

3M™ Thermal Bonding Film 588

Product Description

3M™ Thermal Bonding Film 588 is a high strength, flexible, nitrile phenolic based thermosetting adhesive film. It can be heat or solvent activated for bonding. It can also be lightly crosslinked using a post heat exposure.

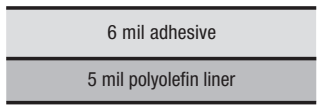
3M TBF 588 must be stored at or below 4°C (40°F) for maximum storage life.

Key Features

- Flexible
- Heat crosslinkable option
- Heat or solvent activation
- Can be die-cut

Typical Physical Properties

Note: The following technical information and data should be considered representative or typical only and should not be used for specification purposes.

| Product | 3M™ Thermal Bonding Film 588 | |
|---|---|--------------------|
| Base Resin | Nitrile phenolic | |
| Adhesive Thickness | 6 mil (0.15 mm) | |
| Tack | None | |
| Color | Yellow | |
| Construction |  | |
| | Before Crosslinking | After Crosslinking |
| Tensile (psi) | 2,300 | 2,700 |
| Elongation (%) | 250 | 35 |
| Modulus (psi) | 6,700 | 21,800 |
| 2 Lb. Dead Load Overlap Shear Heat Resistance | 85°C (180°F) | >149°C (300°F) |

- Tensile and elongation conducted on Sintech 5/GL at 0.2"/minute speed. ASTM D638.
- 2 lb. dead load overlap shear conducted in oven environment (reference ASTM D4502-85).



Application Equipment Suggestions

Note: Appropriate application equipment can enhance bonding film performance. We suggest the following equipment for the user's evaluation in light of the user's particular purpose and method of application.

The type of application equipment used to bond 3M™ Thermal Bonding Film 588 will depend on the application involved and on the type of equipment available to the user. Thin films and flexible substrates can be bonded using a heated roll laminator where heat and pressure can be varied to suit the application. Larger, thicker substrates can be bonded using a heated static press or, in some cases, an autoclave. For applications where a shaped adhesive is to be transferred to a flat or three-dimensional part, a hot shoe or thermode method may be appropriate.

It is recommended that whatever method of bonding is chosen by the user, the optimum bonding conditions should be predetermined with substrates specific to user's application.

Directions For Use – Heat Activation

To make a bond using 3M TBF 588, remove the liner and place the adhesive film between the two substrates. The bond is then made through heat and pressure using a heated press, a hot roll laminator, a hot shoe thermode method or similar equipment.

Alternatively, the adhesive can be first tacked (lightly bonded) to one of the substrates using low heat, the liner can then be removed and second substrate placed to the exposed adhesive surface, and a bond made using heat and pressure.

Suggested TACKING Conditions

38°C to 49°C (100°F to 120°F) bondline temperature

2-5 seconds dwell time

5-20 psi pressure

For optimum bonding, the heat, pressure and dwell time for using 3M TBF 588 will depend upon the type and thickness of the substrates being bonded together.

A suggested starting point, however, is to use the bonding conditions described below.

Suggested BEGINNING Bonding Conditions

107°C to 149°C (225°F to 300°F) bondline temperature

2-5 seconds dwell time

15-20 psi pressure

Directions For Use – Heat Activation (continued)

One approach to establishing the correct/optimum bonding conditions for a user's application is to evaluate a series of bonding temperatures, for example 93, 107, 121, 135 and 149°C (200, 225, 250, 275 and 300°F). Time and pressure will be dictated by the thickness of the substrate and the type of substrate being bonded. Thicker substrates and surfaces that may be more difficult to bond will require longer times, higher pressures and higher temperatures. **If voids are experienced in the bondline, they can be minimized by increasing pressure.**

Once the bond is made, the bondline should be allowed to cool somewhat before stress is applied to the bond. Generally, cooling the bondline below 66°C (150°F) is adequate to allow the bonded parts to be unfixtured/unclamped and handled.

