

**Advanced Materials****Araldite® AV 121N-1 / HY 991****Structural Adhesives****Araldite® AV 121N-1 / HY 991****Two component epoxy paste adhesive system****Key properties**

- Heat resistant to ca 60oC
- Easy to apply over large areas
- Bonds a wide variety of materials
- Room temperature curing

**Description**

Araldite® AV 121N-1 / HY 991 is a general purpose, two component, room temperature curing, paste which can fill gaps of up to 2mm. It is suitable for bonding wide variety of metals, ceramics, glass, rubbers, rigid plastics and most other materials in common use.

**Product data**

	<b>AV 121N-1</b>	<b>HY 991</b>	<b>Mixed adhesive</b>
Colour (visual)	Black Paste	Pale brown liquid	Black
Specific gravity	ca. 1.65	0.88 - 0.98	ca 1.4
Viscosity (Pas)	Viscous paste	15 - 35	Thixotropic
Pot Life (100 gm at 25°C)	-	-	60 minutes

**Processing****Pretreatment**

The strength and durability of a bonded joint are dependant on proper pretreatment of the surfaces to be bonded.

At the very least, joint surfaces should be cleaned with a good degreasing agent such as acetone, iso-propanol (for plastics) or other proprietary degreasing agents in order to remove all traces of oil, grease and dirt.

Low grade alcohol, gasoline (petrol) or paint thinners should never be used.

The strongest and most durable joints are obtained by either mechanically abrading or chemically etching ("pickling") the degreased surfaces. Abrading should be followed by a second degreasing treatment

<b>Mix ratio</b>	<b>Parts by weight</b>	<b>Parts by volume</b>
Araldite® AV 121N-1	100	100
Araldite® HY 991	25	45

Resin and hardener should be blended until they form a homogeneous mix

**Application of adhesive**

The resin/hardener mix is applied directly or with a spatula, to the pretreated and dry joint surfaces.

A layer of adhesive 0.05 to 0.10 mm thick will normally impart the greatest lap shear strength to the joint.

The joint components should be assembled and clamped as soon as the adhesive has been applied. An even contact pressure throughout the joint area will ensure optimum cure.

### Mechanical processing

Specialist firms have developed metering, mixing and spreading equipment that enables the bulk processing of adhesive.

We will be pleased to advise customers on the choice of equipment for their particular needs.

### Equipment maintenance

All tools should be cleaned with a solvent before adhesives residues have had time to cure. The removal of cured residues is a difficult and time-consuming operation.

If solvents such as acetone are used for cleaning, operatives should take the appropriate precautions and, in addition, avoid skin and eye contact.

### Times to minimum shear strength

Temperature	°C	10	15	23	40	60	100
Cure time to reach	hours	16	12	4	1	-	-
LSS > 1N/mm <sup>2</sup>	minutes	-	-	-	-	20	8
Cure time to reach	hours	40	16	6½	2	-	-
LSS > 10N/mm <sup>2</sup>	minutes	-	-	-	-	30	10

LSS = Lap shear strength.

## Typical cured properties

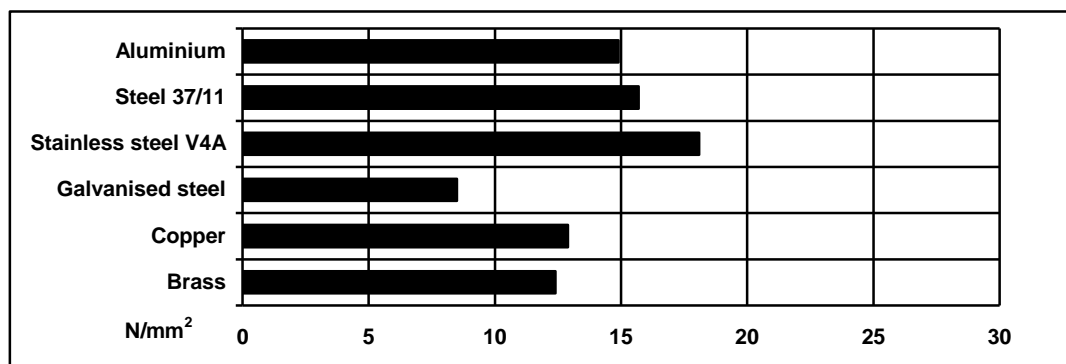
Unless otherwise stated, the figures given below were all determined by testing standard specimens made by lap-jointing 170 x 25 x 1.5 mm strips of aluminium alloy. The joint area was 12.5 x 25 mm in each case.

The figures were determined with typical production batches using standard testing methods. They are provided solely as technical information and do not constitute a product specification.

