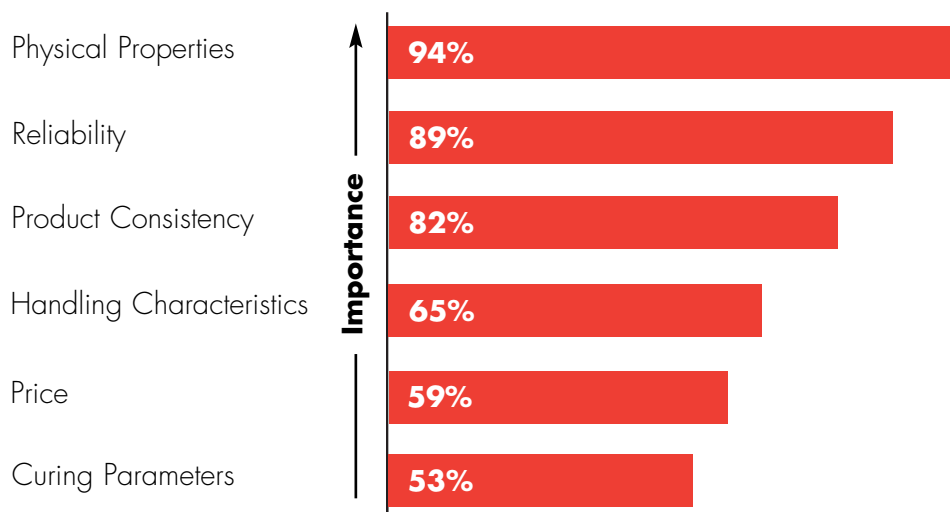


Summary

According to a survey of product design engineers and general managers at 245 U.S. firms that manufacture heating equipment, the most critical physical properties of cements/adhesives were high temperature resistance, thermal conductivity and electrical resistance. The study also demonstrated that inorganic cements/adhesives, such as those with a silicate, phosphate or calcium aluminate binder system, are deemed superior to other methods (i.e. mechanical fasteners and epoxies) when subjected to high temperature and electrical current¹.

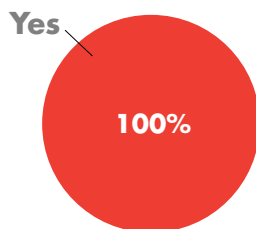
This report summarizes the findings of the survey, which was conducted in January 2006 by Industrial Research Services, a market research firm located in Tarentum, Pennsylvania. The survey was sponsored by Sauereisen, Inc. (www.sauereisen.com).

1. Rate the importance of the following product attributes when selecting a cement/adhesive to be used in high temperature assembly of instrumentation.

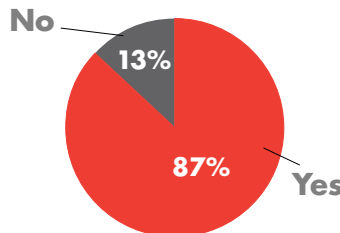


2. What physical properties do you consider critical among your cements/adhesives?

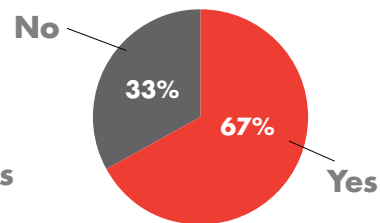
A. Temperature Resistance



B. Thermal Conductivity



C. Electrical Resistance

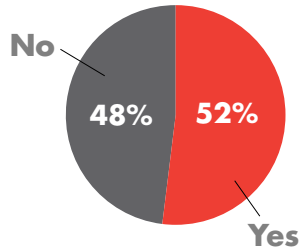


Prominent properties included: Handling & Curing Properties and Bond Strength.

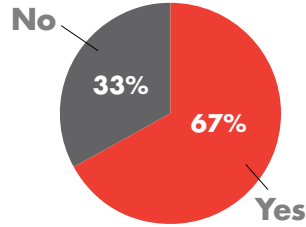
¹ "High temperature applications" were defined as those with an operating temperature of at least 500°F (260°C).

3. Of the following methods of assembly, please indicate each that is used in the high temperature applications of your instrumentation or electrical components. Please answer each yes or no.

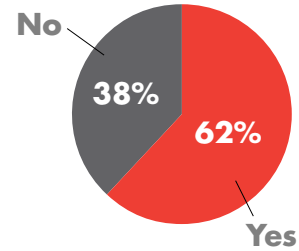
A. Ceramic-based Inorganic Cement/Adhesive



B. Mechanical Fasteners



C. Epoxies



Survey results indicate temperature & electrical resistance, the kind of properties found in inorganic cements/adhesives, are advantageous for sealing applications.

Shown here are various electrical components assembled with specialty cements.

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Survey Reveals Critical Properties of Adhesives

Pittsburgh, June 29, 2006 — According to a recent survey of product design engineers and general managers of 245 U.S. firms that manufacture heating equipment, the most critical physical properties of adhesives are high temperature resistance, thermal conductivity and electrical resistance. Sponsored by Sauereisen, Inc., a third-generation manufacturer of specialty cements, the survey was conducted in January 2006 by Industrial Research Services, a market research firm located in Tarentum, Pa.

“As a leader in this field, we make it a point to keep our finger on the pulse of the industry by talking with our customers,” said C. Karl Sauereisen, vice president. “The data shown in this survey reaffirms our commitment to providing inorganic adhesives that withstand the highest level of temperature and electrical current.”

Ninety-four percent of those surveyed ranked physical properties as the most important attribute when selecting an adhesive to be used in high temperature assembly of instrumentation. The study also demonstrated that inorganic adhesives, such as those with a silicate, phosphate or calcium aluminate binder system, are deemed superior to other methods (i.e. mechanical fasteners and epoxies) when subjected to high temperature and electrical current. A copy of the Adhesives Survey Report is available at www.sauereisen.com.

Established in 1899, Sauereisen offers worldwide distribution of specialty adhesives and potting compounds to bond ceramic, metals and glass. The cement-based materials are commonly specified for heating elements, resistors, halogen lamps, thermocouples and igniters.

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