Threadlocking Adhesives

Locking of Threaded Fasteners



Why use a Loctite® Threadlocker?

Loctite[®] threadlocking products prevent self-loosening and secure any threaded fastener against vibration and shock loads. They are easy-flowing liquids or semi-solid adhesives which completely fill the gaps between mating threads. When used to assemble threaded fasteners, Loctite[®] Threadlockers permanently secure threaded assemblies and eliminate fretting corrosion by creating a unitised assembly.

Loctite[®] Threadlockers are much superior to traditional mechanical locking methods:

- Mechanical devices, e.g. split pins, tab washers: Only used to prevent the loss of nuts and bolts
- Friction devices: add to absolute elasticity and/or increase friction; but will not ensure permanent threadlocking under dynamic loads
- Locking devices, like tooth flanged and ribbed flanged bolts, nuts and washers: They prevent self-loosening, but are expensive and need larger flange-bearing surfaces; and they may damage the surfaces.

Loctite[®] Threadlockers are single-component liquid and semi-solid adhesives. They cure at room temperature to a hard solid thermoset plastic when applied between steel, aluminium, brass and most other metal surfaces. They cure in the absence of air. The adhesive completely fills the gaps between mating threads to lock threads and joints.

Advantages of Loctite® Threadlockers as compared to traditional mechanical locking devices:

- Prevent unwanted movement, loosening, leaks, and corrosion
- · Resist vibration
- Single-component clean and easy to apply
- · Can be used on all sizes of fasteners reduces inventory costs
- Seal threads allow through-hole tapping

Choose the right Loctite® Threadlocker for your application:

Loctite[®] Threadlockers are available in varying viscosities and strengths and can be used for a wide range of applications.

Low Strength:

Removable with standard hand tools, good for adjustment screws, calibration screws, meters and gauges, for thread size up to M80.

Medium Strength:

Removable with hand tools, but more difficult to disassemble; good for machine tools and presses, pumps and compressors, mounting bolts, gear boxes, for thread size up to M80.







Correct surface preparation is the most important factor to assure the total success of any adhesive performance.

- Degrease, clean and dry threads prior to applying the adhesive use Loctite[®] 7063 (see Cleaning on page 102)
- If the parts were in contact with aqueous washing solutions or cutting fluids which leave a protective layer on the surface, wash with hot water
- If the adhesive is applied below 5°C, pre-treatment with Loctite[®] 7240 or Loctite[®] 7649 is advised (see Surface Preparation on page 124)
- · For locking of plastic fasteners: see Instant Adhesives on pages 32-39



Dispensing Equipment

Loctite[®] products are used for a wide variety of threadlocking applications. For some jobs it is sufficient to dispense adhesives and sealants manually from the bottle or cartridge onto the surfaces to be joined. In other cases, however, more precise hand-held or stationary automated dispensing is required. Loctite[®] dispensing equipment is specially designed to make application and use of our products fast, precise, clean and economical:

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Semi-Automatic Dispensing Equipment Loctite® 97009 / 97121 / 97201

Loctite[®] Semi-Automatic Dispensing Equipment combines a controller and reservoir into a single unit for valve dispensing of many Loctite[®] Threadlockers. Provides digital timing control, empty and end-of-cycle signal. Pinch Valve suitable for stationary or hand-held mode. The reservoirs are large enough to accept up to 2kg bottles, and units can be equipped with low level sensing.



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Hand-Held Applicator Loctite® 98414 Peristaltic Hand Pump, 50ml bottle Loctite® 97001 Peristaltic Hand Pump, 250ml bottle

These hand-held applicators mount easily on any anaerobic Loctite[®] 50ml or 250ml bottle, converting the bottle into a portable dispenser. They are designed to dispense at any angle in drop sizes from 0.01 to 0.4ml, without leaks or product waste (suitable for viscosities up to 30,000 mPa·s).

For information on semi- or fully automated dispensing equipment, available valves, spare parts, accessories and dispensing tips, please refer to page 142 or the Loctite[®] Equipment Sourcebook.



97001 / 98414

High Strength:

Very difficult to disassemble with standard hand tools; may require localised heat for removal. Good for permanent assemblies on heavy equipment, studs, motor and pump mounts, for thread size up M80.

