



ADVANTAGE 425

ADVANTAGE 425 is a high performance, two-part crosslinking polyvinyl acetate emulsion adhesive developed specifically for finger jointing. It has a shear thinning rheology for easy application and a low minimum use temperature. When mixed with Aluminum Chloride (Catalyst A) the product surpassed ASTM D-5572 Wet Use for Finger Joints in Non-structural Lumber Products. This standard is the basis for Hallmark Certification on glued finger joints.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Chemical family description: Crosslinking polyvinyl acetate emulsion adhesive

Appearance: White colored liquid

Typical viscosity (cps): uncatalyzed: 2000 - 3000 (3/12/83 °F) Catalyzed: 1000 - 3500 cps

Weight solids (%): 48.0 - 54.0%

pH: uncatalyzed: 6.5 - 7.5 catalyzed: 2.0 - 4.0

Specific gravity: 1.10 **Weight pounds per gallon:** 9.18

Suggested minimum use temperature: 49 °F / 9 °C

KEY PRODUCT FEATURES

- High performance adhesive specifically for finger joint applications
- Low minimum use temperature
- Shear thinning rheology for extrusion applications
- Used by some of the best window brands in the industry

PERFORMANCE PROPERTIES

- Exceeds ASTM D-5572-99 Wet Use for Finger joints in Non-structural Lumber Products

ASTM D-5572-99 Wet Use for Finger Joints in Non-structural Lumber Products - Tension

Exposure	Test Results				Requirements		
	Strength (psi) Average	Strength (psi) Minimum	Wood failure (%) Average	Wood failure (%) Minimum	Strength (psi) Minimum	Wood failure (%) Average	Wood failure (%) Minimum
Dry	5108	3902	98	80	2000	60	30
Vacuum Pressure	2254	1723	59	40	1600	50	25
Boil	2689	2429	85	70	1600	50	25
Elevated Temp.	2674	2214	NR	NR	1000	NR	NR

*Represents average Franklin laboratory results on Ponderosa Pine

ASTM D-5572-99 Wet Use for Finger Joints in Non-structural Lumber Products – Flexure: Modulus of Rupture (MOR)

Exposure	Test Results		Requirements
	MOR (psi) Average	MOR (psi) Minimum	MOR (psi) Minimum
Dry	8718	6780	2000
Vacuum Pressure	2963	2525	1400
Boil	3654	3341	1400

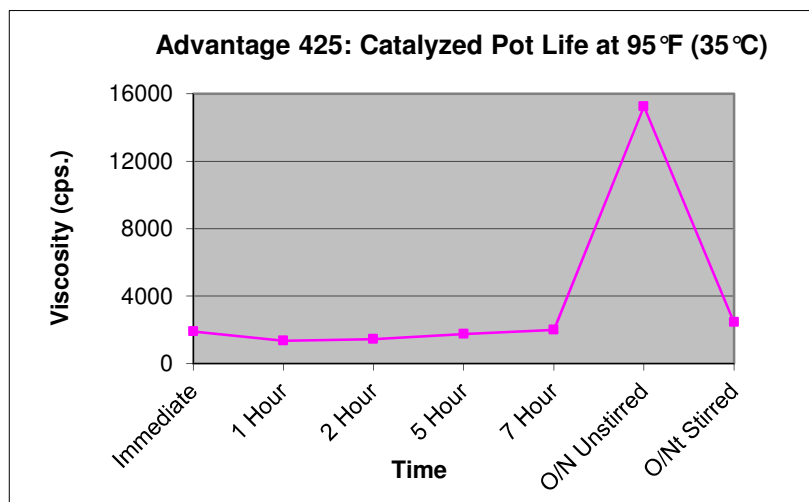
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Like all adhesives, proper gluing practices are needed to achieve stated performance.

MIXING INSTRUCTIONS

The recommended proportion of catalyst to resin is five percent by volume or six percent by weight. Place the resin in a mixer and slowly add catalyst under agitation. Continue mixing for five to ten minutes after the catalyst is added to ensure a homogeneous mixture. A smaller amount of catalyst can be used under certain conditions (such as burning in a radio frequency press), but water resistance performance should be validated. It is best to mix the catalyzed material if it has been kept for longer than seven to eight hours since it will increase in viscosity with time.

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Moisture content: Six to eight percent is the recommended moisture content for the gluing stock. High moisture content will dramatically increase the clamp time needed. Panel shrinkage may occur resulting in stress cracks or end-joint delamination.

