

## Technical Data Sheet EF<sup>®</sup> Activator 56

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### Product Description

Hernon<sup>®</sup> EF<sup>®</sup> Activator 56 is a single component, non-CFC solvent based product, designed to promote the cure speed of Hernon<sup>®</sup> Structural Adhesive/Sealants.

### Typical Applications

EF<sup>®</sup> Activator 56 is used where increased cure speed of Hernon<sup>®</sup> anaerobic adhesives and sealants is required. Especially recommended for applications with passive metals, inert surfaces or where large gaps are present.

### Typical Properties

Property	Value
Chemical Type	Aldehyde-amine condensate
Solvent	Acetone
Appearance	Light yellow liquid
Specific Gravity @ 25°C	0.81
Viscosity @ 25°C, cP	2
Drying Time, minutes	3
On Part Life, hours	2
Flash Point	See MSDS

### Typical Performance

Fixture time and cure speed achieved as a result of using EF<sup>®</sup> Activator 56 depend on the adhesive used and the substrate bonded.

Fixture Time, ISO 4587, grit-blasted steel, minutes

Shear strength

One-side activation with EF<sup>®</sup> Activator 56

Adhesive	Value
Fixture Time w/ ReAct™ 730	≤ 6
Shear Strength, 24 hr cure	>1500 psi

### Handling Precautions

This is a highly flammable material. When dispensing this material from a pressurized system, only nitrogen or argon should be used. Please check local, state and federal regulations regarding the use of flammable liquids in the workplace. For example, special care must be taken to avoid contact of the activator or its vapor with naked flame or any electrical equipment that is not flame proofed.

### General Information

This product is not recommended for use in pure oxygen and/or oxygen rich systems and should not be selected with a sealant for chlorine or other strong oxidizing materials.

For safe handling information on this product, consult the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS).

Under no circumstances should activator and adhesive be mixed directly as liquids.

Where aqueous washing systems are used to clean the surfaces before bonding, it is important to check for compatibility of the washing solution with the adhesive. In some cases these aqueous washes can affect the cure and performance of the adhesive.

### Directions For Use

1. Spray or brush the primer on one or both mating surfaces. For small gaps, treatment of only one surface may be adequate. Contaminated surfaces may need repeated treatment or special degreasing prior to activation to remove any dissolvable contamination. If bonding surfaces are porous, or if gaps are large, apply the primer to both surfaces.

**Note:** Because the solvent base can affect certain plastics or coatings, checking all surfaces for compatibility is recommended.

2. Allow the solvent sufficient time to evaporate under good ventilation.

3. After priming, parts should be bonded within 2 hours. Try to prevent any surface contamination before the bonding process.

4. Apply the adhesive/sealant to one or both surfaces and assemble parts immediately.

**Note:** If EF<sup>®</sup> Activator 56 is to be applied to only one surface, apply the adhesive to the opposite surface.

5. When possible, for a few seconds move surfaces in relation to each other to properly distribute the adhesive and to achieve maximum activation. Secure the assembly, and wait for surfaces to fixture before any further handling.

**Storage**

**EF® Activator 56** is classified as **HIGHLY FLAMMABLE** and must be stored in an appropriate manner in compliance with relevant regulations. Do not store near oxidizing agents or combustible materials. Store product in the unopened container in a dry location. Store in a cool, dry location in unopened containers at a temperature between 46°F to 82°F (8°C to 28°C) unless otherwise labeled. Optimal storage is at the lower half of this temperature range. To prevent contamination of unused material, do not return any material to its original container.

**Dispensing Equipment**

**Hernon®** offers a complete line of semi and fully automated dispensing equipment. Contact **Hernon® Sales** for additional information.

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