Wicking:

Very difficult to disassemble with standard hand tools; may require localised heat for removal. For preassembled fasteners, instrumentation or carburettor screws.

Non-liquids (semi-solid):

Medium and high strength semi-solid Threadlocker Sticks that can be used on thread size up to M50.







Are the metal parts already assembled?

	Yes		
	Wicking grade		
	Medium/High	Low	
	Liquid	Liquid	
Solution	Loctite [®] 290	Loctite® 222	
Size of thread	Up to M80	Up to M80	
Functional strength after ¹	3 h	6 h	
Breakaway torque M10 bolts	10 Nm	6 Nm	
Service temperature range	-55 to +150°C	-55 to +150°C	
Pack sizes	10ml, 50ml, 250ml, 21t	10ml, 50ml, 250ml	
Equipment ²	97001, 98414, 97009, 97121,	97001, 98414	

Handy Hints:

- Degrease, clean and dry surfaces prior to applying the adhesive use Loctite[®] 7063 (see Cleaning on page 102)
- If the adhesive is applied below 5°C, pre-treatment with Loctite[®] 7240 or Loctite[®] 7649 is advised (see Surface Preparation on page 124)
- For plastic part(s) please refer to Instant Adhesives on pages 32-39

Loctite® 290

• Ideal for locking preassembled fasteners, e.g. instrumentation screws, electrical connectors and set screws



Loctite[®] 222

- Ideal for low-strength threadlocking of adjusting screws, countersunk head screws and set screws
- Good on low strength metals which could break during disassembly, e.g. aluminium or brass
- P1 NSF Reg. No.: 123002

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What strength do you require?

Medium		High			
Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid		
Loctite [®] 243	Loctite [®] 2400	Loctite [®] 270	Loctite® 2700		
Up to M80	Up to M80	Up to M80	Up to M80		
2 h	2 h	3 h	3 h		
26 Nm	20 Nm	33 Nm	20 Nm		
-55 to +180°C	-55 to +150°C	-55 to +180°C	-55 to +150°C		
10ml, 50ml, 250ml, 2lt	50ml, 250ml	10ml, 50ml, 250ml, 2lt	50ml, 250ml		
97001, 98414, 97009, 97121, 97201	97001, 98414	97001, 98414, 97009, 97121, 97201	97001, 98414		



Loctite[®] 243

- Works on all metals, including passive substrates (e.g. stainless steel, aluminium, plated surfaces)
- Proven to tolerate slight contaminations of industrial oils, e.g. engine oils, corrosion prevention oils and cutting fluids
- Prevents loosening on vibrating parts, e.g. pumps, gear boxes or presses
- Permits disassembly with hand tools for servicing

P1 NSF Reg. No.: 123000

Loctite[®] 2400

- Leading in health and safety
 No hazard symbols, risk or
- "White" Material Safety Data Sheet – no entries in sections
 2, 3, 15 and 16 of MSDS acc.
- to (EC) No. 1907/2006 ISO 11014-1 • Excellent chemical and thermal
- resistance of cured product
 To be used where regular disassembly with hand tools for
 - servicing is required

WRAS Approval (BS 6920): 1104507

Loctite® 270

- Suitable for all metal fasteners, including stainless steel, aluminium, plated surfaces and chrome-free coatings
- Tolerates slight contaminations of industrial oils, e.g. engine oils, corrosion prevention oils, cutting fluids
- Ideal for permanently locking studs on engine blocks and pump housings
- To be used if regular removal for maintenance is not required

P1 NSF Reg. No.: 123006

Loctite[®] 2700

- Leading in health and safety
- No hazard symbols, risk or safety phrases.
- "White" Material Safety Data Sheet – no entries in sections 2, 3, 15 and 16 of MSDS acc. to (EC) No. 1907/2006 – ISO 11014-1
- Excellent chemical and thermal resistance of cured product
- For applications where disassembly is not required
 WRAS Approval (BS 6920): 1104508