Stock preparation: The preparation of the stock to be glued is extremely important. Joints cut from rip saws should be free of saw marks. They should also be straight and square. Moulded or jointed stock should be free of knife marks. Glazed or burnished joints will prevent adhesive penetration and should be guarded against.

Gluing stock should be uniform in thickness. Variation in thickness should not exceed ± 0.005 inches/0.12 mm. Sanding to thickness should be performed using higher than 50 grit abrasives. When possible, glue joints should be prepared and glued the same day.

Spread: Generally, 35-50 pounds of adhesive per 1,000 square feet or 170-250 grams per square meter of glue line is adequate. Verify adequate glue coverage by monitoring for squeeze out along the glue line once the panels are under pressure. A Web-based spread calculator can be found at www.franklinadhesivesandpolymers.com.

Pressure: Pressure is dependent upon the species or material to be glued and joint preparation. Direct contact of the gluing surfaces is required to obtain maximum strength. The use of a compressometer will aid in accurately measuring the amount of pressure being applied to the gluing area. Suggested clamp locations for various wood densities are eight to fifteen inches (20-38 cm) apart and two inches (five cm) from the end of the panel to evenly distribute pressure along the entire length of the glue line. A Web-based pressure calculator can be found at www.franklinadhesivesandpolymers.com.

Recommended clamping pressures:

<i>Species</i>	<i>Clamping pressure</i>	<i>Example</i>
<i>Low density wood species</i>	<i>100-150 psi or 7-10 kg/cm²</i>	<i>Pine, Poplar</i>
<i>Medium density species</i>	<i>125-175 psi or 9-13 kg/cm²</i>	<i>Rubberwood, Cherry</i>
<i>High density species</i>	<i>175-250 psi or 13-18 kg/cm²</i>	<i>Oak, Maple</i>

Assembly time: The assembly time is influenced by many factors some of which include glue spread, moisture content of the stock, porosity of the stock, environmental conditions and adhesive choice. Assembly times of five to ten minutes are approximate. It is desirable to see a bead of adhesive squeeze out around the perimeter of the bottom panel of the stack.

Press/clamp time: Press times are dependent on the adhesive used, gluing stock type, moisture content of the stock, and environmental conditions. Press times can range from a minimum press time of 30 minutes to greater than two hours. Shorter times are required under ideal conditions when using soft wood species at moisture content slightly less than eight to ten percent and factory temperatures of 68 degrees Fahrenheit/ twenty degrees Celsius. Longer press times will be required for higher density species, higher moisture contents and colder factory temperatures. It is recommended that optimum press times be determined in actual plant conditions recognizing that seasonal changes may lead to variable requirements.

Machining/ post process conditioning: After the minimum clamping time period, the panel will develop enough handling strength and can be removed and stacked out of the press. Twenty-four hours of cure is recommended before further machining. Three or four days may be required to eliminate sunken joints caused by residual moisture in the glue line.

Minimum use temperature: Curing temperatures should be higher than the minimum use temperature of the adhesive. This includes the temperature of the stock to be glued as well as the air and adhesive temperatures. If the temperatures are below the minimum use temperatures you will see a white, chalky appearance of the glue line. These bonds are usually weak.

Clean-up: For easy removal of adhesive from equipment, clean up while it is still wet with warm water (this includes the glue roller and pans). For dried glue, steam and or hot water are the most effective. Using glue release agents on equipment will also allow for easier clean up.

Finger joint cutter-heads: Knife stack/set - be sure to check overall knife stack for accuracy. Keep cutter-heads in pairs and properly cleaned. Cutter-heads should be sharpened as a set. Knife set should cut only 0.25 mm or 0.010 inches to 0.75 mm or 0.030 inches of wood.

Finger joint assembly: End pressure should be set to provide 14.0 kg/cm² - 35.0 kg/cm² or 200 - 500 psi pressure for non-structural joints. Crowder wheels should be aligned to match fingers accurately.

Finger joint adhesive application: Sufficient adhesive spread will provide a uniform coverage that should cover one-half to two-thirds the length of the finger on both sides in a thin continuous film. Make sure fingers aren't skipped and that the adhesive is applied to the whole joint, not just the tips of the fingers. Too much adhesive can cause a hydraulic effect.

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STORAGE AND HANDLING

Shelf life: Best if used within four months of date of manufacture. Product only available in air assist style totes. Product not sold into California.

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