

Poly 15-Series Liquid Plastics

Technical Bulletin

DESCRIPTION: Poly 15-Series Liquid Plastics are excellent for casting decorative objects, production parts, tools, models, patterns, fixtures, duplicate masters, mold shells and more.

Choose the 15-Series Liquid Plastic that's best for your application:

Poly 15-6, 1511, 1512 and 1512X plastics have the feel and density of wood or thermoplastics. Both Poly 1511 and 1512X mixed with PolyFiber II create tough, lightweight mold shells.

Poly 15-3 and 15-3X are dense, mineral-filled plastics with low shrinkage.

Poly 15-8 is an aluminum-filled system that is ideal for applications where heat resistance and thermal conductivity are required (e.g., vacuum forming).

For applications requiring water-clear, non-yellowing plastics, consider **Poly-Optic® 14-Series** products. For applications requiring spray application, consider **EasyFlo-Series** products.

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. When casting 15-Series plastics in silicone molds, the use of an appropriate primer sprayed in the mold and allowed to dry before casting, will result in a pre-primed cast part and will help additional paint adhere to the part. 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.

Read product labels to determine the correct mix ratio and if pre-mixing

Pourable Polyurethane Casting Resins

Why Choose 15-Series Plastics?

- Easy 1A:1B mix ratios
- Reproduces fine detail
- Can be machined, drilled and sanded
 - Tough and hard, but not brittle
 - Lightweight for mold shells
 - Low shrinkage upon cure
- Fast-setting and slower-setting options
 - Low odor formula
 - Castable in large masses

of Part A or Part B component is required. Use metal or plastic mixing vessels and spatulas to avoid introducing moisture (paper or wood tools can introduce moisture).

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.

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 of 15-Series plastics 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 times. Thin castings or thin sections of castings will take longer to cure than thick castings or thick sections of castings.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES									
Poly 15-Series Product	15-3/15-3X	15-6	15-8	1511	1512/1512X				
Mix Ratio By Weight	1A:1B	1A:1B	26A:100B	1A:1B	1A:1B				
Shore Hardness	D80	D72	D80	D71	D71				
Pour Time (min) (1 lb mix)	15 (15-3) 5 (15-3X)	5	30	10	22 (1512) 5 (1512X)				
Maximum Exotherm (1 lb mass)	122°F (50°C)	203°F (95°C)	131°F (55°C)	251°F (122°C)	251°F (122°C)				
Demold Time (hr) (varies with 15X)	12 (15-3) 1 (15-3X)	1-3	1-16	0.5-1	1-16 (1512) 0.5 (1512X)				
Specific Gravity	1.53	1.08	1.57	1.10	1.10				
Cured Color	Tan	Tan	Gray	White	White				
Mixed Viscosity (cP) (after 2 min)	2,000	800	6,000	400	400				
Specific Volume (in ³ /lb)	18	26	17.6	25.1	25.1				
Shrinkage Upon Cure (in/in)	0.0002* (15-3) 0.008* (15-3X)	0.003*	0.0002*	0.0044*	0.0034/0.0048*				



ADDITIVES: Poly 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. Poly 15 Part F Foamer can be added to Poly 15-6 to create rigid, open-cell foams with densities as low as 6 lb/ft³. Stir Part F into the Part B before adding Part A. Experiment to determine the best amount of Part F for the application at hand, but never use more than 3% Part F of the total weight of the mix or the final physical properties may be affected. For self-skinning foams, consider Polytek's PolyFoam products. Fillers can be added to alter the properties of the cured plastic. It is imperative that any filler be thoroughly dried before mixing with resin. Fillers should be added after Part A and Part B are mixed. Add PolyFiber II to thicken the uncured mix to make a paste-like consistency. Microballoons can be added to create a lower density material. Bronze powder, calcium carbonate or other dry fillers can be added for varying effects. **PolyFil ND**, a filler with the same density as Poly 15-6, 1511, 1512 and 1512X, can be added to reduce the cost of castings and lower the exotherm, thereby reducing shrinkage. Experiment by adding fillers at varying levels up to ~50% by weight of the mixed resin.

COLORS: Add PolyColor Dyes to 15-Series 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 15-Series 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 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 15-Series Plastics 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

Poly 15 Part F Foamer - 1 oz, 1 lb, 8 lb, 40 lb

Bronze Powder - 2 lb, 10 lb, 110 lb PolyFil ND - 22 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

PolyColor Dyes - 0.25 lb, 1 lb, 8 lb

Black - Brown - Blue - Green - Red - Yellow - White - Fleshtone

PACKAGING									
Product(s)	Kit Size (lb)	Pai	rt A	Part B					
Product(s)	KIT SIZE (ID)	Weight (lb)	Volume*	Weight (lb)	Volume*				
Poly 15-3 & Poly 15-3X Mix Ratio: 1A:1B	5.0 20.0 100	2.5 10.0 50	1 qt 1 gal 5 gal	2.5 10 50	1 qt 1 gal 5 gal				
Poly 15-6, Poly 1511, Poly 1512, Poly 1512X Mix Ratio: 1A:1B NOTE: 4-lb & 16-lb kits of Poly 15-6 are only available in 20+ quantities.	4.0 16.0 80 900	2.0 8.0 40 450	1 qt 1 gal 5 gal 55 gal	2.0 8.0 40 450	1 qt 1 gal 5 gal 55 gal				
Poly 15-8 Mix Ratio: 26A:100B	3.2 12.1 48.5	0.7 2.5 10.0	1 pt 1 qt 1 gal	2.5 9.6 38.5	1 qt 1 gal 5 gal				
*Volume measurements are approximate.									