



# CE3 Cyanate Ester Pitch Based Carbon Prepregs

## 350° Cure Toughened Cyanate Ester

### Product Summary:

CE3 is a 350° curing, modified cyanate ester resin that delivers composite toughness along with excellent hot/wet performance. CE3 translates well into both PAN based and pitch based carbon fiber properties. Due to its low coefficient of thermal expansion (CTE) and outgassing properties, it is an ideal prepreg resin system for space related hardware structures.

### Features:

- Low Areal Weight Tapes & Fabrics
- Low Coefficient of Thermal Expansion
- Low Moisture Absorption
- Low Outgassing
- Good Tack / Handleability
- Epoxy-like Processing

### Laminate Properties:

	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Typical</u>
<b>Physical Properties</b>		
Tg (TMA) - no post cure	°C	198
<b>Outgassing (ASTM E-595)</b>		
TML	%	0.15
CVCM	%	0.02
WVR	%	0.11

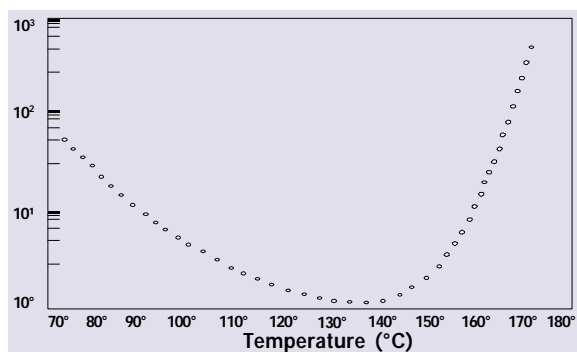
FABRIC					TAPES					
	Unit	FP3A107	K63312		K13710		K63712		K1392U	
Mechanical Properties - normalized 60% fiber volume*										
Laminate Orientation		0°	UNI	QI	UNI	QI	UNI	QI	UNI	QI
0° Tensile Strength*	ksi	120.9	200.6	79.6	222.7	59.5	267	74	273.3	88.6
0° Tensile Modulus*	Msi	32.2	24.7	10.5	56.1	17.6	60	20	67.9	23.1
(ASTM D3039)										
90° Tensile Strength	ksi	-	3.9	-	-	-	3.7	-	3.9	-
90° Tensile Modulus	Msi	-	0.8	-	-	-	0.7	-	0.7	-
(ASTM D3039)										
0° Compression Strength*	ksi	32.0	65.9	44.5	59.6	41.1	61	34	70.5	35.2
0° Compression Modulus*	Msi	32.5	20.5	9.1	45.8	16.3	50	16.8	57.3	20.8
(ASTM D695)										
Shear-Inplane Strength*	ksi	13.4	10.6	2.6	-	-	11.7	29.2	11.2	-
Shear-Inplane Modulus*	Msi	0.7	0.7	2.4	-	-	0.7	5.3	0.72	-
(ASTM D5739)										
Short Beam Shear	ksi	5.1	10.0	22.61	10.8	5.4	10.3	-	9.0	-
(ASTM D2344)										
3-Point Flexure Strength	ksi	-	-	-	111.0	74.5	-	-	-	-
3-Point Flexure Modulus	Msi	-	-	-	41.7	17.1	-	-	-	-
(ASTM D790)										
Flatwise Tension	psi	-	3259	3523	-	-	3477	4498	3123	3477
(ASTM C297)										
Coefficient of Thermal Expansion										
CTE (0° direction)	ppm/°F	-0.341	-0.441	0.654	-	-0.19/-0.21	-0.48/-0.743	-0.234/-0.285	-0.725	-0.411
Fiber Volume	%	46	49	47	-	50/54	52/58	50/55	54	53.4

UNI = Unidirectional [0]<sub>n</sub>QI = Quasi-Isotropic [0/45/90/135]<sub>sn</sub>

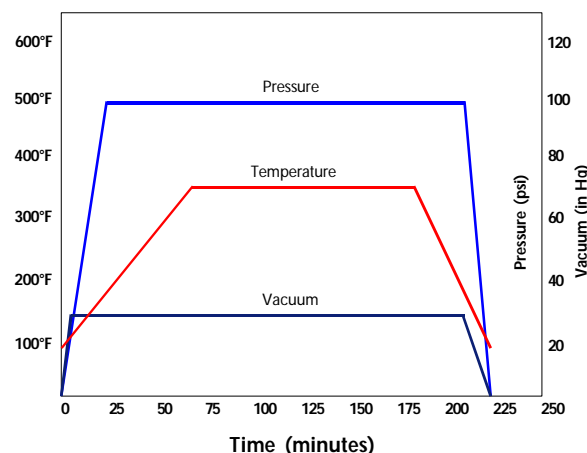
## CE3 Neat Resin Properties:

Specific Gravity g/cc .....	1.19
Tg Dry, °C (°F)	
No Post Cure .....	206 (403)
With Post Cure .....	258 (496)
CTE, ppm/°F (-175°F - 175°F) .....	29
Tensile Strength, ksi .....	9.2
Tensile Modulus, msi .....	0.44
Ult Tensile Strain, % .....	2.4
Flexural Strength, ksi .....	21.9
Flexural Modulus, msi .....	0.73
Outgassing	
TML, % .....	0.31
CVCm, % .....	0.01

## Viscosity Profile (2°C/min)



## Autoclave Cure Cycle



A typical cure cycle for CE3 prepregs is as follows:

- Apply vacuum
- Apply 100 psi pressure
- Raise temperature to 350°F at a rate of 2.5°F/minute and hold for 120 minutes
- Cool at a maximum rate of 10°F/minute to 150°F or below
- Release pressure and vacuum

### Optional Postcure (freestanding, oven):

- Raise temperature from ambient to 350°F at 5-10°F/minute, followed by a maximum heatup rate of 3°F/minute maximum to 450°F
- Hold at 450°F for 2 hours

## Handling Precautions

COI Materials recommends that each of its customers observe industry prescribed precautions for handling prepreg materials. Personnel working with this product should wear clean impervious gloves to reduce the chance of skin contact and to eliminate contamination of the material.

## Storage

COI Materials recommends that CE3 prepreg be sealed in Mil-B-131 bags and refrigerated at or below 0°F. Following removal from cold storage, prepreg should be allowed to achieve room temperature before the bag is opened, thus avoiding moisture condensation. Shelf life is 12 months at 0°F.

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