

Threadlocking

User's Guide

What you need to know to ensure a reliable threaded assembly



Loctite® Threadlocking Guide

Loctite® – Finding a Better Way

Old Way

Mechanical Locking Devices

Mechanical locking devices (e.g., split washers, nylon nuts) were invented to solve the common problem of loosening that occurs in most threaded assemblies. Although they were made for this purpose, they have several shortcomings.

Shortcomings of Mechanical Locking Devices

- Loosen under vibration, thermal expansion and/or improper torque
- Do not seal threads
- Require extensive inventory of several shapes and sizes
- Prone to rust





Better Way

Loctite® Threadlockers

Invented 50 years ago by Loctite Corporation, now Henkel Corporation, this revolutionary method to lock and seal threaded fasteners with liquid anaerobic adhesives has found worldwide acceptance. Suited for a wide range of applications, from delicate electronic components to heavy industrial equipment, Loctite® threadlockers have dramatically increased the reliability of threaded assemblies.

Benefits of Loctite® Threadlockers

- Lock nuts and bolts against vibration and thermal expansion
- Seal against corrosion and leakage
- Reduce inventory costs
- Suitable for all shapes and sizes of fasteners
- Act as a thread lubricant
- Maintain critical adjustments of the assembly
- No on-torque adjustments needed
- High chemical resistance

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Threaded Fasteners

Locking Methods

Functions of a threaded assembly

- 1. Create clamp force
- 2. Maintain clamp force
- 3. Allow disassembly



Why do threaded assemblies fail?

Clamp force is not maintained

Threaded assemblies loosen because of:

A. Gaps: In order to make the assembly possible, nuts and bolts must have some tolerance, which creates gaps between the threads.



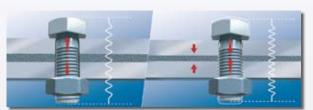
Parts tolerance

B. Vibration & side-to-side movement: These gaps allow the parts to move from side-to-side when exposed to vibration.



Vibration and loosening

C. Expansion/contraction & loosening: Expansion and contraction can also cause side-to-side movement. This, in addition to vibration, leads to loosening and ultimately disassembly of parts.



Stretching of the bolt beyond its yield point and thermal expansion/contraction of parts lead to lack of structural rigidity and relaxation of parts.

Disassembly is not always possible

This failure happens because, in certain conditions, a nut and a bolt can seize together. This seizing effect is caused by:

- Corrosion, rust, when dealing with:
- ✓ Humidity
- ✓ High temperatures
- ✓ Assembly of different metals (galvanic corrosion)
- Galling (friction welding)



Corroded assemblies can be difficult to take apart...



...which can lead to broken bolts.

Shortcomings of locking devices



Split ring or spring washers

Increased friction reduces clamp load; will not ensure reliable threadlocking under dynamic loads.



Tooth or ribbed flanged bolts

Prevent self-loosening, but are expensive; need larger flange-bearing surfaces and may damage the surfaces.



Tab washers, split pins, castle nuts

Expensive and time-consuming methods, they often impose challenges to line up their components appropriately (i.e., tabs, cotter pins).



Nylon nut

More expensive than a standard nut, nylon inserts increase friction, which results in inaccurate torque.

Why use Loctite® threadlockers?

Loctite® Benefits

Better Performance

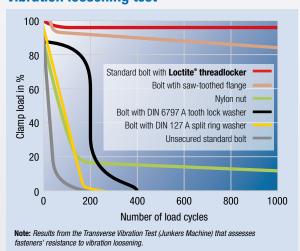
- Reliable assembly: Lock against vibration, shock and thermal cycling – plus seal against corrosion and galling.
- Easy disassembly using hand tools when low- or medium-grade formula is selected.
- Outperform locking devices: Better clamp load retention compared to all mechanical locking devices.

Cost Savings



- **Inventory:** "One size fits all," universally applicable for a wide range of fastener sizes.
- **Processing:** Ease of automation reduces assembly costs and increases throughput.
- Material Cost: Lower cost per unit compared to most locking devices.

