



# LOCTITE® 268

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## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

LOCTITE® 268 provides the following product characteristics:

<b>Technology</b>	Acrylic
<b>Chemical Type</b>	Dimethacrylate ester
<b>Appearance (uncured)</b>	Red, wax consistency <sup>LMS</sup>
<b>Appearance (form)</b>	Stick
<b>Fluorescence</b>	Positive under UV light <sup>LMS</sup>
<b>Components</b>	One component - requires no mixing
<b>Cure</b>	Anaerobic
<b>Application</b>	Threadlocking
<b>Strength</b>	High

LOCTITE® 268 is a high strength version of an anaerobic threadlocking material. It is supplied as a wax-like semi-solid, conveniently packaged in a self-feeding stick applicator. As with liquid anaerobic products, this material develops its cured properties in the absence of air when confined between close fitting metal surfaces. It achieves consistent strength and can be used on a variety of metal substrates. It is particularly well suited for applications where a liquid product may be too fluid to stay on a part or be difficult to apply. It stores easily and allows for direct contact to a threaded part during application to ensure even coverage.

## TYPICAL PROPERTIES OF UNCURED MATERIAL

Specific Gravity @ 25 °C	1.10
Melting Point, °C	>80
Unworked Penetration, ISO 2137, 1/10 mm	90 to 140 <sup>LMS</sup>

### Lubricity, K-Factor:

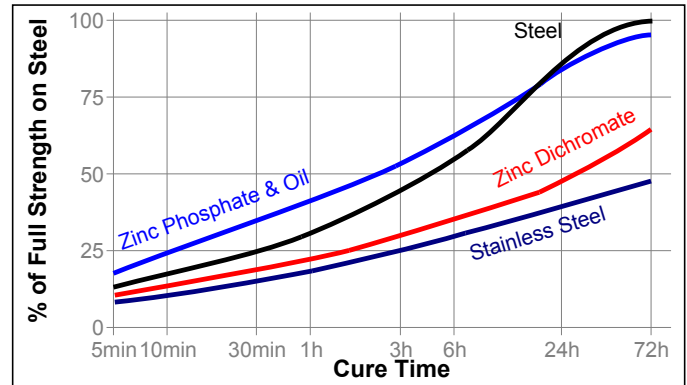
3/8 x 16 zinc phosphate & oil nuts and bolts:	
22.2 kN tension, control (no product)	0.18
22.2 kN tension, with product	0.21
26.7 kN tension, control (no product)	0.19
26.7 kN tension, with product	0.21

(In critical applications, it is necessary to determine the K-Factor independently. Loctite makes no warranty of specific performance on any individual fastener)

## TYPICAL CURING PERFORMANCE

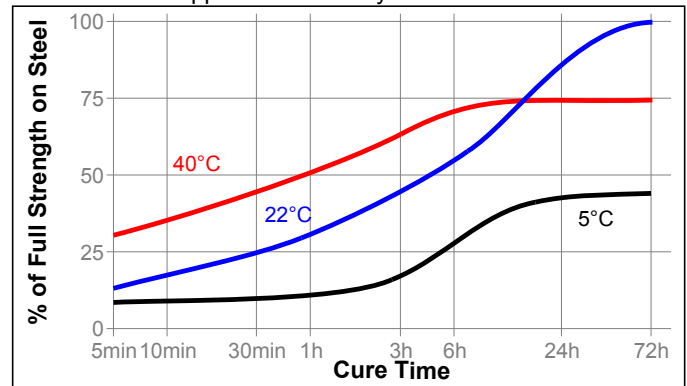
### Cure Speed vs. Substrate

The rate of cure will depend on the substrate used. The graph below shows the breakloose strength developed with time on 3/8 x 16 degreased steel nuts & bolts compared to different materials and tested according to ISO 10964. All samples pre-torqued to 5 N·m. Product applied to bolts only.



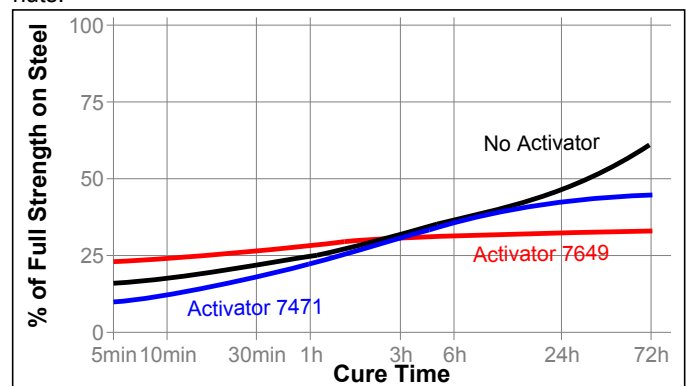
### Cure Speed vs. Temperature

The rate of cure will depend on the temperature. The graph below shows the breakloose strength developed with time at different temperatures on 3/8 x 16 degreased steel nuts & bolts and tested according to ISO 10964. All samples pre-torqued to 5 N·m. Product applied to bolts only.



### Cure Speed vs. Activator

Where cure speed is unacceptably long due to large gaps, applying activator to the surface may improve cure speed. However, this can reduce ultimate strength of the bond and therefore testing is recommended to confirm effect. The graph below shows the breakloose strength developed with time using Activator 7471 and 7649 on 3/8 x 16 zinc dichromate nuts and bolts and tested according to ISO 10964. All samples pre-torqued to 5 N·m. Product applied to bolts, activator to nuts.



