

# DuPont 548X

POLYMER SERIES COMPOSITION

## Technical Data Sheet

### Product Description

DuPont 548X polymer compositions are intended for encapsulation on hybrid circuits, resistor networks and chip components. The polymers are intended to be applied to ceramic substrates by screen printing, then cured at 180-200°C.

### Product Benefits

- Smooth surface with excellent hardness
- Non-flammable single component epoxy type
- Thermoset process (180-200°C, 20-30 min)
- High adhesion
- Good Printability
- Good solvent and environmental resistance

### Design Note

For optimum smoothness, printing with a double pass squeegee is recommended.

### Processing Substrates

Substrates of different compositions and from various manufacturers may result in variations in performance properties.

### Printing

12-14µm cured thickness, this is best achieved using a 200 mesh stainless steel screen with a 20µm emulsion thickness and squeegee of 70 durometer.

### Drying

Allow prints to level for 5 -10 minutes at room temperature, then dry for 10 minutes at 150°C

### Composition Properties

Test	Properties
Viscosity (Pa.s) 5480 <sup>1</sup> 5487 5483	40 - 70 50 - 110 85 - 150
Coverage [cm <sup>2</sup> /g] (Based on a cured film thickness of 13µm)	~240
Thinner	5490A
Clean Up Solvent	5490A
Shelf life	3 months

<sup>1</sup> Brookfield HAT, Utility cup & spindle (SC4-14/6R), 10 rpm, 25°C ± 0.5°C

This table shows anticipated typical physical properties for DuPont 548X based on specific controlled experiments in our labs and are not intended to represent the product specifications, details of which are available upon request.

### Thinner

The compositions are optimized for screen printing, thinning is not normally required. When necessary, use the DuPont recommended thinner for slight adjustments to viscosity or to replace evaporation losses. The use of too much thinner or the use of a non recommended thinner may affect the rheological behavior of the material and its printing characteristics.

<b>Typical Cured Properties<sup>1</sup></b>		
<b>Encapsulant</b> 5480 (White) 5487 (Green)		
Bulk resistivity ( $\Omega^{\circ}\text{cm}$ )		
Initial		$> 1 \times 10^{15}$
After PCT <sup>2</sup>		$> 1 \times 10^{12}$
Insulation resistivity ( $\Omega^{\circ}\text{cm}$ )		
Initial		$> 1 \times 10^{15}$
After PCT <sup>2</sup>		$> 3 \times 10^{12}$
Solvent resistance <sup>3</sup>		
Acetone		No appearance change
MEK		No appearance change
Alkali resistance <sup>3</sup>		
(10 wt %/NaOH)		No appearance change
Acid resistance <sup>3</sup>		
(10 vol % / HCl)		No appearance change
Adhesion <sup>4</sup>		
On glass substrate		
Initial		OK
After PCT <sup>2</sup>		OK
On alumina substrate		
Initial		OK
After PCT <sup>2</sup>		OK
<b>Test Procedure</b>		
1) Curing conditions are 180°C, 30 minutes profile single curing cycle		
2) PCT: Pressure cooker test at 125°C, 2 atmospheres, for 3 hours		
3) 5 hours Immersion at 25°C		
4) Crosscut Scotch tape peel test (100 pads)		

### Curing

180 - 200°C for 20 - 30 minutes. A darkening of the polymer film will occur with higher curing temperatures. Fast curing can be achieved with an infrared dryer. Conditions need to be optimized for type of dryer and color of paste.

### Printing

The composition should be thoroughly mixed before use. This is best achieved by slow, gentle hand stirring with a clean burr-free spatula (flexible plastic) for 1-2 minutes. Care must be taken to avoid air entrapment. Printing should be performed in a clean and well ventilated area.

Note: optimum printing characteristics are generally achieved in the room temperature range of 20°C - 23°C. It is therefore important that the material, in its container, is at this temperature prior to commencement of printing.

### Storage and Shelf Life

Containers should be stored, tightly sealed, in a clean, stable environment at 0 - 5°C. Shelf life of material in unopened containers is three months from date of shipment. Some settling of solids may occur and compositions should be thoroughly mixed prior to use.

### Safety and Handling

For Safety and Handling information pertaining to this product, read the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).



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