

# powerpatch® Leak Repair

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## TECHNICAL DATA SHEET

### Description:

The PowerPatch® Leak Repair System provides fast and effective “in-field” leak repair for transformers, PILC cables, and other oil and gas insulated electrical equipment.

Once a leak has been temporarily stopped using the two-part Putty, the Sealant is applied and cures to form a strong, durable patch. The PowerPatch® Sealant is the functioning patching material.

PowerPatch® System is supplied with all the materials required to seal electrical insulating oil and gas leaks. The sealant bonds to polyethylene, lead, aluminum, ceramic and steel.

### Leak Sealing Performance:

To test gas pressure sealing, a 1/16-inch hole was patched. The surface was prepared and sealant applied and cured according to the instructions. The repair was then subjected to continuous air pressure for 24 hours.

<u>Surface</u>	<u>Pressure</u>	<u>Result</u>
Steel	200 psi	No Leaking
HDPE (cable jacket)	80 psi	No Leaking
Lead	50 psi	No Leaking

To evaluate oil leak sealing, a seeping oil leak from a 1/8-inch hole in a galvanized pipe was repaired using standard procedures. The oil pressure in the pipe was then increased and held at 100 psi.

<u>Continuous Pressure</u>	<u>One Month Aging With Polybutene Oil</u>
100 psi	No Leaking

PowerPatch® Sealant shows good adhesion and no leakage under high pressure with both air and polybutene oil.



The PowerPatch® Leak Repair System provides a fast and easy in-field leak repair system.

### Product Benefits:

- Quick plugging action
- Easy to use, fast repair time
- Long-lasting seal
- Durable- withstands environmental extremes
- Resistant to oils, water, and uv
- Prevents water entry into oil-filled equipment
- No bagging necessary to catch oil
- Convenient, field-ready kit

### Typical Applications:

PowerPatch® Sealant repairs oil and SF<sub>6</sub> filled systems and restores electrical integrity to:

- Transformers
- Switchgear
- Terminations
- PILC Cables

## Component Physical Properties:

PowerPatch® is a 2-part sealant, ready to mix for field use.

<u>Property</u>	<u>Part A (Resin)</u>	<u>Part B (Curing Agent)</u>	
Color	Black	White	
Form:	Cups Cartridge	Thick Paste Thick Gel	Thick Paste Thick Gel
VOC Content	0 g/L	0 g/L	
Specific Gravity	1.7	1.4	

## Cured Properties:

PowerPatch® Sealant cures to form a solid patch. Pre-measured packaging contains enough material to seal one typical leak, ~ 6 in<sup>2</sup> at ¼-inch thickness.

<u>Property</u>	<u>Typical Result</u>
Color	Dark Grey
Peak Exotherm @ 70° F	< 200°F
Hardness 7 Days @ 70° F (Shore D Durometer)	75
Flexural Stress (ASTM D790)	6,925 lb <sub>f</sub> /in <sup>2</sup>
Flexural Strain (ASTM D790)	1.43 X 10 <sup>-2</sup> in/in

## Typical Peel Strength:

<u>Substrate</u>	<u>Result</u>
Galvanized Steel (180°)	>100 pli
Aluminum (180°)	>100 pli
Lead (180°)	16.5 pli
Copper (180°)	>100 pli
Stainless Steel (180°)	>100 pli
HDPE (90°)	49 pli
PVC (90°)	46 pli
Ceramic (90°)	> 100 pli

Tested using ASTM C794. Samples are sanded, cleaned and allowed to cure for 24 hours.

## Typical Shear Strength:

<u>Substrate</u>	<u>Result</u>
Steel	> 1,000 lbs/in <sup>2</sup>
Aluminum	> 1,000 lbs/in <sup>2</sup>
Polyethylene	114 lbs/in <sup>2</sup>
PVC	148 lbs/in <sup>2</sup>

Tested using ASTM D1002. Samples are sanded, cleaned and allowed to cure for 24 hours.

