

## Technical Data Sheet

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# Rapidstick™ 8-400 Methacrylate Structural Adhesive

PART NUMBER	AVAILABLE SIZE*
8-400-50	50ml, 10:1 Dual Cartridge
8-400-490	490ml, 10:1 Dual Cartridge

\*Available colours and/or sizes may change without notice.

## DESCRIPTION

Chemtools® Rapidstick™ 8-400 Structural Adhesive is a two-component, 100% reactive toughened adhesive with excellent impact, peel, and shear resistance in a convenient 10:1 mix ratio. Its non-sagging and thixotropic formulation is specially formulated to bond low surface energy plastics of many grades, without the need for surface primer or pre-treatment.

8-400 fills gaps up to 3mm and is room temperature cured with a short open time, forming a strong and durable bond that is resistant to humidity and moisture, chemicals, and temperature fluctuations. It is typically used for automotive components, marine assemblies, sporting goods, electronics enclosures, electrical appliances, furniture, plastic fabrications, metal fabrications, and signs.

Recommended bonding surfaces include, but are not limited to:

Polypropylene (PE)	Polyethylene (PP)	Thermoplastic Polyolefins (TPO)	Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
Polystyrene (PS)	Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET)	Polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE or Teflon®)	Thermoplastic Elastomers (TPE)
Polyurethane (PU)	Polyoxymethylene Propylene (FEP)	Acrylonitrile Butadiene Styrene (ABS)	
Fluorinated Ethylene Propylene (FEP)		Ultra-High-Molecular-Weight Polyethylene (UHMWPE)	

## TECHNICAL DATA

Colour	Resin: Amber / Activator: Cream
Viscosity @ 25°C (Brookfield RVT)	Resin: 75 – 100,000 / Activator: 25 – 30,000
Density (Kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Resin: 1048 / Activator: 1066
Mix Ratio (Weight & Volume)	10:1
Mixed Viscosity	60,000 – 70,000 Thixotropic
Working/Open Time	2 – 3 minutes
Fixture/Handling Time	2 – 3 hours
Full Cure	24 hours at room temperature
Hardness (Shore D)	50 – 60
Gap Fill	Up to 3mm
Tensile Strength	2,000 psi
Modulus @ 1% Strain	81,000 – 86,000 psi
Elongation	5 – 10%
Temperature Resistance	-40°C to +120°C
Chemical Resistance	Most common chemicals and solvents
Shelf Life	12 months from the date of manufacture

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### LAP SHEAR STRENGTH DATA (ASTM D1002) AFTER 7 DAYS @ 25°C

Note: Substrate failure means substrate is failing before the adhesive bond.

Substrates	Lap Shear Strength & Failure Mode
PP to PP	1,275 psi – Substrate Failure
HDPE to HDPE	1,150 psi – Substrate Failure
LDPE to LDPE	950 psi – Substrate Failure
UMHWPE to UHMWPE	750 psi – Substrate Failure
TPO to TPO	1,425 psi – Cohesive Failure
PTFE to PTFE	325 psi – Adhesive Failure
PVC to PVC	2050 psi – Adhesive Failure

### COVERAGE GUIDE

CARTRIDGE TYPE	MMA COVERAGE CHART					BOND LINE COVERAGE ↓
	BEAD SIZE (ROUND) VS APPROX. BOND LINE COVERAGE PER CARTRIDGE					
1:1 MIX RATIO	1/8 inch 3.175 mm	1/4 inch 6.35 mm	3/8 inch 9.525 mm	1/2 inch 12.70 mm	5/8 inch 15.875 mm	
50ML	12,649.2	3,149.6	1,397	787.4	508	mm
	126.50	31.50	13.97	7.87	5.08	cm
	1.26					M
200ML	55,575.2	13,868.4	6,197.6	3,454.4	2,209.8	mm
	555.76	138.68	61.98	34.55	22.10	cm
	5.56	1.39				M
400ML	101,015.8	25,273	11,268	6,299.2	4,038.6	mm
	1,010.16	252.73	11.27	62.99	40.39	cm
	10.10	2.53				M

### APPLICATION GUIDE

All surfaces must be clean and dry, and free of dust and grease. Best results will be achieved with surfaces that have been lightly abraded immediately prior to bonding.