**TYPICAL PERFORMANCE OF CURED MATERIAL****Adhesive Properties**

Cured for 24 hours @ 22 °C

Breakloose Torque, ISO 10964, Pre-torqued to 5 N·m:  
 3/8 x 16 steel nuts (grade 2) and bolts (grade 5) (degreased) N·m (lb.in.)  $\geq 17^{LMS}$  (150)

Cured for 72 hours @ 22 °C

Breakloose Torque, ISO 10964, Pre-torqued to 5 N·m:  
 M10 black oxide steel nuts and bolts (degreased) N·m (lb.in.) 25 to 50 (220 to 440)  
 3/8 x 16 steel nuts (grade 2) and bolts (grade 5) (degreased) N·m (lb.in.) 25 to 50 (220 to 440)

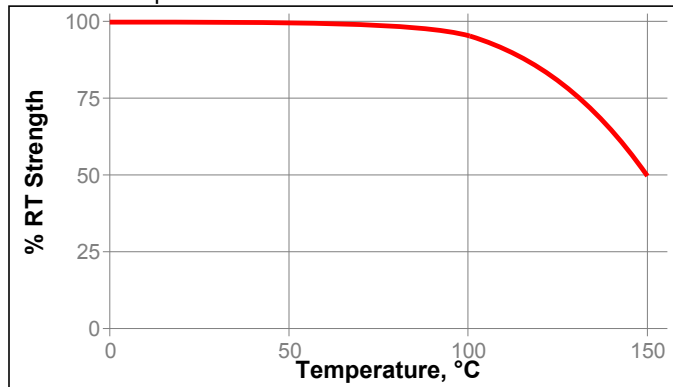
**TYPICAL ENVIRONMENTAL RESISTANCE**

Cured for 72 hours @ 22 °C

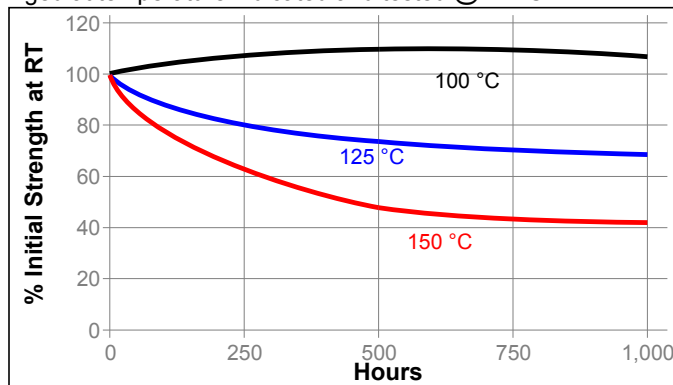
Breakloose Torque, ISO 10964, Pre-torqued to 5 N·m:  
 3/8 x 16 zinc phosphate & oil nuts and bolts (degreased)

**Hot Strength**

Tested at temperature

**Heat Aging**

Aged at temperature indicated and tested @ 22 °C

**Chemical/Solvent Resistance**

Aged under conditions indicated and tested @ 22 °C.

Environment	°C	% of initial strength	
		500 hr	1000 hr
Motor Oil	125	80	82
Auto Trans. Fluid	87	106	104
Gasoline	22	103	98
Brake fluid	22	97	102
Water Glycol 50/50	87	107	100
Ethanol	22	99	100
IPA	22	103	97
Acetone	22	95	98

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

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

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.

This product is not normally recommended for use on plastics (particularly thermoplastic materials where stress cracking of the plastic could result). Users are recommended to confirm compatibility of the product with such substrates.

**Directions for use****For Assembly**

1. For best results, clean all surfaces (external and internal) with a Loctite cleaning solvent and allow to dry.
2. Advance only enough stick product to use at the time of application.
3. Remove any skin that may have formed on the top of the stick.
4. Apply sufficient product to fill the threads in the area where the nut will be engaged on the bolt.
5. Recap product after use.
6. Assemble and tighten as required.

**For Disassembly**

1. Where hand tools do not work because of excessive engagement length or large diameters (over 1"), apply localized heat to approximately 250 °C. Disassemble while hot.

**For Cleanup**

1. Cured product can be removed with a combination of soaking in a Loctite solvent and mechanical abrasion such as a wire brush.

**Loctite Material Specification<sup>LMS</sup>**

LMS dated May 06, 2003. Test reports for each batch are available for the indicated properties. LMS test reports include selected QC test parameters considered appropriate to specifications for customer use. Additionally, comprehensive controls are in place to assure product quality and consistency. Special customer specification requirements may be coordinated through Henkel Loctite Quality.

**Storage**

Store product in the unopened container in a dry location. Storage information may be indicated on the product container labeling.

**Optimal Storage: 8 °C to 21 °C. Storage below 8 °C or greater than 28 °C can adversely affect product properties.**

Material removed from containers may be contaminated during use. Do not return product to the original container. Henkel Corporation cannot assume responsibility for product which has been contaminated or stored under conditions other than those previously indicated. If additional information is required, please contact your local Technical Service Center or Customer Service Representative.

**Conversions**

$(^{\circ}\text{C} \times 1.8) + 32 = ^{\circ}\text{F}$

$\text{kV/mm} \times 25.4 = \text{V/mil}$

$\text{mm} / 25.4 = \text{inches}$

$\text{N} \times 0.225 = \text{lb}$

$\text{N/mm} \times 5.71 = \text{lb/in}$

$\text{N/mm}^2 \times 145 = \text{psi}$

$\text{MPa} \times 145 = \text{psi}$

$\text{N}\cdot\text{m} \times 8.851 = \text{lb}\cdot\text{in}$

$\text{N}\cdot\text{mm} \times 0.142 = \text{oz}\cdot\text{in}$

$\text{mPa}\cdot\text{s} = \text{cP}$

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