## Typical Impact Resistance:

<u>Substrate</u>	<u>Result</u>
HDPE	55 in-lbs
Lead	65 in-lbs
Steel	95 in-lbs

Tested using ASTM G14. Samples are sanded, cleaned and allowed to cure for 24 hours.

## Electrical Testing:

PowerPatch® Sealant is non-conductive. Dielectric strength was tested using a 2,000 volts/second rate of rise and type 3 circular electrodes with a 0.25-inch diameter. All tests were performed in insulating oil to prevent discharges and flashovers. Results are the average of 10 trials.

<u>Sample Thickness</u>	<u>Breakdown Voltage</u>	<u>Dielectric Strength</u>
0.0916 Inch	43 kV	469 Volts/Mil

Tested using ASTM D149, Method A. Platen samples are cast and fully cured.

## Chemical Resistance:

PowerPatch® Sealant chemically resists dielectric fluids, SF<sub>6</sub> gas, ultraviolet light, water, and oil.

ASTM D1002 was used to test the shear adhesive strength of the PowerPatch® Sealant on steel after exposure to the reagent. The sample was allowed to cure 7 days, then was immersed in the reagent and aged at 50°C for 6 months. Shear adhesion was compared to a control that was air aged.

<u>Fluid*</u>	<u>Appearance (6 months)</u>	<u>Comparison to Control</u>
Mineral Oil	No Change	100% (Pass)
Polybutene Fluid	No Change	100% (Pass)
Hydrocarbon Fluid	No Change	100% (Pass)
Silicone Oil	No Change	100% (Pass)

\*Mineral Oil (Holland 70), Polybutene (Duddek PLIC), Hydrocarbon Fluid (Bio Temp), Silicone Oil (GE Silicone SF 96-100)

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## Application:

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PowerPatch® Sealant is easy to use. For full installation information, please see PowerPatch® Instructions: [Cartridge Application](#) or [Mixing Cup Use](#). (See [www.polywater.com/powerpatch.asp](http://www.polywater.com/powerpatch.asp))

In cold weather, materials should be kept as warm as possible. Store materials in a warm vehicle and use chemical warming pad to increase the temperature of the repair area.

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## Cure Rate:

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Recommended application temperature is 40° F to 120° F. Cure rate depends on temperature.

<u>Temperature</u>	<u>Working Time</u>	<u>Functional Cure</u>
35° F	40 Minutes	7 Hours
52° F	20 Minutes	3½ Hours
60° F	10 Minutes	1½ Hours
70° F	6 Minutes	60 Minutes
88° F	4 Minutes	40 Minutes

*PowerPatch® Sealant is available in a slower-cure rate for larger applications that require more work time. (Product Code EPSC)*

An oil pressure test was used to determine effective seal time under ambient conditions.

<u>Aging Condition</u>	<u>Result</u>
Ambient (70° F)	Holds 20 psi oil pressure after 15 minutes

Seal sets in less than 10 minutes at this temp.

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## Vertical Sag:

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PowerPatch® Sealant clings to vertical surfaces and other non-horizontal angles common in field repairs. Once applied, it stays in place.

In this test, the PowerPatch® Sealant is mixed and applied to a vertical metal platen. Displacement is measured and recorded.

<u>Temperature</u>	<u>Displacement from Center</u>
60°F	0 inches
75°F	1/16 inch
95°F	3/32 inch
110°F	3/16 inch

PowerPatch® Paste shows minimal sag within a large temperature range.

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## Paint Adherence:

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PowerPatch® Sealant can be painted 15 minutes after application. In this test, the paste is applied, painted and the paint is allowed to dry for 24 hrs. Then, a cross-cut tape test is run.

<u>Paint Type</u>	<u>Results</u>
Enamel Paint	0% Paint Removed
Alkyd Paint	0% Paint Removed

*Tested using ASTM D3359, Test Method B.*

Both paints adhere well to the PowerPatch® Sealant.

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## Environmental Resistance:

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### Temperature Range:

Application: 40° F to 120° F  
In Use: -40°F to 400°F

### Temperature Cycle Testing:

Ten cycles at -22° F to 203° F showed no significant change in adhesion as shown below.

