

Technical Bulletin # 1039C

### Bulletin Description

ITW Performance Polymers manufactures its products in four plants located around the world. It is important for customers to be able to read and understand the Batch or Lot Number on the product so they can determine when the shelf life of that product expires. Batch numbers are also important to the manufacturing plant when relating product problems back to the manufacturing plant.

Product Batch Numbers are found on either a small white gummed label on the can lid and sometimes on the box or it is printed on the can itself. The method used to read a Batch Number varies by country as shown below.

### Montgomeryville USA

Montgomeryville's 6 digit batch numbering system contains the date of manufacture and a unique batch number. The number is in the form YMMNNN where:

- Y = Last Digit of the Year
- MM = Month
- NNN = Unique Batch Number

For example, the batch number 009018 means that batch 018 was made in September (09) of 2020 (0). The plant can reference the Unique Batch Number to find out other things about the batch including the type of product.

There is a 3-digit lot number for the corresponding Hardener. This is a sequential lot number. There is full traceability based on the 3-digit lot number back to the unique batch of Bulk Hardener.

### Shannon Ireland

The Batch Numbering System for Performance Polymers products produced in Shannon uses either a 6 digit or 7- or 8-digit Batch Numbering system depending on the product. All Batch Numbers are based on the Date-of-Fill not necessarily the Date-of-Manufacture.

#### **CHOCKFAST ORANGE, BLACK, AND GREY**

A 6-digit number is used for the resin component of above products in the form DDMMYY where:

- DD = Day
- MM = Month
- YY = Year

For example, the Lot Number 031220 indicates that the product was put in the can on the 3<sup>rd</sup> (03) of December (12) 2018 (20).

There is a 3-digit lot number for the corresponding Hardener. This is a sequential lot number. We have full traceability of the 3-digit lot number back to the unique batch of Bulk Hardener.

#### **CHOCKFAST RED AND RED SG**

A sequential 7- or 8-digit lot number is printed on the can of resin for the above products. The number is in the form PPBBMMYY where:

- PP = Product Designation
- BB = Batch Number
- MM = Month
- YY = Year

For example, the first batch of Chockfast Red made in November of 2020 is given the Batch Number R011120 and the third batch of Chockfast Red SG is given the Batch Number SG031120.

There is a 3-digit lot number for the corresponding Hardener. This is a sequential lot numbering system, and we have full traceability of the 3-digit lot number back to the unique batch of Bulk Hardener.

## Wujiang China

Batch numbers of the products made in Wujiang, China incorporate the fill date as well as an indication of the product's manufacturing history using the numbering system YMMDDSI where:

- Y = Year
- MM = Month
- DD = Day
- S = Batch Series that day of this product
- I = Product Designation
  - 1 – Original manufacture
  - 2 – Repacked
  - 3 – Relabeled
  - 4 – Reworked
  - 5 – Shelf Life extended

For example, the batch number 8090418 indicates that this batch was made in the year 2020 (0), on the ninth month September (09) and on the 4th Day (04), that it was the first batch made on this day (1) and that it was an original product manufacture.

## Sydney Australia

Chockfast products manufactured by ITW Polymers & Fluids in Australia follow the form LYYMMNNNN numbering system where:

- L = Manufacturing Location
- YY = Last Two Digits of the Year
- MM = Month
- NNNN = 4 Digit Unique Batch Number

For example, the Batch Number S20071234 indicates that Batch 1234 was made in Sydney in (S) 2020 (20) during July (07).

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