Advantage 460 is a one-part, crosslinking polyvinyl acetate emulsion adhesive developed especially for bonding HPL and wood veneer to fire-rated particleboard and fiberboard. It can be mixed with Aluminum Chloride (Catalyst A) as a two-part system to improve water resistance. It can be hot pressed or cold pressed.

**PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

- **Chemical family description:** Crosslinking polyvinyl acetate emulsion adhesive
- **Appearance:** Beige colored liquid
- **Typical viscosity (cps):** Uncatalyzed: 2100 - 4100 (4/60/83°F) Catalyzed: 1000 - 3000 cps
- **Weight solids (%):** 46.5 - 56.1
- **pH:** Uncatalyzed: 6.5 - 8.0 Catalyzed: 2.0 - 4.0
- **Specific gravity:** 1.11
- **Weight pounds per gallon:** 9.30
- **Suggested minimum use temperature:** 53°F/11°C

*The physical properties listed are target ranges and not final product specifications.*

**KEY PRODUCT FEATURES**

- Works with borated substrates
- Excellent for lamination
- High water-resistance
- Excellent pot life
- Passed screening test of CARB ATCM Phase 2 (ASTM D 6007-14) on ¼” 3-ply birch HWPW-VC

**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, 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.

**POT LIFE**

![Graph showing catalyzed pot life at 95°F (LV 4/60)]
APPLICATION GUIDELINES

**Machinery:** Product can only be hot or cold pressed, and is not intended for heat-assisted rotary laminators or pinch roll/dead stack.

**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.

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**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.

At 70 °F and 50% relative humidity, approximately 8 wet mils:
Total Assembly Time – 15 minutes

**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.

**Hot press time:** Press time is dependent on the adhesive used, gluing stock type, moisture content of the stock and environmental conditions. This hot press schedule is provided as a recommended starting point. In plant testing is recommended especially for temperatures and substrate thicknesses beyond this chart.
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 glueline. 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.

STORAGE AND HANDLING
Shelf life: Best if used within four months of date of manufacture. Product is freeze-thaw stable. If it becomes frozen, allow to warm to ambient temperature and thoroughly mix until a homogenous, smooth mixture is obtained.

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