

Technical Data Sheet

Cascamite Accelerator

®Cascamite Accelerator is used with ®Cascamite powdered resin glue and enables the rapid gluing of close fitting joints particularly where specialised heating equipment is not available. It is also suitable for use as a separate application when using a liquid UF Resin.

When used with ®Cascamite weatherproof glue, this accelerator cures the mixed glue to a handling strength in approximately 25 minutes. Ideal for use when you have urgent jobs or small assembly joints which need further processing in a quick frame time.



Benefits

Interior or exterior use	Fast Curing
Easy to apply	Stronger than the wood itself when used with Cascamite
Mould resistant	

Available Sizes

250 ml	1 ltr
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Preparation and Application

Ensure that the surfaces to be bonded are smooth, clean and free from dust or other deposits. Plywood veneers, lippings etc. should be of uniform thickness. To avoid wetting difficulties that may arise through case-hardening, it is good practice to sand plywood before gluing even though it may appear to have been sanded at manufacture.

For best results with ®Cascamite Accelerator the moisture content of the surfaces to be bonded should be within the range 7-13%, but when pressing at temperatures above 105°C moisture content should not exceed 10%. Variation between the adjacent surfaces should not be greater than 3% moisture content.

Except where it is part of the prescribed gluing process, contact between accelerator and resin must be carefully avoided. For example, if the applicator used to spread the hardener is dipped into the resin container, the resin immediately starts to thicken and set and becomes useless.

Spread the Cascamite wood glue, by means of a conventional glue-spreader, wooden rod or clean brush* on one of the surfaces to be joined. Apply the Cascamite Accelerator to the other surface, using a clean brush*, felt pad, sponge or similar iron-free applicator. The surface should be just moistened - free standing excess accelerator should be avoided.

Cascamite Accelerator may be allowed to dry out completely and provided that the surfaces are kept free from contamination, the hardener-coated components may be stored for some time before assembly. *See note on avoidance of iron contamination

Using a mechanical spreader, adhesive coverage of 100-200 grams per square metre are obtainable, whereas with hand application, spreads of 150-300 grams per square meter are more usual. Cascamite Accelerator coverage is in the order of 50-75 grams per square meter. After the surfaces have been brought together, full pressure should be applied as quickly as possible, although the accelerator will tolerate some closed assembly within the limits given in table 1

Cold pressing times are given in table 2.

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Closed Assembly Time

Temperature	10°C	15°C	20°C	25°C	30°C
Time (Mins)	25	12	6	4	3

Cold Press Time

Temperature	10°C	15°C	20°C	25°C
Time (Hours)	4	2	60	30

Handling and Storage

Care should be taken to avoid contact of resin or accelerator with nails etc., or with ferrous fitments (for example, on brushes or containers), since this can lead to staining on timber. Staining is caused by the formation - under acid conditions - of iron-tannin compounds, especially on woods with high tannin contents, such as oak or ash).

Accidental discoloration due for example to squeeze-out the adhesive against a G-clamp may be removed by wiping the affected area with an absorbent pad moistened with 10% citric acid solution. Since citric acid may itself cause the colour changes in certain types of wood, it is advisable first to test its effect on an off-cut.

Cascamite Wood Glue & Cascamite Accelerator should be stored firmly sealed in their original containers in a cool (5°C - 15°C), dry place. Shelf life for Cascamite Wood Glue is at least 6 months under these conditions.

Cascamite Accelerator has a usable life of at least 2 years.



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