

# 3M™ Scotchcast™ Re-enterable Electrical Insulating Resin 2123

Data Sheet

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## Description

3M™ Scotchcast™ Re-enterable Electrical Insulating Resin 2123 is a soft, two-part polybutadiene resin encapsulant designed especially for re-enterable splice protection. It is formulated for virtually every electrical application requiring a soft, re-enterable resin with good handling and performance characteristics. This resin is also used as the insulating material for cable splices operating at 1000 volts, and is rated for continuous use at 194°F (90°C) with an overload rating of at 266°F (130°C). It may be stocked to cover most re-enterable resin needs, ending the need for multiple encapsulant inventories.

Scotchcast resin 2123 is formulated with excellent wetting properties and low viscosity. The resin flows well even at low temperatures, filling the enclosure and minimizing voids.

### Resin Features:

- Bonds to all most cable jackets
- Bonds to itself and existing 3M™ Scotchcast™ Resin 2112
- Re-enterable
- Available in two-part closed mixing pouch for easy mixing and pouring
- Excellent multi-purpose moisture sealing resin
- Room temperature cure
- Flexible
- Low viscosity
- Color: Translucent Amber

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## Agency Approvals & Self Certifications

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## Resin Applications

- Replace or repair the jacket on both single and multi-core power cables
  - Seal the crotch or sheath when terminating multi-core cables
  - Potting cable or wire encasements
  - Potting cable fittings & splices
  - Potting printed circuit boards
  - Potting electrical junction boxes
  - Filling back shell connectors
  - Potting for motor controls
  - Potting of power supplies & ballasts
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## Typical Physical and Electrical Properties

Not for specifications. Values are typical, not to be considered minimum or maximum. Properties measured at room temperature 73°F (23°C) unless otherwise stated.

| Physical Properties (Test Method)  | Typical Value<br>US units (metric)                |
|--|---|
| <b>Color</b>   | Translucent Amber                                 |
| <b>Hardness</b> (ASTM D2240)   | 0 Shore A   |
| <b>Density</b> (ASTM D792)   | 0.53 oz/in <sup>3</sup> (0,91 g/cm <sup>3</sup> ) |
| <b>Tensile Strength</b> (ASTM D412)  | 10.7 psi (0,75 kg/cm <sup>2</sup> )               |
| <b>Elongation</b> (ASTM D412)  | 300%  |
| <b>Tear Strength</b> (ASTM D624)   | 1.6 lb/in @75°F<br>(585 N/m @ 24°C)               |
| <b>Glass Transition Temperature, T<sub>g</sub></b> (DSC)   | -108°F (-78°C)                                    |
| <b>Maximum Exotherm</b> , (100g) (ASTM D2471-99)   | 37°F (3°C)  |
| <b>Gel Time</b> (ASTM D2471-99)  | 62 minutes  |
| <b>Viscosity (cP) @ 77°F (25°C)</b> (3M Method TM-173)<br>Part A Prepolymer<br>Part B Polyol           | 350 - 750<br>700 - 1,400                          |
| <b>Specific Gravity</b> (ASTM D891)<br>Part A Prepolymer<br>Part B Polyol                              | 0.89<br>0.94                                      |
| <b>Moisture Absorption</b> (ASTM D-570)  | 0.2%  |
| <b>Adhesion to Metals (lb/in<sup>2</sup>)</b> (3M TM-456)<br>Copper<br>Brass<br>Steel<br>Aluminum      | 8.3<br>9.5<br>10.2<br>9.5                         |
| <b>Adhesion to Cable Jackets (lb/in<sup>2</sup>)</b> (3M TM-457)<br>Vinyl<br>Neoprene<br>Nylon<br>XLPE | 11.8<br>18.5<br>4.9<br>15.8                       |

| Electrical Properties (Test Method)                   | Typical Value                               |
|---|---|
| <b>Insulation Resistance</b> (MS 17000, Section 1182) | >4 x 10 <sup>11</sup> ohms                  |
| <b>Dielectric Strength</b> (ASTM D149)                | >240 V/mil (9,5 kV/mm)                      |
| <b>Dielectric Constant, @ 60Hz</b> (ASTM D150)        | 3.4 pf@ 73°F (23°C)<br>3.3 pf @194°F (90°C) |
| <b>Dissipation Factor, @ 60Hz</b> (ASTM D150)         | 3.5% @ 73°F (23°C)<br>114.5%@194°F (90°C)   |

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## Usage & Handling

### IMPORTANT:

Product should remain in the sealed container/envelope until ready to use. In cold weather, warm closed mixing pouch to 60°F (16°C) or warmer before mixing. Keep in a warm area, such as truck cab or inside pocket, until ready to use.

### General Instructions

#### Closed Mixing Pouch:

- Tear open the protective envelope and remove the closed mixing pouch
- Before breaking the barrier, squeeze the bag to pre-mix the separate components.
- Firmly grasp each flat side of the bag near the center barrier, while pulling the sides of the barrier apart and rolling the sides of thumbs through the barrier. Break the barrier all the way across to the side seals.
- Alternately squeeze each end of the bag, forcing the resin back and forth (1 minute).
- Strip the resin from the corners of the bag and continue to mix until the color is uniform (additional 2 minutes, maximum).
- Clip off a corner of the closed mixing pouch and pour

#### Bulk Components:

Measure the appropriate quantity of each component as indicated in the table below, then thoroughly mix to a uniform color and consistency prior to use. Opened bulk components should be blanketed with nitrogen to prevent moisture contamination.

| Component | Color       | Weight Ratio (w/w) | Volume Ratio (v/v) |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Part A    | Pale Yellow | 1                  | 1                  |
| Part B    | Amber       | 1                  | 1.06               |

#### Typical Cure Time:


| Temperature | Approximate Cure Time |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| 70°F (21°C) | 24 hours              |

**NOTE:** Values are typical, not to be considered minimum or maximum.

#### Safety Precautions:

Read all Health Hazard, Precautionary and First Aid statements found in the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) and/or product label of chemicals prior to handling or use.

Wear protective gloves when using this product.

|  <b>CAUTION</b>   |
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| Working around energized electrical systems may cause serious injury or death. Installation should be performed by personnel familiar with good safety practice in handling electrical equipment. De-energize and ground all electrical systems before installing product. |

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**Shelf Life & Storage**

3M™ Scotchcast™ Re-enterable Electrical Insulating Resin 2123 has a 2-year shelf life from date of manufacture when stored in the factory-sealed packaging under humidity controlled storage (10°C/50°F to 27°C/80°F and <75% relative humidity).

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**Availability**

Please contact your local distributor or call 1.800.245.3573.

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