



# Scotch-Weld™ Polyurethane High Performance Sealant 540

## Product Data Sheet

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**Product Description** 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Polyurethane Sealant 540 is a one component, moisture curing product which forms permanent elastic bonds. It bonds to a wide variety of materials including plastics, FRP, SMC, aluminum, steel, coated metal and wood.

### Key Features

| Features                               | Advantages                                                                                                                                           |
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| One component/moisture curing          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No Mixing</li><li>Simplifies production</li></ul>                                                              |
| Bonds dissimilar materials             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Gives design flexibility</li></ul>                                                                             |
| Adheres to a wide variety of materials | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Multiple uses and design flexibility</li></ul>                                                                 |
| Permanently elastic                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provides long lasting bonds</li></ul>                                                                          |
| Fast curing                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Speeds production</li></ul>                                                                                    |
| Paint-able                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Improves appearance</li></ul>                                                                                  |
| Low modulus                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ideal for sealing</li><li>Good for bonding material with different coefficients of thermal expansion</li></ul> |

### Technical Data

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| <b>Note: The following technical information and data should be considered representative or typical only and should not be used for specification purposes.</b> |                                                            |
| <b>Properties</b>                                                                                                                                                | 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Polyurethane High Performance Sealant 540 |
| Tack-Free Time @ 23° C and 50% Relative Humidity                                                                                                                 | Ca 90 minutes                                              |
| Rate of Cure @ 23° C and 50% Relative Humidity                                                                                                                   | 3 mm per 24 hours                                          |
| Shore A Hardness (ISO 868-3 seconds)                                                                                                                             | Ca 40                                                      |
| Density at 20° C                                                                                                                                                 | Black: 1,16 ± 0,05<br>Others: 1,18 ± 0,05                  |
| Elongation at Break (ISO 8339)                                                                                                                                   | >600%                                                      |
| 100% Modulus (ISO 8339)                                                                                                                                          | 0,4 MPa (58 psi)                                           |
| Sagging (ISO 7390)                                                                                                                                               | None                                                       |
| Service Temperature                                                                                                                                              | -30°C to + 80°C                                            |
| Colours                                                                                                                                                          | White, Black and Grey                                      |
| Application temperature                                                                                                                                          | 5°C to + 35°C                                              |
| Resistance to dilute acids and bases                                                                                                                             | average                                                    |
| Water and salt spray resistance                                                                                                                                  | Excellent                                                  |
| Consistency                                                                                                                                                      | Medium paste                                               |
| UV resistance                                                                                                                                                    | Good                                                       |

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**Performance Data**

**Note:** The following data represents a 30-day at 22° C, ambient humidity and a 0,43 mm bond thickness. All substrate were abraded and solvent wiped prior to making bonds. Actual values will vary, as the final bond strengths are dependent upon many variables such as substrate type, substrate uniformity and environmental conditions

**Overlap Shear Data:**

| Substrate         | 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Polyurethane High Performance Sealant 540 in MPa (psi) | Failure Mode |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Fir               | 2,24 (325)                                                              | Cohesive     |
| Stainless Steel   | 1,49 (216)                                                              | Cohesive     |
| Aluminium         | 1,65 (240)                                                              | Cohesive     |
| Cold Rolled Steel | 1,57 (228)                                                              | Cohesive     |
| Nylon 66          | 1,18 (171)                                                              | Adhesive     |
| ABS               | 1,86 (270)                                                              | Cohesive     |
| Acrylic           | 0,03 ( 5)                                                               | Adhesive     |
| Polycarbonate     | 1,68 (243)                                                              | Cohesive     |
| FRP               | 2,17 (315)                                                              | Cohesive     |
| Polypropylene     | 0,61 ( 89)                                                              | Adhesive     |
| Polyethylene      | 0,33 ( 48)                                                              | Adhesive     |
| PVC               | 0,80 (116)                                                              | Adhesive     |
| EPDM              | 0,15 (22)                                                               | Adhesive     |

**UV Properties:**

The product has good resistance to UV aging and will retain strength and flexibility over long-term exposure to UV light. The white product may show some yellowing with long-term exposure to UV light.

**Heat Resistance:**

Long term exposure to temperatures greater than 80° C will decrease tensile strength over time. For this reason these products should not be used in applications where the temperatures will continuously exceed 80° C.