For reference, the following table shows typical bond strengths for bonds made at various temperatures. Such data can be used to evaluate optimum bondline temperatures. **It is important to note that this table is valid only for the specific substrates shown.** Varying temperature, pressure, or substrates can affect bond strengths. **User should develop a similar table with substrates specific to user's application.**

Note: Temperatures shown are bondline temperatures and not heat block or roll settings!

| 90° Peel Strengths of Bonds made at Various Temperatures (2 and 20 sec. Dwell at Bondline Temperature) using 3M™ Thermal Bonding Film 588 | | | | |
|--|-----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Bondline Temperature | FR-4 / Aluminum | | CRS / Aluminum | |
| | 2 sec. | 20 sec. | 2 sec. | 20 sec. |
| 24°C (75°F) | 6 piw | 4 piw | 1 piw | 1 piw |
| 35°C (95°F) | 6 piw | 4 piw | 1 piw | 1 piw |
| 46°C (115°F) | 6 piw | 5 piw | 2 piw | 3 piw |
| 57°C (135°F) | 6 piw | 6 piw | 4 piw | 3 piw |
| 68°C (155°F) | 8 piw | 9 piw | 4 piw | 4 piw |
| 79°C (175°F) | 12 piw | 12 piw | 4 piw | 5 piw |
| 90°C (195°F) | 14 piw | 18 piw | 6 piw | 5 piw |
| 101°C (215°F) | 17 piw | 20 piw | 7 piw | 6 piw |
| 113°C (235°F) | 22 piw | 20 piw | 7 piw | 6 piw |
| 124°C (255°F) | 24 piw | 20 piw | 8 piw | 7 piw |
| 135°C (275°F) | 25 piw | 24 piw | 8 piw | 7 piw |
| 146°C (295°F) | 25 piw | 24 piw | 13 piw | 7 piw |
| 157°C (315°F) | 26 piw | 24 piw | 13 piw | 7 piw |
| 168°C (335°F) | 27 piw | 26 piw | 13 piw | 7 piw |
| 179°C (355°F) | 26 piw | 32 piw | 15 piw | 7 piw |

- Peel values given in piw (pounds per inch width). ASTM D1876.
- Peel bonds were 1/2" wide using 4 mil etched aluminum bonded to either FR-4 printed circuit board substrate (alcohol wiped) or cold rolled steel (MEK wiped).* Bonds made on Sencorp device using 20 lbs. pressure.

***Note:** When using solvents, extinguish all ignition sources and follow the manufacturer's precautions and directions for use.

Directions For Use – Solvent Activation

There are advantages and disadvantages with heat and solvent activation. Under normal conditions, heat activation is the suggested method of bonding and will provide the greatest immediate adhesion strength. However, solvents such as MEK, toluene and/or acetone can also be used to activate bonding if user is working with substrates that are heat-sensitive or have irregular surface or shape.*

The solvent may be applied to the film by brushing, wiping, spraying or dipping. It is important that the solvent be allowed sufficient activating time to solvate the adhesive and bring it to a tacky, pressure sensitive state (typically 10-30 seconds). Adhesive legs should appear during touch-testing before substrate is bonded. Bonding should occur before tackiness disappears. If film is too wet, substrate may slip from bonding position; if too dry, a good bond may not develop.

When a solvent activation method is used, maximum adhesion strength will not be achieved immediately because it will be related to the drying time of solvent from the adhesive. If the bond undergoes natural drying in ambient temperatures, bond build-up may continue for 30 days until maximum adhesion is achieved. If the bond is exposed to constant low heat (~ 66°C/ 150°F) after initial solvent activation, maximum adhesion can often be reached within 24-30 hours.

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Directions For Use – Crosslinking

3M™ Thermal Bonding Film 588 may also be slightly crosslinked to enhance adhesion performance. Crosslinking of this film can typically be achieved by heating the bondline at 177°C (350°F) for five minutes.

Note: All reported data has not undergone crosslinking unless otherwise stated.

