



PRODUCT DATA SHEET

UrePac® Flex 15 90

System Description

UrePac® Flex 15 90 is a two component, polyurethane flexible foam comprising of a polyether polyol and the MDI-based isocyanate Urepac 2104. The system has been developed with CO₂, formed from the reaction of water included in the polyol formulation with MDI, as the sole blowing agent.

Product Description and Features.

The system has fine open cells to optimise its application in Automotive Sound Insulation components.

Open Cells

Relatively Low Reactivity

Good flow but limited foaming pressure development

Component A (Polyol) Specification:

Specific Gravity (22°C): 1.03 +- 0.02 g/ml

Viscosity (Brookfield) (22°C): 900 +- 100 m.Pas

Spindle 1 Speed 50

Appearance: Black liquid

Component B (Isocyanate) Specification:

Specific Gravity (22°C): 1.23 +- 0.02 g/ml

Viscosity (Brookfield) (22°C): 200 +- 50 m.Pas

Spindle 1 Speed 50

Appearance: Clear Brown liquid

Mixed System Specification

Mix Ratio: By Weight 100 Polyol (Part A): 50 Isocyanate (Part B)

By Volume 100 Polyol (Part A): 42 Isocyanate (Part B)

Cream Time (22°C): 15+-1 seconds

Time from when mixing commences till the liquid starts to expand.

String time (22°C): 75+-5 seconds

Time from when mixing commences till "strings can be pulled from the surface of the rising foam.

Rise time (22°C): 160+-10 seconds

Time from when mixing commences till the foam finishes expanding.

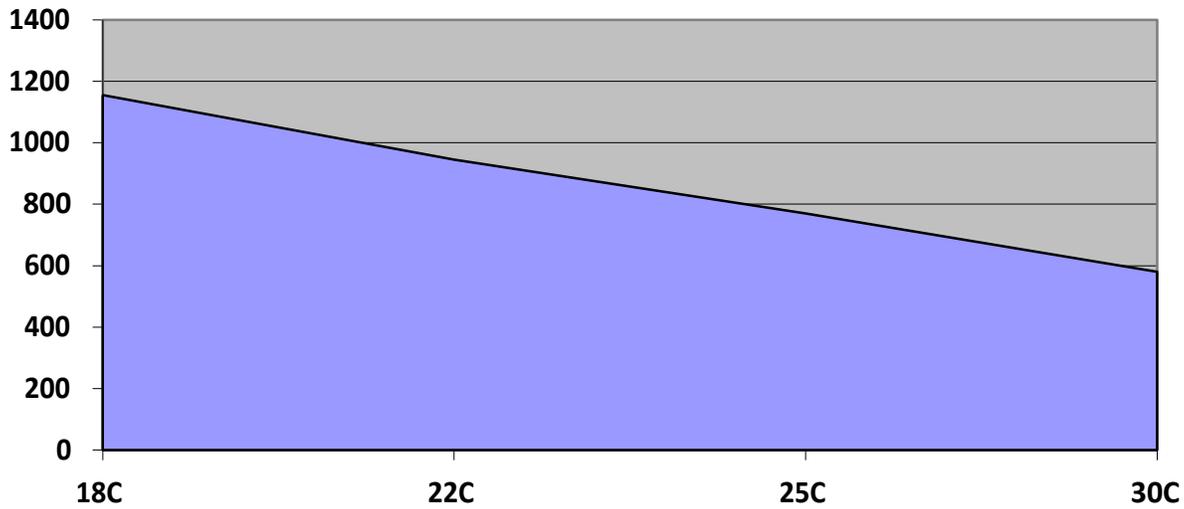
Typical Demould (35°C) 300+-30 seconds

Free Rise Density (22°C): 95+-5 Kg/m³

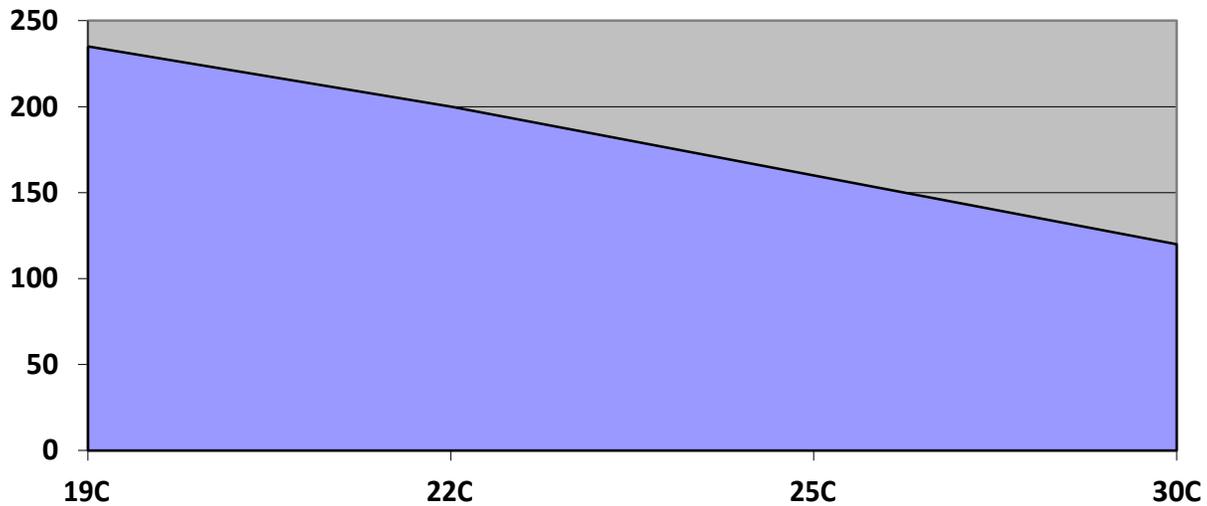
(Obtained from Laboratory 50g cup test, results will vary depending on mix quantities)