Adhesive should be dispensed using the 10:1 static mixer supplied with the cartridge, following application guidelines below.

After application, test the curing adhesive at the edges for fingernail hardness before removing any clamps or fixtures.

### APPLICATION GUIDELINES

#### Preparing the Cartridge and Static Mixer

Ensure the cartridge is properly loaded into the dispensing gun. Attach the 10:1 static mixer securely to the end of the cartridge, ensuring a tight fit.

#### Priming the Mixer

To ensure that both components are flowing evenly and mixing correctly, dispense a small amount of adhesive through the mixer until a uniform colour is achieved.

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### The Mixing Process

As the two components pass through the static mixer, the compound with the greater volume in the cartridge enters the nozzle at a ratio 10 times that of the other. The internal elements of the mixer ensure that both components are thoroughly combined before exiting the tip, providing optimal performance of the adhesive.

### Dispensing the Adhesive

Squeeze the trigger of the dispensing gun and ensure a steady and consistent flow of the mixed material by maintaining a constant pressure on the trigger.

Apply the mixed adhesive directly to the substrate or surface where bonding is required. Work quickly, as the adhesive may start to cure once mixed.

### Cleaning and Storage

After use, remove the cartridge from the dispensing gun and dispose of any unused material properly. If the adhesive cures inside the mixer, it will need to be replaced before the next use. Store the cartridge and static mixer in a cool, dry place to prolong shelf life.

Adhesive components and mixed adhesive should be removed from mixing and application equipment with a suitable industrial solvent or cleaner before the mixed adhesive cures. Once cured, soaking in a strong solvent or paint remover will be required to soften the adhesive for removal.

### Maintenance

Regularly inspect the static mixer for any blockages or damage that may affect the dispensing process. Replace the static mixer when necessary to ensure proper mixing and dispensing at the correct ratio for optimum adhesive performance.

## CURING

Working Time is the approximate time after mixing components A and B that the adhesive remains fluid and bondable.

Fixture Time is the approximate time after mixing components A and B required for the adhesive to develop sufficient strength to allow careful movement, unclamping, or demolding of assembled parts. Parts can generally be put into service when 80 percent of full strength is developed.

The time to achieve 80% cure is approximately 2-3 times that required for fixturing.

Note: The chemical curing reaction that occurs when components A and B are mixed generates heat. The amount of heat generated is controlled by the mass and thickness of the mixed product. Large masses over 12.7mm thick can develop heat in excess of +120°C and can generate harmful, flammable vapours. Large curing masses should be carefully moved to a well-ventilated area where the chance of personal contact is minimised.

## ADVICE ABOUT DISPENSING EQUIPMENT

Care must be taken to ensure compatibility between the adhesive components and the materials in the equipment that they contact. All wetted metal components should be constructed of stainless steel or aluminium, or have a sufficient thickness of chemically resistant material that prevents contact between the adhesive components and the base metal.

Contact with copper, zinc, brass, or other alloys containing these materials must be strictly prevented. All non-metallic seals and gaskets should be fabricated from Teflon® or UHMW polyethylene-based materials.

## SHELF LIFE

**12 months from the date of manufacture** in accordance with the following conditions:

Store continuously between 13°C and 23°C. Long term exposure above 23°C will reduce the shelf life of these materials. Prolonged exposure of activators, including cartridges which contain activators, above 37°C quickly diminishes the product's reactivity and should be avoided. Shelf life can be extended by refrigeration (8°C - 12°C). Do not freeze.

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### FIRST AID & SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

**Always refer to Safety Data Sheet/s before use.** Use proper Personal Protection Equipment. Do not get in eyes, on skin, or on clothing. Use with adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing fumes. Keep away from heat, sparks, open flames, and hot surfaces. This product may produce adverse health conditions, ranging from minor skin irritation to serious systemic effects. It should not be used, stored, or transported until the handling precautions and recommendations as stated in the Safety Data Sheet/s for this product have been fully understood by all persons who will work with the material.

### STORAGE & TRANSPORT

**Refer to Safety Data Sheet/s for recommendations.** As a general precaution, keep containers tightly closed, protect from sunlight, and do not expose to temperatures exceeding 50°C. Store in a cool, dry place at room temperature (5 – 40°C). Do not return any unused material to its original container. Containers should be secured and stored upright during transit.

### DISCLAIMER

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