Typical Performance Characteristics

Note: The following technical information and data should be considered representative or typical only and should not be used for specification purposes.

| Test Substrate | Adhesion to Various Substrates Using 3M™ Thermal Bonding Film 588 | |
|--|---|----------|
| | Overlap Shear (OLS) | 90° Peel |
| Aluminum (solvent wiped) | 340 psi | 6 piw |
| Aluminum (etched) | 880 psi | 20 piw |
| Aluminum (sanded, solvent wiped) | 720 psi | 17 piw |
| Aluminum (scour pad abraded, solvent wiped) | 650 psi | 13 piw |
| FR-4 (printed circuit board substrate) | 920 psi | 26 piw |
| Phenolic Board | 670 psi | 18 piw |
| Cold Rolled Steel | 450 psi | 10 piw |
| Stainless Steel | NT | 7 piw |
| ABS (acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene) | NT | 20 piw |
| Ultem 1000 (polyetherimide) | NT | 22 piw |
| Soda Lime Glass | NT | 17 piw |
| PVC (polyvinyl chloride) | NT | 23 piw |
| Acrylic | NT | 12 piw |
| Polypropylene | NT | <1 piw |
| HDPE (high density polyethylene) | NT | <1 piw |
| HIPS (high intensity polystyrene) | NT | <1 piw |
| EPDM (ethylene-propylene-diene monomer rubber) | NT | 2 piw |
| Neoprene (Shore A60) | NT | 3 piw |
| Nitrile (Shore A60) | NT | 5 piw |
| SBR (styrene butadiene resin) | NT | 14 piw |
| DuPont™ Kapton® 200E (polyimide film) | NT | 6 piw |
| PET (polyester film) | NT | 3 piw |
| PEN (polyethylene naphthalate film) | NT | 4 piw |
| Denim Fabric | NT | 14 piw |

- “NT” represents “Not Tested”.
- OLS values given in psi (pounds per square inch). ASTM D1002. Peel values given in piw (pounds per inch width). ASTM D1876.
- OLS bonds were 1" x 1" using 20 mil etched aluminum bonded to each test substrate. Sintech 5/GL shear rate was 0.2"/minute.
- Peel bonds were 1/2" wide using 4 mil etched aluminum bonded to each test substrate. Sintech 5/GL peel rate was 2"/minute.
- Solvent wiped (MEK or alcohol)*; 3M™ Scotch-Brite™ Scour Pad (green) abraded; sanded (500 grit sandpaper).
- Samples were bonded on Sencorp device for 5 seconds dwell (+10 seconds ramp time) at 157°C (315°F), 20 pounds pressure.

***Note:** When using solvents, extinguish all ignition sources and follow the manufacturer's precautions and directions for use.

Typical Performance Characteristics (continued)

Note: The following technical information and data should be considered representative or typical only and should not be used for specification purposes.

| Adhesion Strength after Environmental Aging using 3M™ Thermal Bonding Film 588 | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Aging Parameters | Overlap Shear FR-4 / FR-4 | 90° Peel FR-4 / Aluminum |
| 30 days at room temperature (control) | 1280 psi | 24 piw |
| 30 days at 71°C (160°F) oven | 1200 psi | 37 piw |
| 30 days at 49°C (120°F) oven/100% RH | 1100 psi | 26 piw |
| 30 days immersion in distilled water | 1200 psi | 24 piw |

- OLS values given in psi (pounds per square inch). ASTM D1002. Peel values given in piw (pounds per inch width). ASTM D1876.
- OLS bonds were 1" x 1" using FR-4 printed circuit board substrate bonded to FR-4 (alcohol wiped)* Sinteck 5/GL shear rate was 0.2"/minute.
- OLS samples were oven bonded at 157°C (315°F) for 30 minutes. Sample was clamped between 63 mil aluminum using two #50 binder clips during bonding process.
- Peel bonds were 1/2" wide using 4 mil etched aluminum bonded to FR-4 (alcohol wiped). Sinteck 5/GL peel rate was 2"/minute.
- Peel samples were bonded on Sencorp device for 5 seconds dwell (+10 seconds ramp time) at 157°C (315°F), 15 pounds pressure.

