

Product Data Sheet FLP-1 Fluorescent Penetrant



Met-L-Chek manufactures a complete line of penetrants used in the fluorescent (Type 1) and visible (Type 2) dye penetrant inspection process. Met-L-Chek penetrants are qualified to AMS-2644 and are sold under the *Met-L-Chek*® and Pen-Chek® trademarks.

- **FLP-1** is a special water based fluorescent (**Type 1**) penetrant concentrate designed for through leak testing and general metal working surface flaw detection. It is free of petrolium solvents and oils, making it safe for use on many plastics that may be attacked by more traditional inspection penetrants.
- **FLP-1** being a water based penetrant may be diluted with water to fit the inspection needs. The most common dilutions are 1:1 and 3:1, water to **FLP-1**. For through leak testing or to enhance hydrostatic leak detection dilu-tions of 1000:1 have been used successfully. The use of developer **D-70** will enhance flaw detection.
- **FLP-1** is low in Sulfur, Chlorine, Fluorine and other Halogens, making it safe for use on Titanium and high Nickel alloys.

Guide to METHOD "A" processing

- 1. Part must be clean, dry and at a temperature of 4.4°-52°C (40°-125°F) before penetrant is applied.
- 2. Apply **FLP-1** penetrant using spray, immersion, or wipe on.
- 3. Wait a minimum of 10 minutes; 20 minutes if temperature is 4.4°-10°C (40-50°F).
- 4. Gently wash part; water temperature 10°-38°C (50°-100 °F). Water pressure low, Distance > 30cm (> 12 inches). Wash time- only long enough to remove surface fluorescence under UV-A (black light).
- 5. Dry part; temperature not to exceed 71°C (160°F), time only long enough to dry surface.
- 6. Apply dry powder developer **D-72A** by dusting, or non aqueous developer **D-70** by spraying.
- 7. Wait a minimum of 10 minutes before inspection. Maximum time is 1 hour for form "d" (non aqueous) and maximum 4 hours for form "a" (dry powder). If times are exceeded, clean part and reprocess.
- 8. Use UV-A illumination of >1000 μ W/cm² @ 15 inches (38.1 cm) in a darkened area of < 21 lux visible light (< 2 foot candles).

Guide to METHOD "C" (wipe off) processing

- 1. Part must be clean, dry and at a temperature of 4.4°-52°C (40°-125°F) before penetrant is applied.
- 2. Apply penetrant using spray, immersion, or wipe on.
- 3. Wait a minimum of 10 minutes; 20 minutes if temperature is 4.4°-10°C (40-50°F).
- 4. Moisten cloth with **R-503** or **R-504** and wipe penetrant from surface. **Do not** spray remover on surface to remove penetrant, as sensitivity will be impaired. Water may be used to wipe **FLP-1** from the surface, but the surface must be dried before developer is applied.
- 5. Apply non aqueous developer **D-70**, by spraying.
- 6. Wait a minimum of 10 minutes before inspection.
- 7. Use UV-A illumination of >1000 μ W/cm² @ 15 inches (38.1 cm) in a darkened area of < 21 lux visible light (< 2 footcandles).

Through Leak Method

For through leak testing the penetrant is applied to one side of the component and then developer is applied to the opposite side. Thickness of the component will effect the dwell time which may range from 10 minutes to 2 hours.



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Typical Physical Properties

Form: clear orange green liquid

Density:1.025 K/L Flash Point: none Viscosity 4.7 mm²/s Water tolerance: 100%

Corrosion of aluminum: none Corrosion of carbon steel: none Corrosion of magnesium: none Corrosion of stainless steel: none Corrosion of titanium: none

Chloride content: < 500 ppm (0.05%) Fluoride content: < 100 ppm (0.01%) Sulfur content: < 500 ppm (0.05%)

Mercury: none VOC's: 0 g/L

Ozone layer depleting substances: none

PCB's: none

Specifications

ASTM E-165 ASTM E-1417

Product Availability

1 gallon (3.7L) plastic bottle 5 gallon (18.9L) plastic jug with our spout 55 gallon (208L) plastic drum

White Light



UV-A



FLP-1 diluted 3 parts water to 1 part penetrant

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