Vibration loosening test



Cost per locking application

Fastener Size	Split Ring Washer	Loctite® Threadlocker			
3/8"	2 ¢	2 ¢			
5/8"	9 ¢	5 ¢			
7/8"	25 ¢	7 ¢			

Note: Washer pricing based on 100 units purchased at an industrial distributor. Locitie* pricing based on 50 ml bottle price and number of drops required per application.

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Loctite® Threadlocking Solutions

How does a Loctite® threadlocker work?

Fill Gaps

Loctite® threadlockers are single-component adhesives that cure in the absence of air and in contact with active metal to form a tough thermoset plastic. They completely fill all voids between the interfacing threads, which makes the assembly a unitized component and ultimately prevents loosening.



Loctite® threadlocker between the interfacing threads

Seal Threads

Another property of Loctite® threadlockers is thread sealing. This property is especially important when assembling through-bolts in an oil reservoir or cooling jacket in order to keep the fluids sealed in and corrosion out. Examples of this application are common, but not limited, to gearboxes and internal combustion engines.



Engagement area of rusty bolt that did NOT have Loctite® threadlocker applied



Engagement area of rusty bolt that DID have Loctite® threadlocker applied

How do I use a Loctite® threadlocker?

Application Options



For through-holes



For blind holes



For post-assembly



For overhead applications



For pre-applied applications

IMPORTANT: To achieve optimum performance, all parts must be clean and free of contaminants (e.g., oil, grease).

Dispensing Options



50 ml and 50 ml sh-pull nozzle



250 ml and 50 ml Loctite® hand pumps



Loctite® integrated semiautomatic dispenser, dispense valve and stationary dispense valve

For maximum convenience and productivity, Loctite® threadlockers can be dispensed through Loctite® dispensing systems. For more information, visit www.equipment.loctite.com.

When should I use a Loctite® primer?

Speed up cure

Significantly speed up the cure time of Loctite® threadlockers when assembling metal parts that are cold, have large gaps or deep threads. Not required for primerless products.



Loctite® QuickStix™ 7088™ Primer

Inactive metal assemblies*

When assembling metal parts with inactive surfaces, Loctite® primers are recommended to ensure proper performance of Loctite® threadlockers. Not required for primerless products.

(Prir	Active Metals (Primers Optional)			
Plated Parts	Zinc	Magnetite Steel	Iron	Manganese
Anodized Aluminum	Pure Aluminum	Inconel®	Plain Steel	Monel®
Titanium	Cadmium	Silver	Copper	Kovar®
Stainless Steel	Magnesium	Gold	Brass	
Galvanized Steel	Natural or Chemical Black Oxide		Bronze	

Loctite" threadlockers cure in the absence of air and presence of metal ions. When assembling inactive metal parts, which are low in metal ions, the use of Loctite" primers is recommended to ensure proper performance of Loctite" threadlockers.

Loctite® threadlocker key selection factors

Strength

- Low Strength: Ideal for fasteners <1/4" (6 mm). Easy disassembly using hand tools.
- Medium Strength: Designed to be removable with standard hand tools on 1/4" to 3/4" fasteners.
- **High Strength:** Designed to deliver high strength on ½" to ¾" (6 mm to 22 mm) fasteners. For removal, it may require localized heat (>550°F/260°C), hand tools, and disassembly while hot.



Easy disassembly with hand tools when using Low and Medium Strength formulas

Viscosity

- Liquid Formulas: Everyday assembly; ideal for fine threads and blind holes
- **Semisolid Formulas:** Pocket-friendly, ideal for overhead applications
- Tape Formula: Pocket-friendly; controlled application; can be pre-applied several days before assembly.



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Gel

- **Pre-Applied:** QuickTape[™] threadlocker can be applied beforehand on bolts that are waiting to be assembled.
- **Pre-Assembly:** Most Loctite® liquid threadlockers are designed to be applied at the moment that parts will be assembled.
- Post-Assembly: Wicking grade formula can be applied on parts that are already assembled.

