

# SR GreenPoxy 80 / SZ 852x EVO

Hot press biobased epoxy system

SR *GreenPoxy* 80 / SZ 852x EVO is a highly biobased epoxy system, SR *GreenPoxy* 80 contains 80 % of biobased carbons. It has high reactivity for short curing cycles and is specially designed for hot press applications (90 - 120 °C). Designed for outdoors composite equipment, it has very good adhesion on various materials.

|                                     |           | SR <i>GreenPoxy</i> 80 |             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------|-------------|
|                                     |           | SZ 8525 EVO            | SZ 8526 EVO |
| Reactivity                          |           | Fast                   | Very fast   |
| Initial viscosity (mPa.s)           | 20 °C     | 2 170                  | 2 700       |
|                                     | 80 °C     | 76                     | 68          |
| Mixing ratio                        | By weight | 100 / 25               | 100 / 23    |
| <b>T</b> <sub>g</sub> <b>2</b> (°C) |           | 100                    | 103         |
| Gel time                            | 20 °C     | 4 h 35                 | 3 h 55      |
|                                     | 80 °C     | 4 min                  | 4 min       |



## Resin

|                             |       | SR <i>GreenPoxy</i> 80 |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------------------|
| Aspect and color            |       | Cloudy liquid          |
| Gardner color               |       | < 3                    |
| Viscosity (mPa.s)           | 15 °C | 3 500                  |
|                             | 20 °C | 2 100                  |
|                             | 25 °C | 1 300                  |
|                             | 30 °C | 830                    |
| Density (kg/L)              | 20 °C | 1.21                   |
| Biobased carbon content (%) |       | 80                     |
| Shelf life                  | 23 °C | 24 months              |

## **Hardeners**

|                   |       | SZ 8525 EVO   | SZ 8526 EVO |  |
|-------------------|-------|---------------|-------------|--|
| Reactivity        |       | Fast          | Very fast   |  |
| Aspect and color  |       | Yellow liquid |             |  |
| Gardner color     |       | < 3           |             |  |
| Viscosity (mPa.s) | 15 °C | 66            | 85          |  |
|                   | 20 °C | 47            | 60          |  |
|                   | 25 °C | 35            | 45          |  |
|                   | 30 °C | 27            | 33          |  |
| Density (kg/L)    | 20 °C | 0.94          | 0.94        |  |
| Shelf life        | 23 °C | 12 months     | 12 months   |  |



## Mixtures SR GreenPoxy 80 / SZ 852x EVO

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| Biobased carbon content (%) |           | 64*                    | 64          |

<sup>\*</sup>Calculated value

## Reactivity of 100 g mixtures

| Tompovoturo, 20 °C            | SR GreenPoxy 80 |             |  |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--|
| Temperature: 20 °C            | SZ 8525 EVO     | SZ 8526 EVO |  |
| Pot life                      | 20 – 24 min     | 18 – 22 min |  |
| Maximum temperature (°C)      | 216             | 221 °C      |  |
| Time to reach exothermic peak | 34 min          | 30 min      |  |

## Reactivity of 1 mm thickness film

|          |       | SR <i>GreenPoxy</i> 80 |             |
|----------|-------|------------------------|-------------|
|          |       | SZ 8525 EVO            | SZ 8526 EVO |
| Gel time | 20 °C | 4 h 35                 | 3 h 55      |
|          | 80 °C | 4 min                  | 4 min       |

Optimal curing temperature: 100 °C

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## **Post-curing**

The mechanical properties on an epoxy system can be optimized through the implementation of a post-curing cycle. The Sicomin laboratory uses predefined cycles to create technical data sheets and facilitate the comparison of different systems. These experimental cycles can be adapted to the specific target application, taking into account the following parameters:

- Selected epoxy system (T<sub>g</sub>2)
- Available heating methods
- Dimensions and sampling of the piece
- Nature of the tooling (thermal conductivity of the material)

Many system can provide good mechanical properties after curing at room temperature (>18 °C) for 24 to 48 hours before demolding. However, mechanical properties improve rapidly with a slightly higher temperature, around 40 °C, for several hours.

