Technical Data Sheet

ALCHEMIX® PU 3617

Two Component Rigid Polyurethane Foam System
250 kgm^{-3} Free Rise Density

ALCHEMIX PU 3617 is a two component polyurethane foam system, that when mixed gives a medium density rigid foam. ALCHEMIX PU 3617 can be used for a variety of applications such as structural infill of hollow components .The foam is durable and has excellent physical properties. Typical free rise density is between 240 – 260 Kgm^{-3},

Mix Ratio

	PU 3617A :	PU 3617B
By Weight	100 :	85
By Volume	100 :	74.6

Product Data

Property	Units	PU 3617A	PU 3617B	Mix
Material	-	Formulated polyol blend.	Isocyanate	polyurethane
Appearance	-	Clear, yellow liquid	Brown liquid	Rigid yellow foam
Viscosity (25℃)	mPa.s	640	210	-
Density (25℃)	g/cm^3	1.08	1.23	-
Cream Time (200g, 25℃)	seconds	-	-	35 – 45
Thread Formation Time (200g, 25℃)	seconds	-	-	150 – 180
Tack Free Time (200g, 25℃)	seconds	-	-	260 – 290
Rise Time (200g, 25℃)	seconds	-	-	180 – 240
Free Rise Density	kgm^{-3}	-	-	240 – 260
Exotherm (200g, 25℃)	℃	-	-	140
Demould Time (15mm, 25℃)	minutes	-	-	45
Demould Time (50mm, 25℃)	minutes	-	-	20

Method of Use

Calculating Shot size

To calculate how much ALCHEMIX PU 3617 is required to fill the cavity, known as the "shot size", first calculate the volume of the cavity (in m^3). The amount of foam required is then calculated as follows:

Amount of PU 3617 (kg) = Desired Density (kgm^{-3}) $\times$ Cavity Volume (m^3)

ALCHEMIX PU 3617 has a free rise density of approximately 250 kgm^{-3}, but for best results the foam should be overpacked to give a minimum moulded density of approximately 280 kgm^{-3}.

Preparation

ALCHEMIX PU 3617A and B components should be processed at a temperature of 18 – 25°C, using the product at temperatures lower than 18°C will give inferior physical properties. The cavity to be filled should be at 25°C. The cavity should be dry and free from contamination such as grease, dust or dirt. It is important to allow some small bleed holes in the cavity to allow any gas generated to escape.

Mixing and Pouring

Once the mould has been prepared, accurately weigh out the required quantity of ALCHEMIX PU 3617A into a clean mixing vessel. Weigh the required amount of ALCHEMIX PU 3617B into the mix vessel and immediately mix the two components until they are homogenized. ALCHEMIX PU 3617 should be mixed mechanically at a speed of > 2000 rpm. The mixed material should be cream/ brown in colour and should be streak free. Poor mixing will result in poor quality foam. Immediately pour the mixed material into the cavity. It is important that the mixing/ pouring operation is completed before the cream time of the foam (30 seconds).

Full Cure

ALCHEMIX PU 3617 is a fast curing system, the foam can be cut after a minimum of 2 hours, full cure will take up to 72 hours. It should be noted that reaction times and cure time are affected by factors such as liquid temperature, cavity temperature, room temperature and cavity volume and shape. For this reason, trials should be carried out to determine the minimum cure time for each individual system.

Trials

When using ALCHEMIX PU 3617 for the first time, or when using new cavity shapes or volumes, trials must be carried out to determine the appropriate shot size.

Storage

ALCHEMIX PU 3617A and B should be stored in original, unopened containers between 20 and 25℃. ALCHEMIX PU 3617B may crystallise partially or completely if not stored at above 20℃. Like all polyurethanes, both components are moisture sensitive. Moisture absorption will cause excessive aeration in cast parts. KEEP THE PACKING TIGHTLY SEALED WHEN NOT IN USE.

If stored under the above conditions, ALCHEMIX PU 3617A and B will have a shelf life of 6 months, from the date of production.

Packaging

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Further Information

Please contact our Technical Department for any further advice on the use of this product.

All data listed relates to typical values. This data should not be considered a product specification.

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