Materials Being Assembled

Application Methods

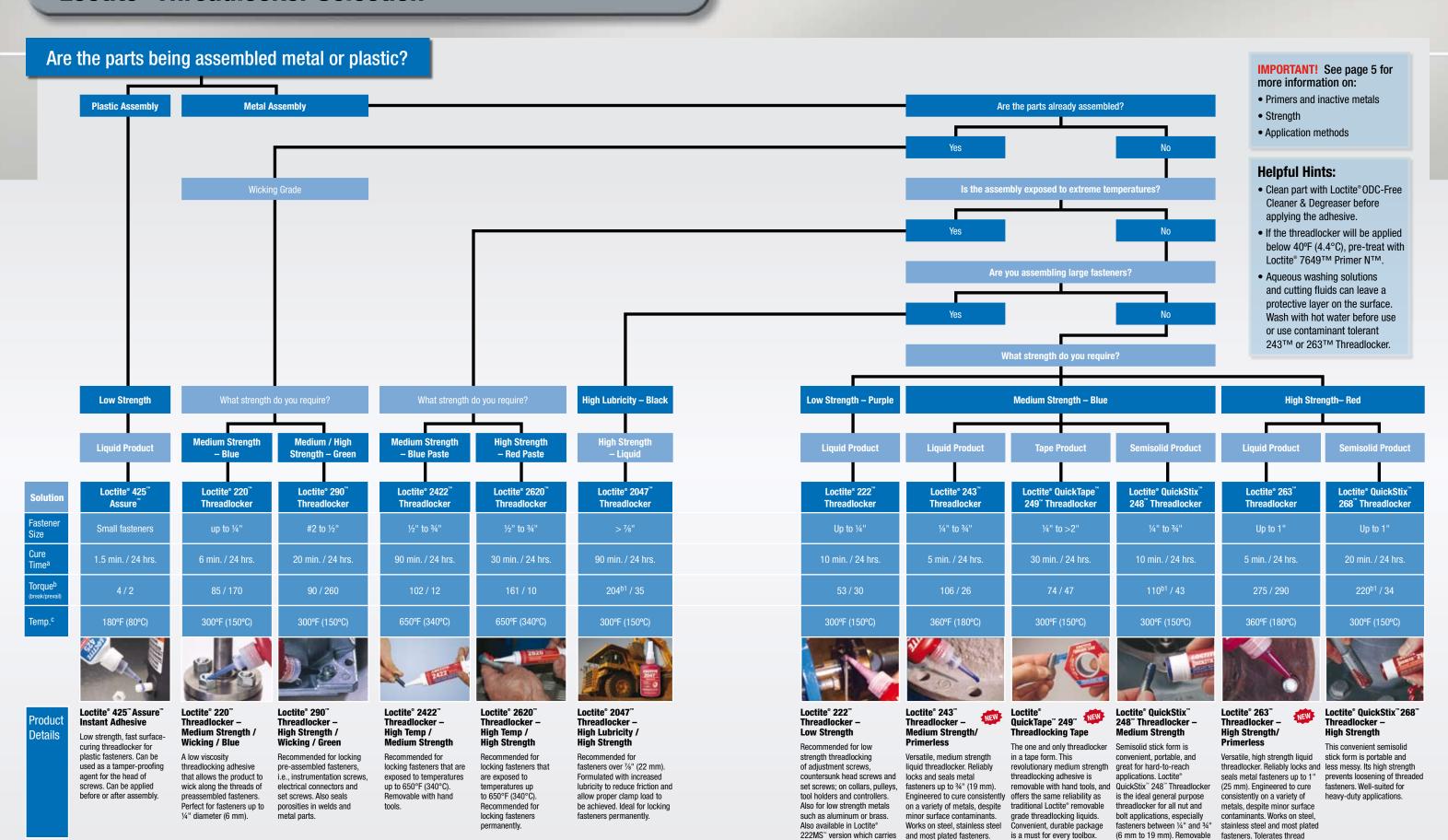
- All Loctite® Threadlockers: Metal-to-metal applications.
- Loctite® 425™ Assure™: Plastic-to-plastic, plastic-to-metal applications.