Viscosity vs. Temperature

Polyol



Isocyanate



Component Preparation

Component A (polyol) should be thoroughly mixed each day prior to use as the components can separate out overnight. If this component is held in day tanks they should be continuously agitated to prevent any separation during production.

Component B (isocyanate) does not need to be mixed prior to use.

Both Components should be preconditioned to 22-25°C to ensure that the components will have consistent reactivity and performance. If processing in a machine this usually requires recirculation for at least an hour prior to production commencing.

Mould Preparation

The mould should have a clean dry surface and should be uniformly heated to approximately 35-45°C for optimal skin reproduction. We recommend using a wax-based release agent. The mould should also include vents holes up to a maximum of 2mm in diameter to vent the air as it is displaced by the rising foam. However the mould cavity should also be well sealed, as any leakage of foam will result in increased shot weights to fill the cavity, and also increase the trimming requirements of the finished part. If there is pressure loss in the mould as foam leaks from the mould, it is likely to cause the foam to have cell collapse due to the pressure differential in the expanding foam.

The mould should also be constructed to withstand the pressure generated by the expanding foam in the closed mould. The actual pressures generated will vary depending on a number of factors, mould temperature, the blowing agent used, percentage of overpack etc. Our technical consultants will be happy to discuss your mould design requirements with you if required. For rigid foams the moulds should have a slight taper to ensure that de-moulding of the cured product is possible – avoid under-cuts.

Shot Weight Calculation

The amount of foam required to fill a mould cavity is dependent on the free rise density of the system, the volume of the cavity to be filled and the desired physical properties (eg hardness, stiffness) of the finished foam. Our Technical consultants will be happy to make this calculation for you, but here is a typical example of how it is calculated for your reference:

Free Rise Density: 100kg/m³

Mould Volume: 0.01 m³

Overpack: 25% (This is important to ensure that the cavity is filled)

Therefore Target Moulded Density: 125kg/m³

Shot Weight (in Kg) = 0.01 (Volume) x 125 (Moulded Density of Foam)

Shot Weight = 1.25 Kg

Then to determine the amount of each component to add:

Mix Ratio = 100 Polyol :50 Isocyanate

Polyol Weight = Shot Weight (1.25) / Isocyanate + Polyol Ratio (100+50) x Polyol Ratio (100)

Polyol Weight = 1.25 / 150 x 100

Polyol Weight = 0.833 Kg

Isocyanate Weight = Shot Weight (1.25) – (Polyol Weight) 0.833

Isocyanate Weight = 0.417 Kg

Caution: Please ensure that the volume of the mould and shot weight is accurately determined. If too much material is added to the mould then very high levels of pressure can be generated from the reacting foam.

Dispensing

Mix Ratio – It is absolutely essential that the mix ratio of the two components is accurately measured and maintained to within 1% of the specified value. This ensures that the chemical reaction will proceed to completion and that the optimum physical properties are achieved. We highly recommend that calibration of mix ratio is conducted daily before production commences to ensure that the correct ratio is being maintained.

Please note: The reactivity of the system will not be altered if the level of one component is increased/decreased as it is not simply a catalyst. If you want to adjust the reactivity or mix ratio please discuss your specific requirements with our technical consultants.

High Pressure Machines – High pressure machines rely on high pressure impingement mixing of the two components in the mix head. We recommend that the pressures be set at 150 bar as a starting point and then vary the pressures to suit individual processes and requirements. If there is a “sticky” spot of material in the area of pour then this is most likely caused by a “lead” or “lag”. This is when one of the two components is dispensed slightly before the other and remains un-reacted. It generally requires the pressures of the two components to be balanced. High pressure machines are the most preferred method of dispensing polyurethanes as they produce the most efficient mixing of the components and they also do not require a solvent flush after dispensing.

