed at its centre. Carbon and Glass SPRINT™ are available in woven or unidirectional fabric skewed to $\pm 45^\circ$ angles in a range of weights and fabric formats with a light tack film on one side to aid mould placement.

ST 95 is a toughened hot-melt, epoxy resin that offers an extremely good balance of mechanical properties. It has been formulated to maximise the out-life of SPRINT™ products at room temperature. It is ideal for structural components where improved impact performance and resistance to resin micro-cracking is desired.

ST 95 has a flexible cure envelope from 10 hours at 85°C (185°F) to 1 hour at 120°C (248°F). This makes it suitable for use in regular part production as well as for the development of trial components. The material is highly drape-able and has been designed for simple vacuum bag processing.

Structural SPRINT™ ST 95 can be used in the manufacture of a vast range of structural applications such as chassis, bulkheads, hulls and decks, for automotive and marine markets, as well as many other industrial applications.

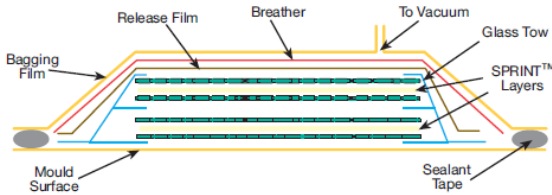


INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

1. The moulding surface must first be treated with a release agent. If a Surface Film is required, this should be applied directly to the tool face prior to the lay-up of the SPRINT™. Please refer to Processing Notes for application details.

The required number of plies of SPRINT™ are then placed on to the tool face. A thermocouple may be inserted into the lay-up outside the net trim line. Dry glass tows should be inserted between plies of SPRINT™ to provide an air evacuation path out of the laminate. The second end of the tow should be made available for contact with the breather.

2. If required, a peel ply, pre-impregnated or dry, can be applied over the top of the laminate stack. Note that for good secondary bonding of a peel-plyed surface of a laminate, a nylon peel ply such as Tygavac Stitch Ply A, is strongly recommended. The peel ply is covered entirely with a non-perforated release film such as Tygavac WL3600 or a low bleed release film, such as WL3600RP2. The release film is then covered with breather material, such as Tygavac Econoweave 44W, so that it extends over the release film in all directions and contacts the dry glass strands.



Typical processing diagram showing two SPRINT™ layers

3. Once the lay-up is complete, a vacuum bag is installed by standard techniques. At least two vacuum stems should be inserted through the bag, one connecting to the vacuum source and the other, at a point on the part furthest from the source, to a calibrated vacuum gauge. The major benefit of SPRINT™ is that it enables all of the air to be removed from the laminate prior to fibre wet out and resin cure. It is recommended that a vacuum is applied at ambient temperature prior to cure, to fully evaluate the laminate stack. This should be held for between 5 minutes and 1 hour, depending upon the size and thickness of the component. Full vacuum is then maintained throughout the cure.

4. Cure the laminate in accordance with the specification given later in this datasheet.

PLEASE NOTE:

If processing SPRINT™ with foam cores, additional resin will be required in order to provide good adhesion and fill any cuts or grooves present in the core.

The additional resin can be provided by using SA80 adhesive film between the laminate and core. Gurit can also provide SPRINT™ with a higher resin content which could be used as an alternative or in conjunction with SA80.

Core type, density, thickness, cut patterns and panel curvature will all have an effect on the additional resin requirement. Representative panels should be made to establish that sufficient additional resin has been used for the core type.

Further advice can be found in the SPRINT™ Processing Notes or by contacting Gurit Technical Support.

CURING SCHEDULE

CURE ENVELOPE AND CURED PROPERTIES

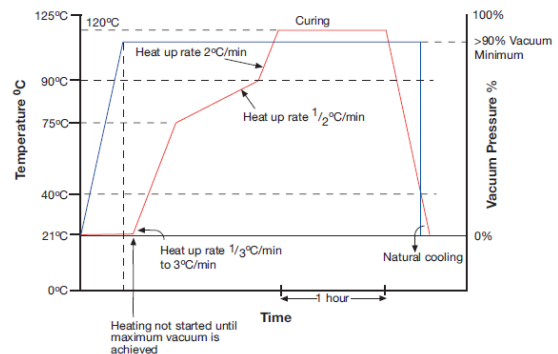
Structural SPRINT™ ST 95 has a relatively flexible cure envelope. The minimum cure is 10 hours 85°C (185°F) and rapid cure is 1 hour at 120°C (248°F). Other cure temperatures and times are given in the Working Properties section.