QuickTape™: Pre-applied application

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Loctite® Threadlocker Selection



Mil-Spec (S-46163A)

Type II, Grade M. NSF P1.

Tolerates thread lubrication

fluids. Rated for 360°F

(180°C).

anti-corrosion and protection

Loctite® QuickTape™ 249™

is easy to apply and can be

preapplied for future assembly.

with hand tools.

lubrication, anti-corrosion and

360°F (180°C). Heat required

protection fluids. Rated for

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a CURE TIME (fixture time in min./full strength in hrs). Typical value @ 70°F (21°C) b TORQUE values in in.-lbs. (breakaway/prevailing torque) b1 BREAKLOOSE VALUE C TEMPERATURE resistance for continuous service

Loctite® Innovations



Tape and Semisolid Products – Versatility and Cleanliness

Loctite® QuickTape™ 249™ Threadlocking Tape

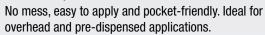
The first threadlocker in a convenient, tape form. Easy to use with no mess and no waste, Loctite® QuickTape™ 249™ provides the same reliable performance as traditional Loctite® medium-strength threadlocking liquids and sticks. It can even be pre-applied for future assemblies. It's a MUST HAVE for every toolbox!







Loctite® QuickStix™ 248™ Medium Strength Loctite® QuickStix™ 268™ High Strength Loctite® QuickStix™ 7088™ Primer









Primerless Products – Speed and Performance

Loctite® 243™ Medium Strength and Loctite® 263™ High Strength Threadlockers

The NEW Loctite® 243[™] Medium Strength and 263[™] High Strength Threadlockers offer all of the performance properties of the original Loctite® 242® and 262[™] products, plus more, to meet the everchanging, ever-demanding industrial environments of today and tomorrow. The new formulas offer:

- High temperature performance able to withstand temperatures up to 360°F (182°C)
- Improved cure performance on oil-contaminated surfaces
- Cure without primer, even on inactive surfaces such as stainless steel



High Temperature Products – Performance and Convenience

Loctite® 2422™ Threadlocker, High Temp, Medium Strength Loctite® 2620™ Threadlocker, High Temp, High Strength

New paste formula does not run or migrate, and withstands continuous exposure to temperatures up to 650°F (340°C). These products are conveniently packaged in syringes for easy dispensing. Disassembling Loctite® 2620™ Threadlocker, High Temp, High Strength requires heating to above 650°F (340°C) and disassembling while hot.



Large Fastener Product – High Lubricity and High Strength

Loctite® 2047™ Threadlocker, High Lubricity and High Strength

Designed for applications on fasteners over %" in diameter, this threadlocker and its formula with increased lubricity allow proper clamp load to be achieved by reducing friction. In addition, its high strength property will ensure that clamp load is maintained when exposed to vibration. Standard threadlockers may not have sufficient lubricity on large fasteners to achieve ultimate clamp load.





Low Odor Product – Sensitive Areas and Confined Spaces

Loctite® 2423™ Threadlocker, Low Odor, Medium Strength Designed for applications in sensitive areas and confined spaces. Suited for fasteners between ¼" and ¾".





