Thanecure® ZM (formerly known as Caytur® 4*)

An Activator/Accelerator for Sulfur Curable Polyurethane Rubber

Thanecure ZM is a cure activator for sulfur cured Millathane® polyurethane rubber. It consists of a partial complex of zinc chloride and MBTS. The improvement in the physical properties of Millathane® HT is shown in the table below. Increasing the amount of Thanecure ZM increases the rate and state of cure and improves the compression set resistance.

For the most practical applications, 1.0 part of Thanecure ZM provides a good balance between cure rate and processing safety. As the concentration of Thanecure ZM increases above 1.0 part, cure rate improves only slightly with reduced processing safety. If it becomes necessary to increase scorch time for greater processing safety, MBT level can be reduced to 1.0 phr without changing the amount of Thanecure ZM.

Zinc oxide is not compatible with some polyester polyurethane rubber. Thanecure ZM, which contains active zinc, needs to be incorporated to insure proper state of cure. Thanecure ZM is used to cure both polyester (e.g., Millathane 76, Millathane HT) and polyether (e.g., Millathane E34, Millathane E40, Millathane CM) and other types of sulfur curable polyurethane rubber.

	Millathane® HT Stearic Acid N550 Black TP95 (DBEEA) Vanfre AP 2 AC617A Polyethylene Zinc Stearate MBTS MBT Sulfur Thanecure® ZM			35 5 1 1 0 4	.5 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .5 .0	
Parts Thanecure® ZM		0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0
Press cured 320°F (160°C), minutes		34	19	13	10	8
Hardness, Durometer A		81	80	82	81	81
100% Modulus, psi	MPa	580 4.0	747 5.2	797 5.5	842 5.8	811 5.6
300% Modulus, psi	MPa	1767 12.2	2222 15.3	2346 16.2	2385 16.4	2301 15.9
Tensile Strength, psi	MPa	2400 16.6	2667 18.4	2683 18.5	2698 18.6	2595 17.9
Elongation, %		464	437	408	406	410
Tear Die C, lb/in	kN/m	236 41	230 40	223 39	208 36	216 38
DIN Abrasion, mm³ loss		107	112	113	118	123
Compression Set, %, 22 hr/70°C		68	64	59	62	60

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