# **TASK® 9 Colormatch**

## **Color Matching High Performance Resin**



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### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

TASK® 9 Colormatch is a high performance urethane casting resin that features very high compressive strength and tensile strength. TASK® 9 is clear amber, which makes this plastic very easy to color using SO-Strong® or IGNITE® colorants. With a mix ratio of 1A:1B by volume, TASK® 9 is easy to use and a low mixed viscosity (300 cps) ensures minimal bubble entrapment. Pot life is 7 minutes and cure time is about 60 minutes (depending on mass).

**TASK® 9** is ideal for making impact resistant tooling, color accurate prototypes / models as well as durable reproductions. This resin is designed for casting in thicknesses up to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " (1.27 cm).

# **TECHNICAL OVERVIEW**

Mix Ratio; 1A:1B by volume 115A:100B by weight	
Mixed Viscosity (cps); 300	(ASTM D-2393)
Specific Gravity, g/cc; 1.14	(ASTM D-1475)
Specific Volume, cu. in. /lb.; 24.3	(ASTM D-1475)
Pot Life; 7 minutes @ 73°F/23°C	(ASTM D-2471)
Cure time; 1 hour @ 73° F/23°C * *	
Color; Clear Amber	
Shore D Hardness; 85	(ASTM D-2240)
<b>Ultimate Tensile,</b> psi; 7,800	(ASTM D-638*)
Tensile Modulus; 370,000 psi	(ASTM D-638*)
Elongation @ Break; 6 %	(ASTM D-638*)
Flexural Strength; 11,850 psi	(ASTM D-790*)
Flexural Modulus; 350,000 psi	(ASTM D-790*)
Compressive Strength; 11,000 psi	(ASTM D-695*)
Heat Deflection Temp; 131°F/55°C	(ASTM D-648*)
Compressive Modulus; 98,000 psi	(ASTM D-695*)
Shrinkage; 0.009 in/in	(ASTM D-2566*)
* Value management of the 7 days at 72°F/22°	

<sup>\*</sup> Value measured after 7 days at 73°F/23°

## PROCESSING RECOMMENDATIONS

## Preparation . . .

Materials should be stored and used in a warm environment (73°F/23°C). These products have a limited shelf life and should be used as soon as possible. All liquid urethanes are moisture sensitive and will absorb atmospheric moisture. Mixing tools and containers should be clean and made of metal, glass or plastic. Mixing should be done in a well-ventilated area. Wear safety glasses, long sleeves and rubber gloves to minimize contamination risk. Because no two applications are quite the same, a small test application to determine suitability for your project is recommended if performance of this material is in question.

## Release Agent . . .

Silicone rubber molds (Mold Max<sup>®</sup> Silicones) do not require a release agent. Applying a release agent, however, will prolong the life of the mold. A release agent is necessary to facilitate demolding when casting into urethane rubber molds. Use a release agent made specifically for mold making (Universal® Mold Release or Mann's Ease Release®200 available from Smooth-On or your Smooth-On distributor). A liberal coat of release agent should be applied onto all surfaces that will contact the plastic.

## Mixing...

Shake or stir both Part A & Part B before using. After dispensing required amounts of Parts A and B into mixing container, mix thoroughly. Stir deliberately making sure that you scrape the sides and bottom of the mixing container several times. Be careful not to splash low viscosity material out of the container. Material will briefly turn cloudy during mixing. Continue mixing until material becomes clear again before pouring.

<sup>\* \*</sup> Depending on Mass

**IMPORTANT:** Shelf life of product is reduced after opening. Remaining product should be used as soon as possible. Immediately replacing the lids on both containers after dispensing product will help prolong the shelf life of the unused product. **XTEND-IT® Dry Gas Blanket** (available from Smooth-On) will significantly prolong the shelf life of unused liquid product.

## **Safety First!**

The material safety data sheet (MSDS) for this or any Smooth-On product should be read before using and is available on request. All Smooth-On products are safe to use if directions are read and followed carefully. **Keep Out of Reach Of Children.** 

**Be Careful.** Part A (Yellow Label) is a modified aliphatic diisocyanate. Vapors, which can be significant if heated or sprayed, cause lung damage and sensitization. Use only with adequate ventilation. Contact with skin and eyes may cause severe irritation. Flush eyes with water for 15 minutes and seek immediate medical attention. Remove from skin with waterless hand cleaner followed by soap and water Refer to MSDS.

Part B (Blue Label) is irritating to the eyes and skin. Avoid prolonged or repeated skin contact. If contaminated, flush eyes with water for 15 minutes and get immediate medical attention. Remove from skin with soap and water. When mixing with Part A, follow precautions for handling isocyanates.

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## **Vacuum Degassing • Casting • Performance**

## Vacuuming . . .

TASK® 9 is low in viscosity and does not require vacuum degassing. If you choose to vacuum the material, subject mixture to 29 h.i.g. mercury in a vacuum chamber until mixture rises, breaks and falls. Allow for 3 to 4 times volume expansion in mixing container. Be aware of pot life so that material does not set up in mixing container.

## **Pressure Casting...**

Best results are obtained using a pressure casting technique. After pouring the mixed resin into the mold, the entire mold is placed in a pressure chamber and subjected to 60 PSI (4.2 kg/cm2) air pressure for 60 minutes.

#### Pouring ...

Pour your mixture in a single spot at the lowest point of the containment field and let the mixture seek its level. This will help minimize air entrapment.

## Curing ...

TASK®9 can be handled in 1 hour depending on mass and mold configuration. Castings will reach "full cure" faster and achieve maximum physical properties and higher heat resistance if TASK®9 is post cured. After casting has cured at room temperature for 1 hour, subject casting to 150°F / 65°C for 4 hours. Let cool to room temperature before handling.

Important: Use this product with at least room size ventilation or in proximity to a forced outlet air vent and do not inhale/breathe fumes. Fumes, which may be visible with a significant mass concentration, will quickly dissipate with adequate ventilation. Castings with significant mass may be hot to the touch and irritate skin immediately following cure. Let casting cool to room temperature before handling.

Demold time of the finished casting depends on mass and mold configuration. Low mass or thin-walled castings will take longer to cure than castings with higher mass concentration.

#### Performance...

Cured castings are rigid and durable. They resist moisture, moderate heat, solvents, dilute acids and can be machined, primed/painted or bonded to other surfaces (any release agent must be removed). If machining cured TASK®9 plastic, wear dust mask or other apparatus to prevent inhalation of residual particles. Castings can be displayed outdoors after priming and painting.

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