# **TECHNICAL DATA SHEET**



# ALPA-SIL TD SH. A 18 2 part Silicone Moulding Rubber

Description Property Test Method Value

Pourable, addition-curing, 2-part silicone rubber that cures at room temperature. This product is mainly used for making silicone printing pads. The cured rubber exhibits excellent physical and electrical properties. Fast and non-shrink cure at room temperature which can be accelerated considerably by the application of heat.

### **Key Features**

- Easy 1:1 mix ratio
- Shore A 18
- · Blue color
- · For use as a printing pad elastomer

#### Application

Silicone Elastomer for Pad-Printing applications.

### **Use and Cure Information**

## Mixing

Components A and B are mixed at a mass ratio of 1:1. The two components are thoroughly mixed either by hand or with an electric or pneumatic stirrer at low speed to avoid air from being dragged in and/or to avoid a temperature increase. Crosslinking is slowed down by reducing the temperature and accelerated by increasing it. The non-tacky time is about 8 – 12 hours.

### Inhibition of cure

Great care must be taken when handling and mixing all addition cured silicone elastomer systems, ensuring that all the mixing **Uncured Product** Blue Appearance Translucent Color A Addition Cure Type De-mould Time / Full Cure at 12 hrs 23°C/73°F Mix Ratio By Weight Pot Life mins at 23°C/73°F 60 - 90 mins Tack Free Time / Skin 10 - 12 hr Formation at 23°C/73°F Brookfield 25000 cP Viscosity A Brookfield 25000 cP Viscosity B Viscosity Mixed Brookfield 25000 cP **Cured Product** Color Blue Hardness Shore A DIN 53 505 18 Linear Shrinkage (%) < 0.1 %

Storage

Max Storage Temperature  $30 \, ^{\circ}\text{C} \, / \, 86 \, ^{\circ}\text{F}$  Shelf Life  $12 \, \text{mths}$ 

tools (vessels and spatulas) are clean and constructed in materials which do not interfere with the curing mechanism. The cure of the rubber can be inhibited by the presence of compounds of nitrogen, sulphur, phosphorus and arsenic; organotin catalysts and PVC stabilizers; epoxy resin catalysts and even contact with materials containing certain of these substances e.g. moulding clays, sulphur vulcanised rubbers, condensation cure silicone rubbers, onion and garlic.

These substances may impair or even completely prevent the curing behavior of addition crosslinking silicones typically indicated by tacky surfaces. Therefore, it is absolutely important to check the compatibility in preliminary tests if unknown substrates are used.

## **Health & Safety**

Please observe our safety data sheets and the safety remarks on our container labels when handling our products. The dangerous goods regulations and the accident prevention regulations of the professional associations must be particularly observed. Keep the EC safety data sheet of the applied product at hand since it provides you with useful instructions for the safe use and disposal of the product as well as for actions to be taken in case of accidents.

### **Delivery Units**

Component A: 5 kg or 25 kg Component B: 5 kg or 25 kg

Other container sizes upon demand.

### Storage

Components A and B can be optimally processed for approx. 12 months if stored properly at temperatures below 30 °C and protected from frost in closed original containers.

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