***Note:** When using solvents, extinguish all ignition sources and follow the manufacturer's precautions and directions for use.

| Adhesion Strength TESTED at Various Temperatures using 3M™ Thermal Bonding Film 588 | | | | |
|---|-----------------|----------|----------------|----------|
| Test Temperature | OVERLAP SHEAR | | | |
| | FR-4 / Aluminum | | CRS / Aluminum | |
| | No X-link | X-linked | No X-link | X-linked |
| -55°C (-67°F) | 420 psi | 1100 psi | 60 psi | 1020 psi |
| 24°C (75°F) | 1040 psi | 890 psi | 480 psi | 800 psi |
| 121°C (250°F) | 40 psi | 135 psi | 8 psi | 90 psi |
| Test Temperature | 90 DEGREE PEEL | | | |
| | FR-4 / Aluminum | | CRS / Aluminum | |
| | No X-link | X-linked | No X-link | X-linked |
| -55°C (-67°F) | 3 psi | 14 psi | <1 psi | 6 psi |
| 24°C (75°F) | 24 psi | 21 psi | 5 psi | 8 psi |
| 121°C (250°F) | 2 psi | 5 psi | 2 psi | 4 psi |

- OLS values given in psi (pounds per square inch). ASTM D1002. Peel values given in piw (pounds per inch width). ASTM D1876.
- OLS bonds were 1" x 1" using either FR-4 printed circuit board (alcohol wiped) or cold rolled steel (MEK wiped)* bonded to 20 mil etched aluminum. Sinteck 5/GL shear rate was 0.2"/minute.
- Peel bonds were 1/2" wide using either FR-4 printed circuit board (alcohol wiped) or cold rolled steel (MEK wiped) bonded to 4 mil etched aluminum. Sinteck 5/GL peel rate was 2"/minute.
- Samples not crosslinked ("no x-link") were bonded on Sencorp device for 5 seconds dwell (+10-15 seconds ramp time) at 149°C (300°F), 20 pounds pressure.
- Crosslinked ("x-linked") samples underwent Sencorp bond previously stated, plus oven bond at 177°C (350°F) (8 minutes ramp time and 5 minutes dwell at temperature). Sample was clamped between 63 mil aluminum using two #50 binder clips during bonding process.

***Note:** When using solvents, extinguish all ignition sources and follow the manufacturer's precautions and directions for use.

Electrical Data

| Test | Method | Before X-Link | After X-Link |
|---|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Dielectric Constant @ 1kHz | ASTM D-150 | 4.1 | 6.4 |
| Dissipation Factor @ 1 kHz | ASTM D-150 | .097 | .026 |
| Dielectric Breakdown Strength (volts/mil) | ASTM D-149 | 1200 (on 5.5 mil) | 1260 (on 5 mil) |
| Surface Resistivity (ohms/sq.) | ASTM D-257 | 3.20×10^{10} | 8.20×10^{11} |
| Volume Resistivity (ohms-cm.) | ASTM D-257 | 3.79×10^{10} | 8.32×10^{11} |

Thermal Data

| Test | Method | Before X-Link | | After X-Link |
|---|--|--|--|---------------------------|
| Weight Loss by TGA (Thermogravimetric analysis) | Perkin-Elmer Series 7 RT to 600°C, 10°C/min. in air | 1% wt. loss 5% wt. loss 10% wt. loss | 117°C 198°C 364°C | 217°C 381°C 412°C |
| Coefficient of Thermal Expansion by TMA (Thermomechanical analysis) | Perkin-Elmer Series 7 -40°C to 125°C @ 10°C/min. (2 heat cycles, 2nd cycle reported) | Below Tg CTE/°C Above Tg CTE/°C | 192×10^{-6} 512×10^{-6} | — 271×10^{-6} |
| Tg (extrapolated onset) | Perkin-Elmer Series 7 -40°C to 125°C @ 10°C/min. | 8°C | | 23°C |

Storage

Store product at or below 4°C (40°F) for maximum storage life. Higher temperatures reduce normal storage life.

Shelf Life

Shelf life is 6 months from date of shipment at 23°C (75°F) and 18 months from date of shipment at 4°C (40°F).

Important Note

Please consult Federal, State, and Local Regulations. State Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) regulations may prohibit the use of certain alcohol solutions or solvents. You should check with your state environmental authorities to determine whether use of a solution or solvent is restricted or prohibited.

Regulatory

For regulatory information about this product, contact your 3M representative.

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