

Poly LiteCast & Poly Plasti-Flex Liquid Plastics Technical Bulletin

DESCRIPTION: Poly LiteCast and Poly Plasti-Flex Liquid Plastics are used to produce decorative moldings, tools, models, patterns, fixtures, duplicate masters and more. Use Poly LiteCast Liquid Plastic when a rigid plastic with a wood-like density is required. Use Poly Plasti-Flex to produce slightly flexible parts such as decorative trim molding, props, special effects castings, and impact-resistant items.

MOLD PREPARATION: These products reproduce minute detail from a mold or pattern but may stick or foam when poured on improperly prepared surfaces. A trial casting on a surface finish similar to the final mold should be made to avoid damaging a valuable mold. Polyethylene and silicone rubber molds (e.g., TinSil® and PlatSil® silicone rubber) do not require a release agent. Latex, polyurethane rubber (e.g., 74- and 75-Series rubbers) or metal molds must be dry and require a coat of a suitable release agent (i.e., Pol-Ease® 2300 Release Agent).

MIXING: Before use, be sure that Parts A and B are at room temperature and that all tools are ready. Surface and air temperatures should be above 60°F during application and for the entire curing period. For Poly LiteCast, stir both Parts A and B before use. For Poly Plasti-Flex, only the Part B needs stirring. Weigh Parts A and B into a mixing container, such as a polyethylene pail. Mix thoroughly, scraping the sides and bottom of the mixing container. Pour mix into cavity as soon after mixing as possible.

If a paste-like consistency is needed for brush-on or trowel application, add PolyFiber II to the mixed A and B to thicken the mix.

Once the containers of Parts A and B are opened, they should be used or resealed tightly since atmospheric moisture contamination may cause foaming of the plastic. PolyPurge, a dry gas product, can be sprayed into opened containers to displace moist air before resealing containers to extend shelf life.

CURING: Castings should be allowed to remain in the mold until thoroughly cured. Parts demolded too soon may be subject to deformation. Use of pre-warmed molds will hasten curing. Low temperatures will slow the curing and extend demold time. Refer to the Physical Properties table for individual product pour and demold

Rigid & Flexible Polyurethane Casting Resins That Feel Like Wood

Why Choose Poly LiteCast & Poly Plasti-Flex **Liquid Plastics?**

- Safe and easy to machine (contains no silica)

- Reproduces fine detail

- Create rigid castings with a wood-like density (Poly LiteCast)

- Make slightly flexible, impact-resistant parts (Poly Plasti-Flex)

times. Thin castings or thin sections of castings will take longer to cure than thick castings or thick sections of castings.

ADDITIVES: Polv 15 Part X Accelerator can be added to accelerate cure times. Stir Part X into Part B before adding Part A. When using Part X, exotherm (heat of reaction) and thus shrinkage is increased. Experiment to determine the best amount of Part X to use, but never use more than 1% of the total weight of the mix or the final physical properties may be affected.

COLORS: Add PolyColor Dyes to Poly LiteCast or Poly Plasti-Flex Part B before mixing with Part A to create plastics of any color. Add up to 0.5% PolyColor Dye of the total mixed weight when using PolyColor Black, Brown, Blue, Green, Red and Yellow. Add up to 2% PolyColor Dye of the total mixed weight when using PolyColor White and Fleshtone.

FINISHING: Poly LiteCast & Poly Plasti-Flex Plastics yellow and chalk when exposed to sunlight and should be painted or sealed for exterior use. The adhesion of this coating should be checked carefully over a

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES					
	Poly LiteCast	Poly Plasti-Flex			
Mix Ratio By Weight	1A:1B	35A:100B			
Shore Hardness	D55	~A90			
Pour Time (min) (1 lb mix)	5	3			
Demold Time	30 min - 4 hr	~15 min			
Specific Gravity	0.78	0.81			
Cured Color	Tan	Tan			
Mixed Viscosity (cP) (after 2 min)	2,480	3,000			
Specific Volume (in³/lb)	35	34			
Shrinkage Upon Cure (in/in)	Very Low*	Low*			
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period of time to determine that it is satisfactory for the intended use. If all mold release is removed by detergent washing, most oil paints work well. An auto body primer sprayed onto the clean casting and allowed to cure for at least 24 hours can help paint adhere better. Poly LiteCast & Poly Plasti-Flex can be easily drilled, sanded and machined.

CLEAN UP: Tools should be scraped clean before the plastic is hard. Denatured alcohol is a good cleaning solvent, but must be handled with extreme caution owing to its flammability and health hazards. Work surfaces can be coated with wax or release agent so that cured plastic can be easily removed.

SAFETY: Before use, read product labels and Safety Data Sheets. Follow safety precautions and directions. Contact with uncured products may cause eye, skin and respiratory irritation and dermal and/or respiratory sensitization. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. If skin contact occurs, remove with waterless hand cleaner or alcohol then soap and water. In case of eye contact, flush with water for 15 minutes and call physician. Use only with adequate ventilation. Polytek plastics are not to be used where food or body contact may occur. Plastics burn readily when ignited. Care should be taken with sanding dust and other easily ignitable forms of these products.

STORAGE LIFE: For best results, store products in unopened containers at room temperature (60-90°F/15-32°C). Use products within six months.

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Accessories:

Accelerator

Poly 15 Part X Accelerator - 1 oz, 1 lb, 8 lb, 40 lb

Thickeners PolyFiber II - 0.5 lb, 3 lb, 15 lb

Sealers & Release Agents

Pol-Ease® 2300 Release Agent - 12-oz can, case of 12 Pol-Ease® 2500 Release Agent - 12-oz can, case of 12 PolyCoat Semi-Permanent Sealer/Release - 1qt, 1 gal Poly PVA Solution (Green or Clear) - 2 lb, 40 lb

Product Life Extender Poly Purge Aerosol Dry Gas - 10-oz can, case of 12

Colors

PolyColor Dyes - 0.25 lb, 1 lb, 8 lb Black - Brown - Blue - Green - Red - Yellow - White - Fleshtone

POLY LITECAST - PACKAGING - 1A:1B MIX RATIO Mit Size (Ib) Part B Weight (Ib) Volume* Weight (Ib) Volume* 60 30.0 5 gal 30.0 5 gal

*Volume measurements are approximate.

POLY PLASTI-FLEX- PACKAGING - 35A:100B MIX RATIO						
Kit Size (lb)	Part A		Part B			
	Weight (lb)	Volume*	Weight (lb)	Volume*		
8.1	2.1	1 qt	6.0	1 gal		
38.5	10.0	1 gal	28.5	5 gal		
192.5	50	5 gal	142.5	25 gal		
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