Low Pressure Machines – Low pressure machines dispense the two components at a controlled ratio through a mechanically driven mix head. It is essential with foams that a small amount of nucleating air is added to the liquid components as they are dispensed to attain a fine even cell structure. The machine will then clean the residual reacting components out of the mix head with a solvent flush. We can supply UrePac+ 7112 which is a non flammable and non toxic solvent suitable for flushing of low pressure mix heads.

Hand Mix – When small production runs are required it is perfectly acceptable to hand mix the two components to achieve the final product. We recommend that a clean dry vessel twice the volume of the liquid is used to enable sufficient mixing of the components. Please follow the following method:

- Accurately weigh the Polyol component into clean dry mixing vessel. For a 0-5kg mix, a scale that can measure within an accuracy of 0.1 - 1 gram should be used.
- Into the same container quickly but accurately weigh the correct weight of isocyanate component.
- Mix the liquids together using a jiffy type paint mixer with a high torque 240V drill (not a battery powered cordless drill) at about 2000-2500rpm.
- Continue mixing for about 20-30 seconds until a homogeneous blend of the two liquids is achieved.
- Pour the liquid evenly into the mould cavity and securely close the mould. This process must be completed prior to the foam beginning to rise to prevent voiding in the foam.
- Clean the mixer and bucket with UrePac+ 7102. Wait until the appropriate demould time before opening the mould to ensure complete cure.

Demould

The demould times of foam can vary considerably depending on a number of factors and the optimal time is usually determined by systematic trial and error. The thickness of the part, mould temperatures, mixing method, level of overpack and the reactivity of the system will all affect the time required to achieve sufficient cure. If the foam is not sufficiently cured then the parts will expand after demould and may also have internal splitting as the core of the part is not sufficiently cured to handle the release of pressure.

Clean Up

It is essential that any liquid spills are cleaned up immediately, as the isocyanate (which reacts with atmospheric moisture) and reacting urethane is very difficult to remove once it has fully cured. For liquid spills we recommend using UrePac+7102 which is a non flammable, quick drying solvent. For cleaning of cured urethane from small utensils we recommend using UrePac+ 7108 heated to 70°C in a deep fryer for 1-2 hours.

Safety Requirements:

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We recommend the use of eye protection and latex or nitrile gloves when processing any polyurethane systems. We would also recommend the use of disposable overalls as splashing of the isocyanate can cause temporary staining of the skin, and some individuals can become sensitized to isocyanates with skin contact. In normal use the isocyanates will generally remain below the allowable exposure limits, however if they are heated or dispensed as an aerosol into the atmosphere then a respirator with organic vapour filter is essential.

Transport (Dangerous Goods) Classification

Component A: None

Component B: None

Isocyanates

Classified as Hazardous according to Worksafe Australia

HARMFUL VAPOUR

SKIN AND EYE IRRITANT

SKIN AND RESPIRATORY SENSITISER

FIRST AID

If inhaled: remove from exposure. For all but the most minor symptoms arrange for a doctor or transport to the nearest hospital.

In case of eye contact: immediately flush eyes with plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Contact medical attention.

In case of skin contact: immediately wash skin with soap and plenty of water. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur. Remove contaminated clothing Wash clothes before re-use.

Other information: Never give fluids or induce vomiting

Advice to Doctor: May cause respiratory sensitisation or asthma-like symptoms. Bronchodilators, expectorants and anti tussives may be of help. Respiratory Symptoms, including pulmonary oedema, may be delayed. Persons receiving significant exposure should be observed 24-48 hours for signs of respiratory distress. No specific antidote. Treatment based on judgement of the physician in response to reactions of the patient.

WATER CONTAMINATION CAUSES DANGEROUS PRESSURE

Store in a DRY place. The combined evolution of CO₂ and heat can produce sufficient pressure to rupture a closed container.

IN CASE OF FIRE: use CO₂, dry chemical or foam extinguishers. If water is used it should be in very LARGE quantity. The reaction between water and hot isocyanate may be vigorous. Wear a positive pressure self-contained breathing apparatus.

IN CASE OF SPILL OR LEAK: evacuate and ventilate spill area. Do not use water. Dyke to prevent entry into waterways. If temporary control of isocyanate vapour is required, a blanket of foam may be placed over the spill. Use appropriate safety equipment including respiratory protection during clean up. Soak up with sawdust or other absorbent. Shovel into suitable open-top containers. Do not make pressure tight.

Remove from the area for decontamination. Use a solution of 3-8% ammonia in water or 5-10% sodium carbonate at about a 10 to 1 ratio to isocyanate. Detergent may be added to facilitate wetting of ammonia solution. Let stand 1-2 days before disposal in approved manner.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE (All Hours)

1800 033 882 (Australia Only)

Disposal

Liquid Systems: Liquid polyurethanes should be disposed of with an EPA approved industrial waste company which meet all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Cured Urethanes: Fully reacted and cured polyurethanes are inert and can be disposed of as normal landfill.

Container: Dispose of decontaminated drums in accordance with all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

Do Not Re-use Empty Container.

Do Not Cut or Weld Empty Container.

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