<u>Material</u>	<u>Adhesion Compared to Non-Aged Control</u>
Galvanized Steel	100 % (Pass)
Aluminum	100 % (Pass)
Ceramic	100 % (Pass)
Copper	100 % (Pass)
Stainless Steel	100 % (Pass)
Lead	100 % (Pass)

PowerPatch® Sealant is resistant to ultraviolet exposure and withstands direct sunlight with no decrease in functionality.

PowerPatch® Sealant has been outside aged for over five years with a temperature range from -25° F to 110° F. Conditions include rain, snow and sleet as well as exposure to direct sunlight. PowerPatch® shows no deterioration and cannot be physically pried from the surface. It shows only slight discoloration (<1/16" thickness).

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## Safety:

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PowerPatch® Sealant has a low level of toxicity. Follow good industrial hygiene practice during use. Avoid vapor inhalation and personal contact with the product. Use ventilation or respiratory protection against decomposition products during welding/flame operations on or near cured product (e.g., torches used to install heat shrink products). See SDS for specific details.

## Storage and Handling:

Keep containers cool, dry and away from sunlight.  
Keep containers tightly closed.

Product shelf life is 15 months.

## Model Specification:

*The statement below may be inserted into a customer specification to help maintain engineering standards and ensure work integrity.*

Approved electrical repair compound is PowerPatch® Sealant. The electrical repair compound shall come in a system that contains everything needed for the repairs. The system shall contain an oil block to allow repairs on an active oil leak. The sealant shall not sag during cure so that it may be applied to the bottom side of leaking surfaces without running or dripping.

The adhesive repair patch shall have excellent adhesion to a variety of substrates with minimum peel strength of 100 pli on stainless steel, copper, and ceramic; and 40 pli on polyethylene when measured by ASTM C 794. The adhesive repair patch will retain 100% of peel strength adhesion after 5 freeze/thaw cycles and shall withstand in-use temperatures from -50°F to 250°F.

The adhesive repair patch shall seal mineral oil and polybutene dielectric fluid at up to 200 psi oil pressure without leakage. The cured repair patch shall be impervious to water, salt water, oils, and dilute acids and bases. It shall have a minimum flexural strain of 1.1 in/in as measured by ASTM D790.

The adhesive patch shall not contain any metals and shall not corrode. It shall be non-conductive with a minimum dielectric breakdown voltage of 40 kV as measured by ASTM D 149.

## Order Information:

<b>Cat #</b>	<b>Package Description</b>
	2 PowerPatch® Sealant 2-part Cartridges 4 Static Mixers
<b>EPCT-KIT1</b> Multi-Use Cartridge Kit	2 Putty Sticks (1-3/4" ea) 8 Type RP Cleaning and Preparation Wipes 24" Strip Sanding Cloth 4 Application Sticks 1 Instruction sheet
<b>EPCT-KIT1G</b>	EPCT-KIT 1 with Application Tool
<b>EPCT-KITB6</b>	Contains: 6 EPCT-KIT1
<b>EPCT-KITB6G</b>	Contains: 6 EPCT-KIT1 with application tool TOOL-50-11
<b>TOOL-50-11</b>	Application Tool to dispense cartridge package, EPCT 2-Part PowerPatch® Sealant(parts A and B) 1-3/4" Putty Stick
<b>EP-KIT11</b> Single-Use Kit	2 Type RP Cleaning and Preparation Wipes 12" Strip Sanding Cloth 2 Mixing Sticks 1 Pair disposable gloves 1 Instruction sheet
<b>EP-KITB6</b>	Box of 6 Single-Use Kits, EP-KIT11
<b>EP-KITB12</b>	Box of 12 Single-Use Kits, EP-KIT11
	6 sets Part A and B PowerPatch® Sealant 7" Putty Stick
<b>EP-KIT51</b>	12 Type RP Cleaning and Preparation Wipes 6 24" Strips Sanding Cloth 12 Mixing Sticks 6 Pairs disposable gloves 1 Instruction sheet

