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Inerting and Adhesion Issues with MY Polymers Low Refractive Index Coatings

A common problem has to do with the issue of **Inerting**:

For MY Polymers very low RI products - it is very important that during UV curing the surface of the adhesive (or most of it) is not exposed to the air. Sometimes the whole adhesion/encapsulation site in enclosed in some enclosure - and there is no problem in such a case (this is the case for re-coaters).

Other times, most of the adhesive is not exposed to air because there is no exposed surface (such as the case when you bond 2 flat layers together).

When the material is exposed some means of isolation is required. There are various ways:

- 1. One of the most common is to direct a flow of Nitrogen towards the bonding site in a Nitrogen inerting chamber.
- 2. There is a simple solution of laying a piece of PET film on the liquid adhesive and directing the UV light through the PET.
- 3. MY Polymers can help in the design of an improvised Nitrogen innerting chamber.

Another issue is that the very low index adhesives have relatively **Poor Adhesion**.

This can be solved by using MY Polymers primers.