



# BELZONA® 2131 (D & A FLUID ELASTOMER)

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

### 1. TO ENSURE AN EFFECTIVE MOLECULAR WELD

#### a) SURFACE PREPARATION (i) Metallic Surfaces

Remove all loose surface contamination and degrease with **Belzona® 9111** (Cleaner/Degreaser) or any other effective cleaner which does not leave a residue e.g. methyl ethyl ketone (MEK). Use a flame to sweat out oil from deeply impregnated surfaces.

Grit blast to a minimum 3 mil (75 microns) profile. Where blasting is not practical, thorough mechanical grinding may be considered, except for applications involving tensile loads, such as expansion joints, and all applications involving immersion and/or fluid flow.

#### (ii) Flexible Surfaces (e.g. rubbers)

**NOTE:** **Belzona® 9111** can draw processing oils and waxes to the surface of some rubbers, particularly when new, which then impairs adhesion of **Belzona® 2131**. Test for this on a small area. If, on rubbing with a rag moistened with **Belzona® 9111**, a greasy film appears, the surface should not be degreased, but simply abraded.

Undercut fine edges with a sharp knife and scuff the surface with a rotary wire brush or suitable roughing tool.

- b) Brush away loose contamination and degrease again with **Belzona® 9111**.
- c) Immediately, apply a thin, even coat of **Belzona® 2911** or **Belzona® 2921** (Elastomer QD Conditioner or Elastomer GP Conditioner) onto the surface. A brush should be used as a stipple to ensure a practical coverage rate of 13 sq.ft (1.25 m<sup>2</sup>) per unit, on steel and most metallic substrates. On well roughened rubber substrates this could be reduced by as much as 50%.

The **Belzona®** Conditioner must be touch dry before overcoating with **Belzona® 2131**. This will depend on the **Belzona®** Conditioner selected, prevailing temperature, relative humidity and substrate.

At 68°F (20°C) and 50% relative humidity, the touch dry state will be achieved after the times given below when applied to a steel surface. These times may be extended when applied to rubber substrates.

Conditioner	Touch Dry	Max. Overcoating
<b>Belzona® 2911</b>	20 min.	4 hours
<b>Belzona® 2921</b>	2 hours	24 hours

Under no circumstances should application of **Belzona® 2131** take place after the maximum overcoating time.

When using **Belzona® 2131** to overcoat a surface which has been treated with a **Belzona® 1000** Series product (except **Belzona® 1221** (Super E-Metal), the **Belzona® 1000** Series product must first be allowed to fully cure, the surface prepared as outlined in section 1 (a) (i), and **Belzona® 2911** or **Belzona® 2921** applied as outlined in section 1 (c).

Application of **Belzona® 2131** over **Belzona® 1221** can be carried out up to 4 hours after the application of **Belzona® 1221** without the need of any surface treatment other than removal of contamination. When overcoating **Belzona® 1221** after this time, the surface should be abraded, followed by conditioning as in Section 1 (c).

#### WHERE BELZONA® 2131 SHOULD NOT ADHERE

Brush on a thin layer of **Belzona® 9411** (Release Agent) and allow to dry for 15 - 20 minutes before proceeding to step 2.

### 2. COMBINING THE REACTIVE COMPONENTS

Both Base and Solidifier components must remain sealed until the application stage.

- a) Empty the entire contents of the Base container into the mixing bowl provided.
- b) Shake the Solidifier container. Pour the contents over the Base in the mixing unit.

- c) Immediately mix together for at least 2 minutes and use all material within the times shown in the table below.

Temperature	41°F (5°C)	59°F (15°C)	77°F (25°C)	86°F (30°C)
Use all material within	25 min.	20 min.	10 min.	6 min.

**VOLUME CAPACITY OF MIXED BELZONA® 2131**  
28.5 cu.in. (468 cm<sup>3</sup>) per 500g unit.

### 3. APPLYING THE BELZONA® 2131

#### FOR BEST RESULTS

##### Do not apply when:-

- (i) The temperature is below 41°F(5°C) or the relative humidity is above 90%.
- (ii) Rain, snow, fog or mist is present.
- (iii) There is moisture on the surface or is likely to be deposited by subsequent condensation.
- (iv) The working environment is likely to be contaminated by oil/grease from adjacent equipment or smoke from kerosene heaters or tobacco smoking.

#### a) Resurfacing

Apply the **Belzona® 2131** to the prepared surface with a stiff bristled brush or the plastic applicator provided to give a coverage rate of approximately 19.5 sq.ft. (1.8 m<sup>2</sup>) at 10 mil (0.025 cm) thickness.

#### b) Casting

- (i) Brush a thin coat of **Belzona® 2131** onto the inside of the mold previously treated with **Belzona® 9411**.
- (ii) Pour the remaining **Belzona® 2131** into the mold, avoiding air entrapment, and then remove occluded air by vibrating the mold.

#### CLEANING

Mixing and application tools should be cleaned immediately after use with **Belzona® 9111** or any other effective solvent e.g. MEK. Brushes, injection guns, spray equipment and any other application tools should be cleaned using a suitable solvent such as **Belzona® 9121**, MEK, acetone or cellulose thinners.

## 4. COMPLETION OF THE MOLECULAR REACTION

Allow **Belzona® 2131** to solidify as below before subjecting it to the conditions indicated:

	Movement or use involving no loading or immersion	Full mechanical or thermal loading	Immersion in chemicals
41°F/5°C	6 hours	3 days	5 days
50°F/10°C	4 hours	2 days	3½ days
59°F/15°C	3 hours	2 days	3 days
68°F/20°C	2 hours	1 day	2½ days
77°F/25°C	1½ hours	1 day	2 days
86°F/30°C	1 hour	1 day	1½ days

These times are for a thickness of approximately 0.10ins (0.25cm); they will be reduced for thicker sections and extended for thinner sections.

## 5. STORAGE

Store in a dry environment at a temperature between 41°F (5°C) and 77°F (25°C).

Inadvertent storage of **Belzona® 2100** Base below 41°F (5°C) may result in partial solidification. If this occurs, the material can be restored to its normal form by resealing the container and warming to between 104°F (40°C) and 122°F (50°C) for three hours in a well ventilated, dry area.

**NOTE: Belzona® 2911** has an 18 month shelf life from date of manufacture when stored at 41 - 77°F (5 - 25°C) and must be used before the stated "use by" date.

## 6. OVERCOATING

Application of subsequent layers of **Belzona® 2131** can be carried out up to 3 days after the previous application without need of any surface treatment other than removal of contamination.

Overcoating of aged or weathered **Belzona® 2131** is possible at any time after initial application, provided that the surface preparation techniques for flexible surfaces described in Section 1 are employed.

## HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read and make sure you understand the relevant Material Safety Data Sheets.

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