### Average lap shear strengths of typical metal-to-metal joints (ISO 4587)

Cured for 16 hours at 40°C and tested at 23°C

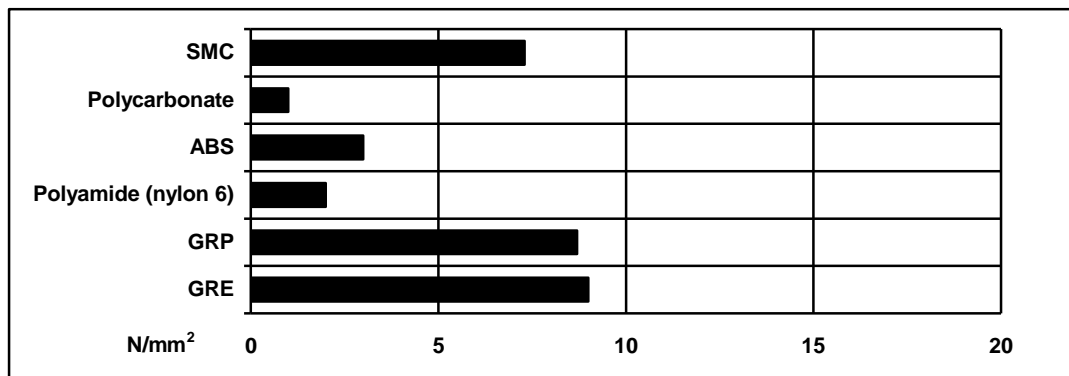
Pretreatment - Sand blasting



**Average lap shear strengths of typical plastic-to-plastic joints (ISO 4587)**

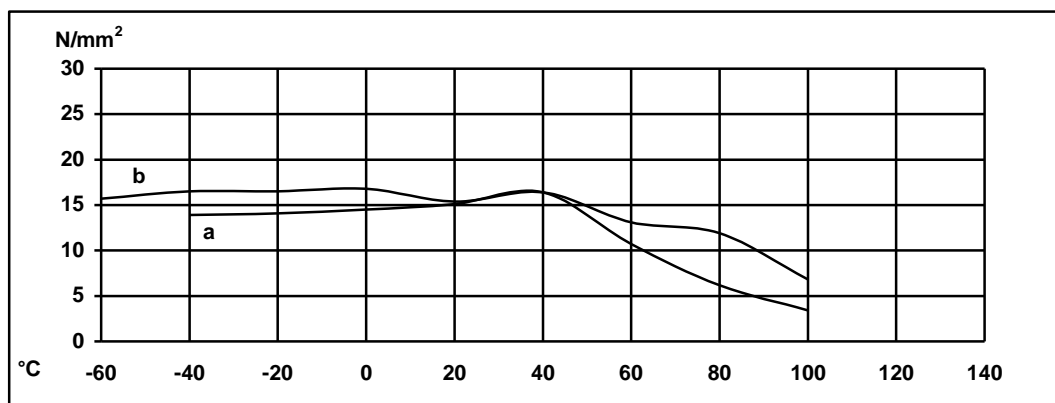
Cured for 16 hours at 40 °C and tested at 23°C

Pretreatment - Lightly abrade and isopropanol degrease.



**Lap shear strength versus temperature (DIN 53283) (typical average values)**

Cure: (a) = 7 days /23°C; (b) = 16 hours at 40°C



**Roller peel test (ISO 4578)**

Cured 16 hours/40°C

Tensile strength (ISO 527)

E Modulus

Glass transition temperature (°C)