Loctite® Threadlocker Properties Chart

KEY FACTORS	KEY FEATURES	PRODUCT	ITEM NUMBER	PACKAGE TYPE & SIZE	COLOR	TYPICAL USE	VISCOSITY (cP)†	TORQUE‡ inlbs. (break/prevail)	TEMP. RANGE	CURE SPEED (STEEL @ 25°C)	AGENCY Approvals
LOW Strength	Small Fasteners	222™ ₫	21463 21464	10 ml bottle 50 ml bottle	Purple	Small screws under 1/4"	1,200 / 5,000 Thixotropic	53 / 30	-65°F to 300°F	Fixture – 10 min. Full – 24 hrs.	N/A
u.	General Purpose/ Primerless	243™ ☑	1330255 1329837 1329467 1329505 1330333	0.5 ml capsule 10 ml bottle 50 ml bottle 250 ml bottle 1 liter bottle	Blue	Primerless, medium strength	1,300 / 3,000	106 / 26	-65°F to 360°F	Fixture – 5 min. Full – 24 hrs.	N/A
HLENGTH	General Purpose Tape	QuickTape™ 249™ NEW	1372603	260" Roll	Blue	Removable strength, 1/4" to > 2", pre-applied	Tape	74/47	-65*F to 300*F	Fixture – 30 min. Full – 24 hrs.	N/A
REMOVABLE STRENGTH	General Purpose Semisolid Stick	QuickStix™ 248™	37684 37087	9 g stick 19 g stick	Blue	1/4" to 3/4" bolts, overhead, pre-dispensed, hard-to- reach areas	Semisolid	110* / 43	-65°F to 300°F	Fixture – 10 min. (3 min. w/primer) Full – 24 hrs.	CFIA
REMOVA	High Temperature	246™	29513 29514 29515	10 ml bottle 50 ml bottle 250 ml bottle	Blue	High temperature, medium strength	2,600	170* / 48	-65°F to 450°F	Fixture – 20 min. Full – 24 hrs.	N/A
	Ultra-High Temperature	2422™	1134601 1134602	30 g syringe 300 g cartridge	Blue	Ultra-high temperature, medium strength for 1/2" to 3/4" bolts	Paste	102 / 12	-65°F to 650°F	Fixture – 90 min. Full – 24 hrs.	N/A
	Low Odor	2423™	1134871	50 ml bottle	Blue	Confined spaces / sensitive areas for bolts 1/4" to 3/4"	1,600 Thixotropic	102 / 18	-65°F to 300°F	Fixture – 5 min. Full – 24 hrs.	N/A
	General Purpose / Primerless	263™ ✓	1330582 1330583 1330585 1330335 1330334	0.5 ml capsule 10 ml bottle 50 ml bottle 250 ml bottle 1 liter bottle	Red	Primerless, high strength	400 / 600	275 / 290	-65°F to 360°F	Fixture – 10 min. Full – 24 hrs.	N/A
_	General Purpose Semisolid Stick	QuickStix™ 268™	37685 37686	9 g stick 19 g stick	Red	Up to 3/4" bolts, overhead, pre-dispensed, hard-to- reach areas	Semisolid	220* / 34	-65°F to 300°F	Fixture – 20 min. (5 min. w/primer) Full – 24 hrs.	CFIA
HIGH STRENGTH	High Temperature	272™ ⊕	27240 27270 27285	50 ml bottle 250 ml bottle 1 liter bottle	Red	High temperature applications	9,500	200 / 220	-65°F to 450°F	Fixture – 30 min. Full – 24 hrs.	CFIA
HIGH S.	Ultra-High Temperature	2620™	1138282	30 g syringe	Red	Ultra-high temperature, high strength for 1/2" to 3/4" bolts	Paste	161 / 10	-65°F to 650°F	Fixture – 30 min. Full – 24 hrs.	N/A
	Large Bolts	277™ ∰	21434 27731 27741 27743	10 ml bottle 50 ml bottle 250 ml bottle 1 liter bottle	Red	Large bolts > 7/8"	7,000	275 / 275	-65°F to 300°F	Fixture – 60 min. Full – 24 hrs.	MIL-S-46163A for existing designs, ASTM D-5363**
	High Lubricity Large Bolts	2047™	1134607	50 ml bottle	Black	Large bolts > 7/8". High lubricity allows proper clamp load to be achieved	2,000 / 12,000 Thixotropic	204* / 35	300°F	Fixture – 90 min. Full – 24 hrs.	N/A
	Removable Strength	220™	37388 39186 22041	10 ml bottle 50 ml bottle 250 ml bottle	Blue	Wicking grade for small, pre-assembled fasteners under 1/4"	20	85 / 170	-65°F to 300°F	Fixture – 6 min. Full – 24 hrs.	MIL-S-46163A for existing designs, ASTM D-5363**, CFIA
