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HEAT SHRINK BOOT ADHESIVE SHELF LIFE

Glenair offers a range of adhesives to be used with the Series 77 Shrink Boots and these are a pre-coated 150°C epoxy adhesive type “R”, three pre-coated hot melt adhesives “W1”, “W2” and “W3”, a hot melt tape “W4” and a two-part epoxy “779-001”.

Shelf life has been determined because types “R”, “W1” and “779-001” adhesives meet the requirements of German VG standards to which the systems have been qualified to.

The “R” pre coated adhesive is qualified to VG 95343-18 and this specifies a **3-year shelf life** for the adhesive coated heat shrink boot.

The “W1” pre coated adhesive is qualified to VG 95342-29 and this specifies a **5-year shelf life** for the adhesive coated heat shrink boot.

The two-part epoxy “779-001” meets the requirements of VG 95345-15 and Glenair specifies a **2-year shelf life** from date-of-manufacture.

“W2” pre coated adhesive meets the requirements of the EN 62328 that gives a minimum life of 2 years, however Glenair testing shows it will meet the **5-year shelf life** of “W1” adhesive.

“W3” pre coated adhesive is qualified to the TACOM Part No 12287273 but this does not specify shelf life. Glenair testing shows the material exceeds **5-year shelf life**.

“W4” adhesive is sold in tape form and meets a **5-year shelf life**

As such, all adhesive pre coated heat shrink boots using “R”, have a 3-year shelf life. Boots coated with “W1”, “W2” and “W3” have a 5-year shelf life as does the “W4” tape. The two-part epoxy 779-001 has a 2-year shelf life.

The times given for each material are from when the customer receives the pre coated parts or the adhesive. The parts may have other codes on the packaging indicating dates when the parts were either packed or manufactured. However, this does not change the shelf life specified by Glenair which applies from when the parts are shipped. During any holding time the parts are held, the storage conditions are strictly controlled.

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