Structural SPRINT™ ST 95 works by first applying a vacuum to the laminate stack to remove all air. It is recommended that an ambient vacuum is applied prior to cure, to fully evacuate the laminate stack. The temperature is then increased so that the matrix resin reduces in viscosity and wets the evacuated reinforcement within the laminate. A dwell can be used at the "infusion" temperature to ensure good laminate quality. The temperature is then further increased to cause the matrix resin to cross-link and is then held at the cure temperature until the cross linking process is complete. Once this is achieved heating is removed so that the temperature is reduced under natural cooling. The vacuum must be maintained throughout the cure until the part has been cooled to 40°C (104°F).

TYPICAL CURE PROFILES

The successful use of these cure schedules will depend on part size laminate construction. Heat up rate and dwell periods need to be tailored to take consideration of oven capacity, thermal mass of tool, laminate construction etc. Data in the minimum cure temperature table on the next page is based on laminate temperatures, air temperatures may need to be higher. It is recommended that Gurit is contracted for further advice before utilising any of the suggested cure cycles.

Fast Cure Cycle Structural SPRINT™ ST 95:



PRODUCT INFORMATION

ST 95 structural SPRINT™ is available in carbon and glass, with a range of weights on a range of fabric and fibre combinations. Products are available with a standard resin content (40-42% by wt) and extra resin for core bonding (ranging from 47-50% by wt). Please see price list for the latest product information. The product formats listed to the right also benefit from 3rd Party Certification

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	CERTIFICATION
Biaxial Carbon Fabric ±45 300g/m2 30-55% resin content	DNV-GL
Woven Carbon Fabric 300g/m2 & 500g/m2 30-55% resin content	DNV-GL
Biaxial Glass Fabric ±45 300g/m2 30-55% resin content	DNV-GL
Woven Glass Fabric 300g/m2 & 500g/m2 30-55% resin content	DNV-GL

COMPATIBLE SURFACE FILMS

SPRINT™ can be used in combination with a variety of Gurit surfacing materials, suitable for many different applications. Please see price list for latest product information.

COMPATIBLE ADHESIVE FILMS

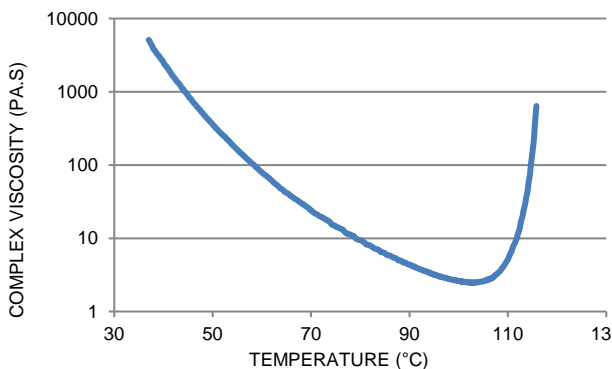
Gurit have a range of SA 80 adhesive films which can be used with all SPRINT™ materials. These are supplied with a supporting medium in 250g and 400g film weights.

PREPREG PROPERTIES

RHEOLOGY DATA

ST 95 resin viscosity profile conducted at 1°C (1.8°F)/minute.

PROPERTY	VALUE	
Minimum Viscosity	2.44 Pa.s	24.4 P
Temperature at Minimum Viscosity	103 °C	217 °F



TRANSPORT & STORAGE

When stored sealed & out of direct sunlight.

STORAGE TEMP		UNIT	VALUE
-18°C	0°F	months	24
+18-22°C	64-72°F	days	14

The self-impregnation of the SPRINT™ can compromise its ability to generate high quality laminates as the air breathing properties decrease after a certain length of time at ambient temperature. Self-impregnation will increase the tack and reduce the drape of the material. While self-impregnation will vary from product to product, most SPRINT™ materials stored at ambient temperatures will self-impregnate within approximately two weeks. It is recommended that ambient temperature storage is below 22°C (71°F) as higher storage temperatures will induce premature self-impregnation. All SPRINT™ materials should be stored in a freezer when not in use to maximise their useable life, since the low temperature reduces the reaction of resin and catalyst to virtually zero. However, even at -18°C (0°F), the temperature of most freezers, some reaction will still occur. In most cases after some years, the material will become unworkable. To avoid condensation on the rolls allow to reach room temperature before unwrapping.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Please refer to product SDS for up to date information specific to this product.

