## ACA 30-101; 30-102; 30-103

## **Bonds Metal to Polar and Non-Polar Plastics**

**Adhesive** 

HEAT ACTIVATED ADHESIVE

**PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**—The ACA 30-101, ACA 30-102, and ACA 30-103 series are waterborne dispersions of heat activated adhesives formulated to be used with a variety of grades of TPO/TPE materials. ACA 30-101 is for the softer grades of TPO/TPE, and has the lowest melting point. ACA 30-102 is for the midrange materials, and ACA 30-103 is for the hardest TPO/TPE, and has the highest melting point.

**TYPICAL USE**— This series of adhesives is designed to bond non-polar and polar surfaces such as polypropylene to aluminum and other metals using injection or over-molding processes. They will also bond metals to a variety of plastics and TPE/TPO/TPV, including Santoprene<sup>TM</sup>. Since there are so many choices of metals and plastics in this class, testing is necessary to establish that a good bond is provided with a given application.

**COATING METHOD**—An adhesive dry film thickness of 0.3-1.0 mils should be applied to the metal surface and then dried to evaporate the water. The adhesive may be applied to metal foil by gravure printing, nip-fed reverse roll or wire wound bar coating methods; however, care must be taken to prevent blocking as these adhesives may be slightly tacky. It may be necessary to interweave a release film or to run chill rolls on the oven output to avoid roll blocking. Brush, spray, or a paint roller may be used for unique shapes. Dry the adhesive in a forced air oven up to 300°F for a brief time to yield an adhesive dry thickness between 0.3 and 1.0 mils.

**TEST SAMPLE PREPARATION**—Adhesive activation was accomplished at 250°F., 40 PSI, for 10 seconds using a laboratory heat sealer. Your conditions may differ depending upon the heat sealer and specific adherents. These adhesives were also evaluated using a Boy 15S injection molder with molds set up to make 1"x5"x0.125" peel test samples. The back mold in which the metal was inserted was heated to 200°F and the front mold where the polymers where injected was chilled with constant loss cold tap water. Metal parts should be preheated prior to molding to 180-200°F. Dry adhesive properties and custom testing are available upon request.

**CLEAN UP**—Wash the equipment with water to remove the wet adhesive. Dry coating removal will require a toluene solvent wash for best results. Toluene is a flammable solvent and must be used according to OSHA safety standards.

## WET ADHESIVE PROPERTIES

<u>Test</u> Value	<u>Test</u> Value
pH8-9	Percent solids by weight 41-45
Viscosity (cps)	Density (lbs/gallon)
wt./gal. (lbs.) 8.8-8.9	Color Milky White Liquid

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