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Product list

Product	Chemical basis	Colour	Fluorescence	Max. thread size	Service temperature range	Strength	Breakaway torque	Thixotropy	
Loctite [®] 221	Methacrylate	Purple	Yes	M80	-55 to +150°C	Low	8.5 Nm	No	
Loctite® 222		Purple	Yes	M80	-55 to +150°C	Low	6 Nm	Yes	
Loctite [®] 241		Blue opaque	Yes	M80	-55 to +150°C	Medium	11.5 Nm	No	
Loctite® 242		Blue	Yes	M80	-55 to +150°C	Medium	11.5 Nm	Yes	
Loctite [®] 243		Blue	Yes	M80	-55 to +180°C	Medium	26 Nm	Yes	
Loctite® 245		Blue	Yes	M80	-55 to +150°C	Medium	13 Nm	Yes	
Loctite® 248 Stick		Blue	Yes	M50	-55 to +150°C	Medium	17 Nm	N.A.	
Loctite® 262		Red	Yes	M80	-55 to +150°C	Medium/high	22 Nm	Yes	
Loctite® 268 Stick		Red	Yes	M50	-55 to +150°C	High	17 Nm	N.A.	
Loctite [®] 270		Green	Yes	M80	-55 to +180°C	High	33 Nm	No	
Loctite [®] 271		Red	Yes	M80	-55 to +150°C	High	26 Nm	No	
Loctite [®] 272		Red-orange	No	M80	-55 to +200°C	High	23 Nm	Yes	
Loctite [®] 275		Green	Yes	M80	-55 to +150°C	High	25 Nm	Yes	
Loctite [®] 276		Green	Yes	M80	-55 to +150°C	High	60 Nm	No	
Loctite [®] 277		Red	Yes	M80	-55 to +150°C	High	32 Nm	Yes	
Loctite [®] 278		Green	No	M80	-55 to +200°C	High	42 Nm	No	
Loctite [®] 290		Green	Yes	M80	-55 to +150°C	Medium/high	10 Nm	No	
Loctite [®] 2400		Blue	Yes	M80	-55 to +150°C	Medium	20 Nm	Yes	
Loctite [®] 2700		Green	Yes	M80	-55 to +150°C	High	20 Nm	No	
Loctite [®] 2701		Green	Yes	M80	-55 to +150°C	High	38 Nm	No	

Viscosity in Fixture time Fixture time Fixture time Pack sizes Comments mPa·s steel brass stainless steel 20 min. 250ml 100 - 15025 min. 210 min. Low strength, low viscosity, small threads 10ml, 50ml, 900 - 1,50015 min. 8 min. 360 min. Low strength, general purpose 250ml 100 - 15035 min. 12 min. 240 min. 250ml Medium strength, low viscosity, small threads 800 - 1,6005 min. 15 min. 20 min. 250ml Medium strength, medium viscosity, general purpose 10ml, 50ml, 1,300 - 3,000 10 min. 5 min. 10 min. Medium strength, general purpose, oil tolerant 250ml, 2lt 5.600 - 10.00020 min. 12 min. 240 min. 50ml, 250ml Medium strength, medium viscosity, large threads Semi-solid 5 min. 20 min. 9g, 19g Medium strength, positioning: MRO/distribution _ 250ml 1,200 - 2,40015 min. 8 min. 180 min. Medium/high strength, general purpose Semi-solid 5 min. 5 min. 19g High strength, positioning: MRO/distribution _ 10ml, 50ml, 400 - 600 10 min. 10 min. 150 min. High strength, general purpose, oil tolerant 250ml, 2lt 400 - 60010 min. 5 min. 15 min. 50ml High strength, low viscosity 4,000 - 15,000 40 min. 50ml, 250ml High strength, high temperature resistant _ _ 5,000 - 10,000 15 min. 7 min. 180 min. 250ml, 2lt High viscosity, high strength, large threads 380 - 620 3 min. 50ml 3 min. 5 min. High strength, especially for nickel surfaces 6,000 - 8,00030 min. 25 min. 270 min. 50ml, 250ml High viscosity, high strength, large threads 2,400 - 3,60020 min. 20 min. 60 min. 50ml, 250ml High strength, high temperature resistant 10ml, 50ml, 20 - 55 20 min. 20 min. 60 min. Medium/high strength, wicking grade 250ml, 2lt 225 - 47510 min. 8 min. 10 min. 50ml, 250ml Medium strength, no labelling, white MSDS 50ml 350 - 5505 min. 4 min. 5 min. High strength, no labelling, white MSDS 50ml, 500 - 90010 min. 4 min. 25 min. High strength, especially for chromated surfaces 250ml, 2lt

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