Shelf Life for Loctite® Products

What is the Henkel shelf life policy for Loctite® products?

The shelf life period for Loctite® products is one year from date of shipment from Henkel facilities or as indicated by package labeling. For optimal storage, maintain product at a temperature between 8°C (46°F) to 21°C (70°F). Storage below 8°C (46°F) or greater than 28°C (82°F) can adversely affect product properties. Cyanoacrylate products must be stored under refrigerated conditions at 2°C (36°F) to 8°C (46°F). Storage below 2°C (36°F) or greater than 8°C (46°F) can adversely affect product properties. Products requiring storage at conditions other than those specified here are labeled accordingly. Material removed from containers may be contaminated during use. Do not return product to original containers. Henkel cannot assume responsibility for product which has been contaminated or stored under conditions other than as recommended. This policy supersedes all previous policies regarding shelf life and storage of Loctite® products.

Do the 9 character batch codes on containers signify the date of shipment?

No... This code signifies date of manufacture. Certified shelf life is based on this code only if date of shipment cannot be determined. This is generally two years from date of manufacturing for most products.

How do you read this 9 character batch code?

*example: L3 6 F A C 5 6 9*

Location of Packager
L3 = Puerto Rico

Last Digit in the Year of Manufacture
6 = 2006

Month within year of manufacture.
H = 8th letter of alphabet. Thus, H = August, 8th month of year (A = Jan., B = Feb., etc)

Last 3 to 5 characters signify batch number of that particular batch of product. (Henkel’s internal code)

Once a product reaches its “1 year from date of shipment” date, does this mean it can no longer be used?

No... Henkel offers a policy for extension of shelf life. Contact Customer Service (800-243-4874) for details.