



Plastic and Elastomer Bonding Guide





This guide offers users a basic guideline for choosing the right Loctite® and Teroson adhesive from the Henkel portfolio for successfully bonding plastic and elastomeric materials.

Today's designers have an exciting variety of different polymer formulations available, offering choices that were unheard of only a few years ago. Countless modifications and grades achieve a wide range of properties and application options. Identifying the appropriate joining technique is therefore a complex challenge. The right adhesive technology, carefully selected to match the individual characteristics of specific plastics and elastomers, can obtain optimum performance like no other joining technique. Please contact your local Henkel Representative for your specific Loctite® or Teroson solution.

	Loctite® & Teroson adhesives	Welding	Solvent bonding	Mechanical fasteners	Snap fitting joints
For all plastics and elastomers	<u> </u>			S	
Joins dissimilar materials	<u> </u>			S	9
Avoids stress concentration	S				
Sealing capability	<u> </u>	\otimes	S		
Tolerates wide gaps	♥				
Invisible joints for improved styling	<u> </u>	Ø	9		9
No holes or bosses	<u> </u>	\mathcal{G}	9		
Does not require high investment	U	-		Ø	

Bonding Solutions Teroson

MS

Silicone

PU flexible

Surface preparation



^{*} stress cracking sensitive plastic

Adhesive Properties

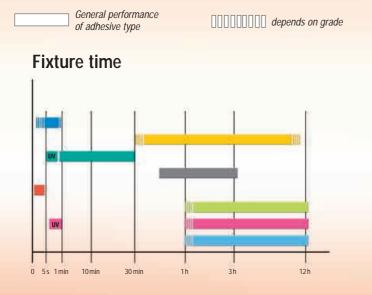
Cyanoacrylate

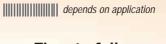
Contact adhesive

Ероху

Acrylic

PUR

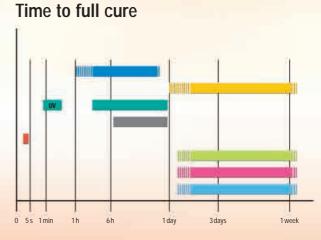




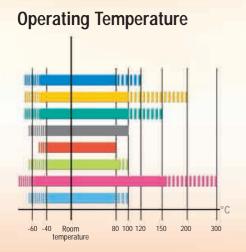
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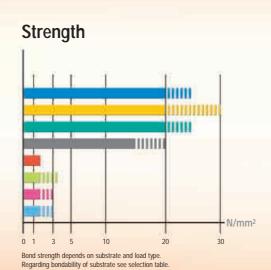
moderate

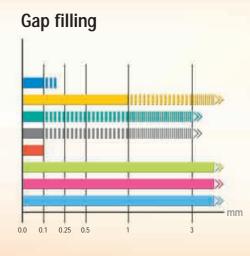
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Thermoplastics ABS* PC* ASA* LCP PA6 PBT PE PEEK PEI PES* PET PI PMMA* POM PP PPO* PS* PTFE PVC-P PVC-U* SAN* П П П П П П







¹ minimum one substrate must be transparent or UV transparent

² corrosion protected metals only

³ for reinforced plastics: CRP (carbon-fibre reinforced plastics): heavy abrading may decrease bondability GRP (glass-fibre reinforced plastics): abrading always increases bondability

⁴ It is recommended to clean the surfaces before bonding or pretreatment. Refer to the nature of the substrate and use the appropriate cleaner

		Therr	noset		Elastomers								Glass	Metal	Loctite® and Teroson product examples	
TPU*	EP	MF	PF	UP	CR	EPDM	IR	NBR	NR	PU	SBR	SI	TPE			product examples
																401, 406, 480
																CA + Primer 770
																4304
																9514
																3430, 9461, 9483, 9489, 9492
																3298 + Activator 7386
																3292, 3295
																3030
																3311, 3321, 3341
															2	Teromix 6700
																Terokal 2444
		N														Terostat 9220
																5910, 5970
																5088
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																7063
																7070
										-						e.g. Roughening
													-			e.g. Plasma, Corona

Above chart contains general information. Please contact your local Henkel Representative for your special Loctite® or Teroson solution

Environmental resistance

The environmental resistance of bonded joints depends on many different factors including the gap between the parts, the surface finish, the joint design, the type of adhesive selected, the load on the joint and the operating environment. Please refer to the Technical Data Sheets or contact your local Henkel Technical Centre for more details and advice.



The Henkel portfolio includes the following groups of Loctite® and Teroson adhesives for bonding plastics and elastomers:

- Cyanoacrylates, more commonly known as instant adhesives, are very fast curing, single component adhesives
- **Epoxy adhesives** (one-part and two-part systems) cure into tough and very strong thermosets with good resistance against a wide range of chemicals
- Acrylic adhesives have good gap filling properties and good peel and impact resistance
- · 2-component PUR adhesives cure to form strong, tough thermoset materials
- · Contact adhesives reach handling strength right after assembly
- MS-Polymers achieve good adhesion to various substrates and have good UV resistance and high flexibility
- Silicone adhesives cure to form elastomers which are highly flexible, show very good weathering and outstanding temperature resistance
- Flexible polyurethane adhesives are cured by ambient moisture to form highly flexible, paintable elastomers with good chemical resistance

Surface preparation

Correct surface preparation is critical to achieving optimum bond strength and joint reliability. Henkel offers suitable cleaners like Loctite® 7063 and 7070 to make sure that surfaces to be bonded are clean and free from grease, oil and other impurities that may affect adhesion and bond strength.

Other pre-treatments to further enhance adhesive bond performance include:

- Mechanical treatment such as grinding and blasting to generate a rough surface texture
- Physical treatments such as corona discharge, flame or plasma techniques to improve the bondability of plastics and elastomers
- Primers, recommended as adhesion promoters for certain plastic and elastomer formulations







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