WICKING	General Purpose	290™	29005 29021 29031 29041 29043	0.5 ml capsule 10 ml bottle 50 ml bottle 250 ml bottle 1 liter bottle	Green	Medium/high strength. Wicking grade for pre-assembled parts	12	90 / 260	-65°F to 300°F	Fixture – 20 min. Full – 24 hrs.	MIL-S-46163A for existing designs, ASTM D-5363**, NSF/ANSI 61, NSF P1, CFIA
	High Temperature/ Oil Tolerant	294™	27934 27935 27936 27937	0.5 ml capsule 10 ml bottle 50 ml bottle 250 ml bottle	Green	Medium/high strength, high temperature, wicking grade	34	289 / 237	-65°F to 450°F	Fixture – 6 min. Full – 24 hrs.	N/A
PLASTIC	Plastic Fasteners	425™ Assure™	42540 42561	20 g bottle 1 lb. bottle	Blue	For small metal and plastic fasteners and tamper- proofing	80	4/2	-65°F to 180°F	Fixture – 1.5 min. Full – 24 hrs.	N/A
F00D GRADE	Processing equipment that can contact food	2046™	1186840	12 ml syringe	Blue	Strengthening / coupling agent for joints on equipment	Gel	111 / 63	450°F	Gel Time – 20 min.	FDA 21 C.F.R. 175.300
	Small Fasteners	222MS™	22205 22221 22231 22241	0.5 ml capsule 10 ml bottle 50 ml bottle 250 ml bottle	Purple	Small screws under 1/4"	1,200/5,000 Thixotropic	53 / 30	-65°F to 300°F	Fixture – 10 min. Full – 24 hrs.	MIL-S-46163A for existing designs. ASTM D-5363**, NSF P1, CFIA
MIL-SPEC	Removable Strength	242®	24205 24221 24231 24241	0.5 ml capsule 10 ml bottle 50 ml bottle 250 ml bottle	Blue	1/4" to 3/4" bolts	1,200/5,000 Thixotropic	110 / 43	-65°F to 300°F	Fixture – 10 min. Full – 24 hrs.	MIL-S-46163A for existing designs. ASTM D-5363**, NSF P1, ABS, CFIA
MI	High Strength	262™	26205 26221 26231 26241	0.5 ml capsule 10 ml bottle 50 ml bottle 250 ml bottle	Red	Up to 3/4" bolts	1,800/5,000 Thixotropic	189 / 275	-65°F to 300°F	Fixture – 5 min. Full – 24 hrs.	MIL-S-46163A for existing designs. ASTM D-5363**, NSF P1, ABS, CFIA
	Low Viscosity	271™	27105 27121 27131 27141	0.5 ml capsule 10 ml bottle 50 ml bottle 250 ml bottle	Red	High strength for fasteners up to 1" diameter	500	250 / 275	-65°F to 300°F	Fixture – 10 min. Full – 24 hrs.	MIL-S-46163A for existing designs. ASTM D-5363**, UL Classified for U.S., CFIA
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Loctite® Primers Properties Chart

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		PRODUCT	ITEM NO.	PACKAGE Type & Size	PHYSICAL PROPERTY	ON-PART LIFE	DRY TIME	AGENCY APPROVALS	
	ASED	7471 [∼] Primer T [∞]	19267 22477 19268	1.75 fl. oz. bottle 4.5 oz. net wt. aerosol can 1 gallon can	Liquid	7 days	30 to 70 seconds	MIL-S-22473E for existing designs, ASTM D-5363 for new designs	
SOLVENT-BASED	SOLVENT-B	7649⁻ Primer N⁻	19269 38402 21347 21348 19266	1.75 fl. oz. glass bottle 1.75 fl. oz. aluminum bottle 25 g net wt. aerosol can 4.5 oz. net wt. aerosol can 1 gallon can	Liquid	30 days	30 to 70 seconds	MIL-S-22473E for existing designs, ASTM D-5363 for new designs, NSF/ANSI 61, NSF P1, CFIA	
	SOLVENT- LESS	7090 [™]	19368 12695	1 fl. oz. bottle 1 liter bottle	Liquid	1 hour	<10 minutes	-	
	SOL	Loctite® QuickStix™ 7088™ Primer®	1069258	17 g stick	Semisolid	30 days	-	-	

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