MINIMUM CURE TIME & TEMPERATURE

ST 95 SPRINT™ using vacuum bag processing with recommended minimum cure of 10 hours at 85°C (185°F)

PROPERTY	ULTRA SLOW CURE CYCLE	STANDARD CURE CYCLE	FAST CURE CYCLE	TEST STANDARD
Processing Method	Vacuum Bag			
Typical Ramp Rate	0.3°C (0.5°F) per minute	1°C (1.8°F) per minute	2°C (3.6°F) per minute	-
Cure Temperature	78°C (172°F)	85 °C (185°F)	75°C (167°F)	-
Cure Dwell Time	120 (min)	600 (min)	0.5°C (0.9°F) per minute to 90°C (194°F)	-
Post-Cure Temperature	85°C (185°F)	-	120°C (248°F)	-
Post-Cure Dwell Time	600 (min)	-	60 (min)	-
Cure Pressure	-1 (bar)			-
Dry Tg ₁ (DMA)	100 to 105°C (212 to 221°F)		123°C (253°F)	ASTM D7028

* It is recommended that laminate temperatures are monitored throughout the cure. 0.3°C (0.5°F)/min should be considered the minimum ramp rate.

LAMINATE PROPERTIES

Where possible, properties presented are multiple batch data and witnessed by a third party surveyor on a standard fibre type. Customers with specific requirements should contact Gurit technical support who can recommend suitable fibres and formats.

CURED RESIN PROPERTIES

Resin cast oven cured using standard processing techniques and standard cure of 10 hours at 85°C (185°F)

PROPERTY	SYMBOL	10 HOURS @ 85 °C (185°F)		TEST STANDARD
Tensile Strength	σ_T	79 MPa	11.5 ksi	ISO 527-2
Tensile Modulus	E_T	3.3 GPa	0.48 Msi	ISO 527-2
Compressive Strength	σ_C	127 MPa	18.4 ksi	ISO 604
Compressive Modulus	E_C	3.5 GPa	0.51 Msi	ISO 604

WOVEN LAMINATE PROPERTIES

Cured using standard processing techniques and standard cure of 10 hours at 85°C (185°F). Where test directions are provided they are with respect to the warp direction of the roll.

PROPERTY	SYMBOL	UNIT	RC303T / ST95 / RC303T	RE301 / ST95 / RE301	WRE581T / ST95 / WRE581T	TEST STANDARD
Resin Content	-	%	51	46	41	ASTM D 3171 Method II
Cured Ply Thickness	-	mm	0.81	0.63	1.08	ASTM D792
Fibre Volume Fraction	-	%	41.0	36.6	41.3	ASTM D 3171 Method II
0° Tensile Strength*	X_T	MPa	987	621	607	ISO 527-4
0° Tensile Modulus*	E_t	GPa	58	31	28	ISO 527-4
0° Compressive Strength*	X_C	MPa	610	678	600	SACMA SRM1-94
0° Compressive Modulus*	E_c	GPa	60	32	31	SACMA SRM1-94
ILSS	τ_M	MPa	59	58	53	ISO 14130

*Normalised to 55% fibre volume fraction

MULTIAXIAL LAMINATE PROPERTIES

Cured using standard processing techniques and standard cure of 10 hours at 85°C (185°F). Where test directions are provided they are with respect to the warp direction of the roll.

PROPERTY	SYMBOL	UNIT	+45° 300GSM / ST95 / -45° 300GSM SKEWED CARBON BIAX	TEST STANDARD
Resin Content	-	%	42	ASTM D 3171 Method II
Cured Ply Thickness	-	mm	0.77	ASTM D792
Fibre Volume Fraction	-	%	43.4	ASTM D 3171 Method II
±45° Tensile Strength*	X_T	MPa	1040	ISO 527-4
±45° Tensile Modulus*	E_t	GPa	57	ISO 527-4
±45° Compressive Strength*	X_C	MPa	649	SACMA SRM1-94
±45° Compressive Modulus*	E_c	GPa	63	SACMA SRM1-94
±45° ILSS	τ_M	MPa	46	ISO 14130

*Normalised to 55% fibre volume fraction

NOTICE

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