Epoxy systems with high  $T_g$  and slow hardeners imperatively require post-curing at higher temperature. The post-curing can start immediately after the exothermic peak, but it can also begin later, after the assembly of different components and before finishing operations. If the nature of the models and tooling is not suitable for high temperatures, we recommend carrying out the initial steps up to a maximum admissible temperature, then, after cooling and demolding, continuing the cycle with suitable former.

For a conventional epoxy system, we recommend a step-by-step cycle of 20 °C each for a duration of 4 hours.

Example for an epoxy system with a  $T_{\alpha}2$  of 100 °C:

4 h at 40 °C + 4 h at 60 °C + 4 h at 80 °C + cooling at room temperature before demolding.

There are many epoxy systems with short, high temperature curing cycles that do not fit into this post-curing scheme (pultrusion, hot press, pre-preg). For these systems, the initial curing achieves maximum mechanical performance without post-curing.

We invite you to contact our technical department for any questions on this subject.

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## Mechanical properties on cast resin

|                             |       | SR GreenPoxy 80 |             |
|-----------------------------|-------|-----------------|-------------|
|                             |       | SZ 8525 EVO     | SZ 8526 EVO |
| Post-curing cycle*          |       | 8 h 80 °C       |             |
| Tensile                     |       |                 |             |
| Modulus                     | N/mm² | 3 450           | 3 600       |
| Maximum strength            | N/mm² | 69              | 72          |
| Breaking strength           | N/mm² | 69              | 72          |
| Elongation at max. strength | %     | 4.4             | 3.2         |
| Elongation at break         | %     | 4.4             | 3.2         |
| Flexion                     |       |                 |             |
| Modulus                     | N/mm² | 3 300           | 3 400       |
| Maximum strength            | N/mm² | 118             | 129         |
| Breaking strength           | N/mm² | 117             | 128         |
| Elongation at max. strength | %     | 6.2             | 5.6         |
| Elongation at break         | %     | 6.8             | 5.9         |
| Shear                       |       |                 |             |
| Breaking strength           | N/mm² | 54              | 56          |
| Compression                 |       |                 |             |
| Yield strength              | N/mm² | 102             | 120         |
| Offset compression yield    | %     | 22.0            | 23.0        |
| Charpy impact strength      |       |                 |             |
| Resilience                  | kJ/m² | 27              | 20          |
| Glass transition            |       |                 |             |
| $T_g$ 1                     | °C    | 100             | 103         |
| $T_g2$                      | °C    | 100             | 103         |

<sup>\*</sup>These post-curing cycles are applied after a 24 hour ambient temperature hardening period, allowing to surpass gel point and the exothemic peak.

Mechanical tests are carried out on samples of pure cast resin, without prior degassing, between steel plates.

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### Measurements are carried out following norms:

### Physical properties

Gardner color NF EN ISO 4630

Viscosity NF EN ISO 3219 - Rheometer, geometry cone/plate 50 mm - 2 ° at 10 s<sup>-1</sup>

Liquid density ISO 2811-1 - Pycnometer

Powder density NF EN ISO 1183-3 – Helium pycnometer

Foam density NF EN ISO 845

Biobased carbon content ASTM D68166-16 – Some values are theoretically calculated

Reactivity

Gel time Time sweep G' = G''- Rheometer, geometry plate/plate 50 mm

Pot life Mean time to reach 50 °C or limit time for use

Thermal properties

Glass transition NF EN ISO 11357-2 - Ramp from -5 to 180 °C at 20 °C/min

The  $T_g$  values are recorded at the midpoint using the tangent method.

 $T_g1$ : 1<sup>er</sup> pass  $T_g2$ : 2<sup>nd</sup> pass

Mechanical properties

Tensile ISO 527-2 Flexion ISO178

Compression ISO 604 ou NF EN ISO 844 (foams)

Charpy impact strength NF EN ISO 179-1

Shear ASTM D732-17 (Punch tool)

Toughness ISO 13586:2000

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