

LOCTITE NS 5550

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

LOCTITE® NS 5550 provides the following product characteristics:

Technology	Sealant
Chemical Type	Thermally Reactive
Appearance	Brown Fibrous Paste
Cure	Heat Cure
Application	Sealant for Flanges
Application Temperature	15 to 30 °C (59 to 86 °F)
Service Temperature	260 to 815 °C (500 to 1,500 °F)
Strength	High
Specific Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One component Non-sag Chemical Resistant

LOCTITE® NS 5550 is a thermal reactive fibrous paste sealing compound that is used in high temperature and high pressure applications. In the presence of heat, LOCTITE® NS 5550 will form a "mechanical type" seal. LOCTITE® NS 5550 will not cement the flanges together, thus, it will not interfere with future repairs of metal-to-metal joints. LOCTITE® NS 5550 is unaffected by thermal cycling. This product has been successfully used to seal flanges up to 5,000 psi.

TYPICAL PROPERTIES OF UNCURED MATERIAL

Density @ 25 °C	Lb/gal	11.1
Viscosity Brookfield- DV-E	mPa s (cP)	1,910,000
K-Factor at 55 Ksi		0.13
Flash Point		See SDS

TYPICAL CURING PROFILE

@ 300 °F (149 °C)	hours	2
@ 400 °F (204 °C)	hours	1
@ 500 °F (260 °C) +	hours	< 1

TYPICAL PERFORMANCE OF CURED MATERIAL

Breakloose Torque, ISO 10964 1.25 inch dia, 7 pitch, B-7 Bolt w/ 2H Nut Ambient (200 make-up torque)	Ft*Lb	230
Breakloose Torque, ISO 10964 1.25 inch dia, 7 pitch, B-7 Bolt w/ 2H Nut 1,300 °F (200 make-up torque)	Ft*Lb	60

TYPICAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESISTANCE

Tables below show chemical resistance:

Alkalies

		Temperature	24 hrs
Sodium Hydroxide	10 %	80 °C	Not Recommended

Solvents

		Temperature	24 hrs
Water/Steam	100%	107 °C	Suitable
Isopropanol	100%	80 °C	Suitable

Hydrocarbons

		Temperature	24 hrs
ISOPAR M	100%	80 °C	Suitable
Transmission Fluid	100%	107 °C	Not Recommended

GENERAL INFORMATION

This product is not recommended for use in pure oxygen and/or oxygen rich systems and should not be selected as a sealant for chlorine or other strong oxidizing materials. For safe handling information on this product, consult the Safety Data Sheet (SDS).

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Surface Preparation

Remove dirt, oil, grease etc. with a suitable cleaner, e.g. Loctite® SF 7840™ (Loctite® Natural Blue® cleaner/degreaser).

Application

1. Surface should be clean and dry (free from oil or foreign material to ensure proper sealing/adhesion)
2. Apply a thin coat to sealing surface with brush (if sealing threads, apply only to the male threads)
3. Close and tighten joint (torqued to the equipment manufacturer's specifications if sealing a bolted flange)
4. Product will cure in service with heat (See Note)

Note: In high pressure applications or when pressure testing at ambient, it is recommended to pre-cure with a heat gun, oven, or to dry fire / blow down at atmospheric (running heat without pressure). Unlike silicone or epoxy products, our thermosetting sealants require heat to cure.

Clean-up

Immediately after use, clean tools with suitable cleaner, e.g. Loctite® SF 7070™ or a solvent such as acetone or Isopropyl alcohol. Once cured, the material can only be removed mechanically.

Storage

The product is classified as flammable and must be stored in an appropriate manner in compliance with relevant regulations. Do not store near oxidizing agents or combustible materials. Store product in the unopened container in a dry location. Storage information may also be indicated on the product container labelling.

Optimal Storage: 8 to 21 °C (50 to 70 °F) . Storage below 8 °C or greater than 28 °C can adversely affect product properties.

Material removed from containers may be contaminated during use. Do not return product to the original container. Henkel cannot assume responsibility for product which has been

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contaminated or stored under conditions other than those previously indicated. If additional information is required, please contact your local Technical Service Center or Customer Service Representative.

Shelf Life of Unopened Container:

24 months

Conversions $(^{\circ}\text{C} \times 1.8) + 32 = ^{\circ}\text{F}$ $\text{kV/mm} \times 25.4 = \text{V/mil}$ $\text{mm} / 25.4 = \text{inches}$ $\mu\text{m} / 25.4 = \text{mil}$ $\text{N} \times 0.225 = \text{lb}$ $\text{N/mm} \times 5.71 = \text{lb/in}$ $\text{N/mm}^2 \times 145 = \text{psi}$ $\text{MPa} \times 145 = \text{psi}$ $\text{N}\cdot\text{m} \times 8.851 = \text{lb}\cdot\text{in}$ $\text{N}\cdot\text{m} \times 0.738 = \text{lb}\cdot\text{ft}$ $\text{N}\cdot\text{mm} \times 0.142 = \text{oz}\cdot\text{in}$ $\text{mPa}\cdot\text{s} = \text{cP}$ **Note**

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