

DESCRIPTION

P-78 high-heat polyester filler and fairing compound offers the user a smooth workable paste with a 40 to 50 minute work life for larger fairing and repair jobs. This material can be applied with a squeegee, spatula, or flat tool, and once cured can be filed or sanded to a feather-edge. P-78 can withstand temperatures up to 400°F (204°C) to eliminate the “print-through” that is associated with conventional polyester fillers. P-78 has excellent adhesive and bond strength to fiberglass, SMC, FRP, epoxy, graphite, and Kevlar® composites as well as aluminum, wood, and other substrates. Once cured this material accepts virtually all types of coatings and decorative films with no “bleed out”.

APPLICATIONS

- Gel coat and blister repair
- Repair of damaged fiberglass parts
- Filling cloth imprint on FRP panels
- Edge filling on honeycomb panels

PROPERTIES

- Easy to apply – Easy to sand
- High heat-resistance of 400°F (209°C)
- Accepts virtually all types of finishes
- Low Moisture absorption for above or below the waterline applications
- Minimal shrink or sink upon cure
- Bonds to Epoxy, vinyl ester, polyester, and many substrates
- Longer work time for larger fairing or fills
- Low density

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

	Units(s)	P- 78 Resin	Cream Hardener	Mixed
Composition		Polyester resin	BPO	Polyester paste
Mix ratio – by weight		100	2	100/2
Aspect		Grain free paste	Paste	Smooth creamy paste
Color		White	White	White
Viscosity – Brookfield (Sp. 7@ 5)	Cps.	200,000 – 500,000		200,000 – 500,000
Density at 77°F (25°C)	lbs./gal (g/cc)	7.9 – 8.5 (.95 – 1.02)	10.0 (1.20)	8.2 (.98)
Pot life (102 g) at 77°F (25°C)	minutes			40.0 – 50.0
Vertical sag	inches			.15 - .25

PROCESSING CONDITIONS

- Thoroughly blend 100 parts resin with 2 parts hardener by weight for 1 to 1 ½ minutes in a clean dry container or on a clean dry surface. (i.e. approximately the size of golf ball paste to a two-inch strip of cream hardener).

- Carefully scrape the surfaces while blending to ensure complete mixing and uniformity.
- Mix 100 parts resin paste to 2 parts cream hardener by volume
- Setup time of mix at room temperature will be 40-50 minutes and may be adjusted faster or slower by increasing or decreasing the amount of hardener. **TOO MUCH HARDENER CAN CAUSE GUMMINESS IN THE FILLER**

SURFACE PREPARATION and APPLICATION

- The area to be filled or repaired should be thoroughly cleaned, roughened, cleaned again and allowed to dry prior to application to ensure the best possible adhesion.
- The mixed P-78 should be buttered into the area, avoiding trapping air during application.
- After curing to a tack-free state, the material can be sanded and finished as needed.

MECHANICAL AND THERMAL PROPERTIES*			
Property	Test Method	Units(s)	Test Results
Hardness	ASTM D-2240	Shore D	75
Adhesive pull strength to: Polyester Filler - Mahogany - Epoxy glass laminate -	ASTM D-4541	psi (MPa)	400 (2.8) 540 (3.7) 430 (3.0)
Water absorption (%) 24 hr @ room temperature	ASTM D-570	%	0.08
Peak service temperature		°F (°C)	400 (204)
Sanding time		Hours	2 - 4

*Cure schedule: 7 days/77°F (25°C)

STORAGE CONDITIONS

- Product shelf life of polyester resin is 12 months when stored in original unopened containers between 65 – 77°F (15 – 25°C). Any opened can must be tightly closed. Product shelf life of BPO hardener is 18 months when stored in original unopened containers between 65 – 77°F (15 – 25°C). Any opened can must be tightly closed.
- Polyester resin contains filler which has the potential to separate in time, please re-homogenize prior to use.

HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

Normal health and safety precautions should be observed when handling these products:

- Ensure good ventilation
- Wear gloves, and safety glasses.

For further information, please consult the material safety data sheet.

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