*\*\*Custom kits available. Call factory for details.*

*\*\*Slower curing version PowerPatch® Sealant available (EPSC). Call factory for details.*

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### Application Instructions



Sand or brush repair area



Clean area with cleaning wipe before applying PowerPatch® Putty



Apply putty ½ inch beyond leak; ⅛ to ¼ inch thick

1. Clean surface with rag or American Polywater’s Grime-Away™ Multi-Purpose Cleaner Wipes to remove dirt and grime.
2. Scrub the area to be sealed with a steel brush or sandpaper to remove loose particles and oxides, and to roughen the surface. Clean and abrade approximately 3 inches (7.5 cm) around the leak. If surface material is lead, follow prescribed work methods to avoid exposure to lead dust.
3. **Caution:** Wear nitrile gloves (provided) and safety glasses. Refer to SDS of all products before handling.

*For an active leak, apply PowerPatch® Putty to temporarily plug the fluid.*

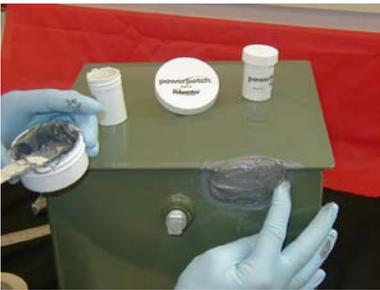
4. Cut off a portion of the PowerPatch® Putty Stick, approximately ½ inch (1 cm), remove plastic wrap, and knead/mix by hand about 2 minutes, until material is well mixed and of uniform color. For a pinhole leak, shape putty into a plug the size of a large pea. For a leaking crack or seam, roll the putty into a rope about ⅛ inch (3 mm) thick.
5. Wipe leak area with **cleaning wipe** to thoroughly clean the surface of contaminants, oils, and to displace any remaining water.
6. Apply the mixed PowerPatch® Putty plug or rope over the leak, spreading it out about ½ inch (1 cm) from all points of the leak area with a thickness of approximately ⅛ inch (3 mm). The putty will feel warm as it reacts. Apply constant pressure to this putty patch with the palm of the hand for 2–3 minutes until material feels firm. For the best, long-term seal, limit quantity of putty.
7. Use the second **cleaning wipe** to clean surface again and let dry for 15 seconds.



Mix 2-part paste sealant to a uniform grey color



Apply PowerPatch® Sealant over putty patch or leak area



Smooth edges

*Important: Mix and apply the PowerPatch® Sealant (steps 8 – 11) quickly.*

8. Open one Part A Sealant cup (black paste) and one Part B Sealant cup (white paste). Remove the protective seal from the Part B Sealant cup and discard. A small amount of yellow skin or crust may form on contact with air. This will not harm the performance of the material. Discard any excess hard pieces.
9. Empty all the contents of the Part B Sealant Cup into the larger, Part A Sealant Cup. Mix for about 30–60 seconds until the mixture is a uniform color of gray. For larger repairs, two sets of Part A and B cups may be necessary.
10. Immediately apply the sealant to the prepared surface. Start with the edges of the putty patch and cover with PowerPatch® Sealant using light pressure. Spread the sealant to the surrounding area ½ to 1 inch (1 to 2.5 cm) beyond the leak or patch on all sides. Build a layer ¼ inch (6 mm) thick over the repair area.
11. Smooth the PowerPatch® Sealant edges.
12. Application of the PowerPatch® Sealant should take about 2–3 minutes. The sealant has a working time of approximately 6 minutes and a functional cure in approximately 60 minutes, depending on ambient temperature. Do not move area of repair until functional cure is achieved. See chart below.

Temperature	Working Time	Functional Cure
35° F    2° C	40 Minutes	7 Hours
52° F    11° C	20 Minutes	3 ½ Hours
60° F    16° C	10 Minutes	1 ½ Hours
70° F    21° C	6 Minutes	60 Minutes
88° F    31° C	4 Minutes	40 Minutes