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**Direction for use****Surface Preparation:**

Surfaces to be sealed or bonded should be clean and dry. Surfaces should be free from grease, mould release, oil, water/condensation and other contaminants that may affect the adhesion of the sealant. Abrading with 180 to 220 grit abrasive followed by a solvent wipe will improve the bond strength. Suitable solvents include 3M™ Citrus Based Adhesive Remover, 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Solvent No. 2 or methyl ethyl ketone (MEK).\*

**\*When using solvents, use in a well ventilated area. Extinguish all sources of ignition in the work area and observe product directions for use and precautionary measures. Refer to product label and MSDS for further precautions. Always pre-test solvent to ensure it is compatible with substrates.**

**Local and federal air quality regulations may regulate or prohibit the use of this product or surface preparation and cleanup materials. Consult local and federal air quality regulations before using these products.**

**Note:** Alcohol will interfere with the curing process and extra care must be taken when using alcohol as a cleaning solvent to prevent any contact with the sealant.

Use of a primer is an extra step and cost and will depend on substrates and the final end use. Using primer can improve the corrosion resistance of certain metals as well as improve the durability of the bond when exposed to high humidity conditions. For most applications high strength bonds on metal can be achieved without the use of a primer. Pre-testing for adhesion is suggested to determine if a primer is needed. The 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Structural Adhesive Primer EC-1945 B/A works well for most metals.

**Application:**

Puncture seal in nozzle and knock out the thin seal at cartridge bottom before placing in caulking gun. (For flex packs cut off the small crimp at the end and then place in caulking gun barrel with the open end up). Assemble tip and retaining ring on gun, cut tip to desired size. Product should be used within 24 hours after seal is punctured and should be pressed firmly into the joint to ensure adequate contact of the sealant with the substrate. Apply product when temperatures are between 5° C and 35° C. Do not apply on frozen surfaces or wet surfaces. Do not apply over silicones or in the presence of curing silicones. Avoid contact with alcohol and solvents during curing. Sealant can be tooled immediately after applying to give desired appearance.

**Cleanup:**

While sealant is still soft cleaning can be done with the same solvents used for surface preparation. If sealant is already cured, removal is done mechanically with razor knife, piano wire, sanding or 3M™ Scotch-Brite™ Moulding Adhesive and Stripe Removal Disc. This disc is available from 3M Automotive Aftermarket Division.

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| <b>Application Equipment Suggestions</b> | <p><b>Cartridge and Flex Pack:</b><br/>For ease of dispensing an all metal, rod driven, friction feed manual applicator gun or an air operated applicator gun is suggested. Please contact your 3M sales representative for these items.</p> <p><b>Bulk Dispensing:</b><br/>For bulk dispensing a 46:1 ratio dual action piston pump with a ram is suggested. Actual equipment is dependent on the fluid flow desired, the number of guns to be supplied for each pump and distance product has to be pumped. It is best to consult with the equipment supplier to make sure the proper type and size of equipment is specified. Common suppliers of this type of pumping systems are Graco and Binks. It is best to work with a distributor for Graco or Binks located in your area. Our technical service group will be glad to work with you and your chosen supplier to ensure the proper equipment is selected.</p> |
| <b>Storage</b>                           | 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Polyurethane High Performance Sealant 540 must be stored in the original, un-opened containers below 32° C for maximum shelf life. Rotate stock on a "first in-first out" basis.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Shelf Life</b>                        | When stored at the recommended conditions in original un-opened containers, 3M™ Scotch-Weld™ Polyurethane High Performance Sealant 540 has a shelf life of 12 months after date of manufacture.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Precautionary Information</b>         | Refer to product label and Material Safety Data Sheet for health and safety information before using the product. For information please contact your local 3M Office.<br><a href="http://www.3M.se">www.3M.se</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>For Additional Information</b>        | To request additional product information or to arrange for sales assistance, call: 80-92 22 50<br>Address correspondence to: 3M Svenska AB, Industri, 191 89 Sollentuna                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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All questions of liability relating to this product are governed by the terms of the sale subject, where applicable, to the prevailing law

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**Note**

Values presented have been determined by standard test methods and are average values not to be used for specification purposes.

Our recommendations on the use of our products are based on tests believed to be reliable but we would ask that you conduct your own tests to determine their suitability for your applications.

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