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Product Technical Datasheet BC-8360 Urethane Elastomer

Applications

BC-8360 is used to make molds of detailed masters that contain shallow undercuts. Some of the most common uses are concrete form liners and to make molds for point-of-purchase displays, rapid prototypes, special effects, taxidermy, and sculpture reproductions.

Characteristics

BC-8360 is a two-part polyurethane molding system. BC-8360 is mixed one-to-one by volume (or 100A-to-95B by weight) and cures at room temperature. BC-8360 contains no fillers and cures to a firm (Shore A60 ± 4), medium amber rubber.

Instructions for Use

Prepare Master and Mold Housing

First, clean and dry your master thoroughly. If the master has a porous surface (clay, concrete, plaster, etc.) or is made of sulfur-based clay, you must seal it. You can use polyurethane varnish, polyurethane sealant, or paste wax to seal your master. Next, anchor your master and seal the base so that BC-8360 does not leak under your master. A hot glue gun works to anchor and seal the base at the same time. Also, you should seal all of your mold housing connections with sulfur-free clay or hot glue. Then, apply an appropriate release agent to the master and interior of the mold housing. A silicone-based release is recommended, but always test before use. Apply release agent sparingly, while coating all surfaces of the master. Too much release agent may cover the details of the master or pool in low spots. You should allow the release agent to dry thoroughly before pouring your mold.

Measure Curative and Prepolymer (iso)

Note: BC8360 provides approximately 15-20 minutes for you to mix and pour the mold before it begins to gel.

Make sure that curative and prepolymer are room temperature before mixing them. Please note that in cold weather it may take up to 24 hours for the curative and prepolymer to reach room temperature. Using two clean, dry, plastic containers of equal size, measure equal amounts of the prepolymer (Part A) and curative (Part B).

Mix Curative and Prepolymer

After you prepare the master and mold housing and measure the curative and prepolymer, you are ready to pour the curative and prepolymer into another clean, dry, plastic container. Scrape the curative and prepolymer containers to move all of the material into the mixing container. Combine the two ingredients for several minutes until no color striations are visible. Be sure to scrape the sides and bottom of the mixing container while combining the two ingredients. You must mix the curative and prepolymer completely so that BC8360 will cure correctly. If air bubbles form during mixing, you should vacuum degas the mixture to remove them.

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Pour Mold

To ensure that no air bubbles form over the details of your master, you can brush a thin base coat onto the master and then pour the rest of the mixed BC-8360. The best way to pour a mold is to tilt your mold slightly and pour into one spot at the corner of the mold, allowing the material to cover your master slowly like the flow of lava. When you have finished pouring the mold, you may lightly spray release agent on the top of BC-8360 to break any air bubbles that have risen to the surface.

Demold and Cure Mold

Once you have poured your mold, allow the mold to cure 16 hours before demolding. To prolong the life of the mold, allow it to cure for 3–4 days before use.

Properties

The following table lists the properties of the curative and prepolymer of BC-8360 before they have been mixed.

| Property | Prepolymer (Part A) | Curative (Part B) |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Color | Clear | Light Amber |
| Mix Ratio by Weight | 100 | 96 |
| Mix Ratio by Volume | 1 | 1 |
| Shelf Life | 6 Months | 6 Months |
| Specific Gravity @ 75° F (24° C) | 1.070 | 1.022 |
| Viscosity @ 75° F (24° C), CPS | 2300 | 600 |

Mixed Curative (Part A) and Prepolymer (Part B)

The following is a list of the properties of BC-8360 after the curative and prepolymer have been mixed.

| Property | Time | Temperature |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Mix Time* | 1- 2 Minutes | 75° F (24° C) |
| Pot Life* | 20 Minutes | 75° F (24° C) |
| Gel Time* | 20-30 Minutes | 75° F (24° C) |
| Cure Time* | 24 Hours | 75° F (24° C) |
| Demold Time* | 16 Hours | 75° F (24° C) |

*Mix time, pot life, gel time, cure time, and demold time vary depending on mass and component temperature.

Cured BC-8360

The following table explains the properties of BC-8360 after it has cured.

| Property | Cured Product |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Color | Medium Amber |
| Elongation, % | 500 |
| Rebound, Bayshore, % | 60 |
| Shore Hardness | A60 ± 4 |
| Specific Gravity | 1.028 |
| Tear, Die C, PLI | 150 |
| Tear, Split, PLI | 30 |
| Ultimate Tensile, PSI | 750 |

Storage and Handling

Keep the BC-8360 Part A and Part B containers tightly closed when not in use and store at temperatures between 70–80° F (21–26° C). Do not expose the curative or prepolymer to moisture! If moisture contaminates BC-8360 components, it will not cure properly. If these storage requirements are met, BC-8360 carries a shelf life warranty of six months.

Be sure to read the *Material Safety Data Sheets* that come with BC8360.

When working with this material please observe the following safety precautions.

- Wear safety glasses, chemical-resistant rubber or plastic gloves and an apron.
- Avoid contact with skin.
- In the case of skin contact, wipe affected area with isopropyl alcohol, followed by thorough washing with soap and water.
- In the case of eye contact, flush eyes with water for 15 minutes and consult a physician.
- If swallowed, drink one to two glasses of water and seek medical attention immediately.

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