2.2 N/mm

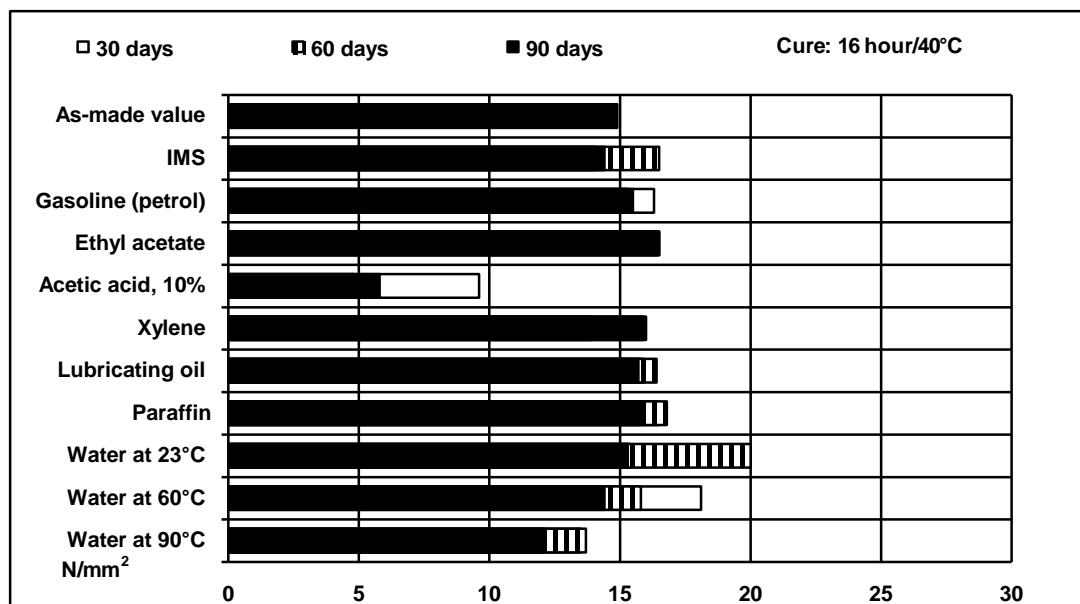
19 MPa

4 GPa

50°C

## Lap shear strength versus immersion in various media (typical average values)

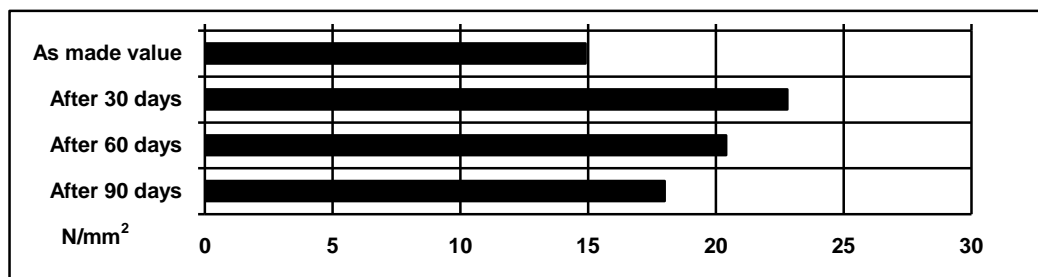
Unless otherwise stated, L.S.S. was determined after immersion for 90 days at 23°C



## Lap shear strength versus tropical weathering

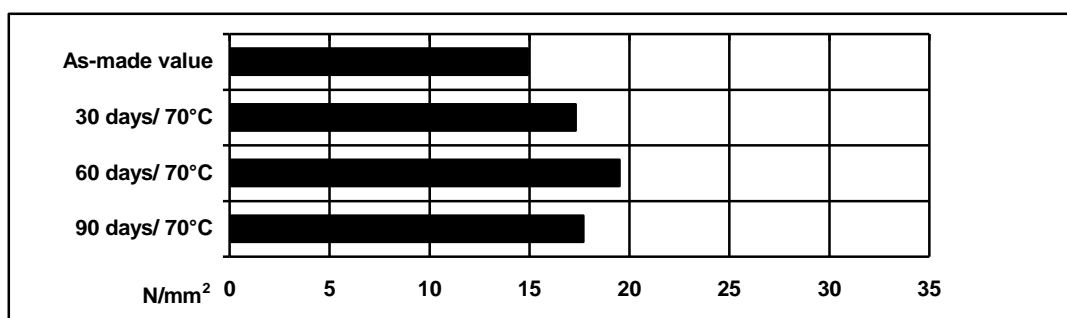
(40/92, DIN 50015; typical average values)

Cure: 16 hours/40°C; Test: at 23°C



## Lap shear strength versus heat ageing

Cure: 16 hours/40°C



**Thermal cycling**100 cycles of 6 hour duration from -30°C to 70°C: 18.1 N/mm<sup>2</sup>**Coefficient of thermal expansion (0 – 50°C)**75 x 10<sup>-6</sup>**Shore D hardness Cured 16 hours at 40°C**

&gt;85

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**Storage**

Araldite® AV 121N-1 and hardener HY 991 may be stored for up to 3 years at room temperature provided the components are stored in sealed containers. The expiry date is indicated on the label.

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**Handling  
Precautions****Caution**

Our products are generally quite harmless to handle provided that certain precautions normally taken when handling chemicals are observed. The uncured materials must not, for instance, be allowed to come into contact with foodstuffs or food utensils, and measures should be taken to prevent the uncured materials from coming in contact with the skin, since people with particularly sensitive skin may be affected. The wearing of impervious rubber or plastic gloves will normally be necessary; likewise the use of eye protection. The skin should be thoroughly cleansed at the end of each working period by washing with soap and warm water. The use of solvents is to be avoided. Disposable paper - not cloth towels - should be used to dry the skin. Adequate ventilation of the working area is recommended. These precautions are described in greater detail in the Material Safety Data sheets for the individual products and should be referred to for fuller information.

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