



Transparent Polyesters

- *Transparent Flowing*
- *Transparent Extra Penetrating*
- *Transparent Knife Grade*

Technical Data Sheet

Description

The Transparent products are polyester based adhesives designed for use with natural stone, especially marble. They are two-part honey-colored adhesives. They are translucent, fast setting, and easy to apply. Transparent Flowing is a medium viscosity fluid similar to thin syrup. Transparent Extra Penetrating is a low viscosity fluid that flows like water. Transparent Knife Grade is a high viscosity paste that is highly thixotropic and resistant to sagging. All the formulations are cured using a benzoyl peroxide hardening paste.

Applications

The Transparent Polyester formulations are best suited for interior applications on natural or cast stone, especially marble. They may be used for consolidating or laminating slabs, bonding or patching broken stones, reinforcing fragile material, and filling porous or chipped stones. Each individual product is best suited for the following applications:

- **Transparent Flowing** is ideal for general repair and bonding of horizontal pieces. It may be used to fill large cracks or holes and to provide protective coatings. Imitation stone can easily be made by adding it to stone powder. Adding quartz sand in ratio of 1:3 to 1:4 produces artificial resin mortar.
- **Transparent Extra Penetrating** is specifically formulated to consolidate slabs, affix memorial letters, and fill small cracks and crevices.
- **Transparent Knife Grade** is excellent for general repair and bonding of vertical pieces where minimal sag is desired. It may be used to fill large cracks and holes.

Coloring

Transparent Polyester products are easily colored to match any stone using our Polyester Coloring Pastes. The best shade can be obtained by mixing the product to a shade slightly darker than the actual stone color.

Directions for Use

Preparation: All surfaces must be dry and free of grease, oil, efflorescence and dust. Transparent Polyester products will bond to moist surfaces; however, a dry surface will provide the best results.

Because our products do not bond with polyethylene plastics, containers of this material are ideal for mixing purposes.

Application: If needed, add Polyester Coloring Pastes to the mastic before mixing the mastic with the hardening paste. The Correct amount of hardener is 2% to 4% of mastic by weight; this is approximately a 1/2" to 1" bead of hardener for every tablespoon of mastic. Additional hardener speeds the curing time, but causes a deeper yellowing and reduces the bond strength. Too little hardener will result in a mixture that will not cure. Ambient temperature also affects the curing time. Warmer temperatures speed the curing process, while temperatures below 32°F (0°C) will require heating the mixture to start the curing process. The product should be mixed thoroughly and will remain workable until gelling occurs, at which point the product becomes rubbery and excess material may be removed with a razor or chisel. **The product should not be worked once gelling has begun.**

- When bonding stones together, clamps and jigs should be used to ensure a thin bond layer (less than 0.016 inches/0.4 mm) is achieved, thereby providing the strongest bond. After curing, the stone piece may be further processed without damaging the material.

Clean-Up

After use, equipment may be cleaned with toluene or acetone. Hands should be cleaned with Waterless Hand cleaner or an appropriate solvent such as Cupran.

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| Physical Properties | | | | |
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| Characteristic | Method | Transparent Flowing | Transparent Extra Penetrating | Transparent Knife Grade |
| Color | Visual | Honey | Honey | Honey |
| Aspect | | Thin syrup | Water-like | Thick paste |
| Viscosity at 77°F (25°C) (cps) | ASTM D2393 | 1,040 (Spl. 3 @ 20 rpm) | 170 (Spl. 1 @ 50 rpm) | 360,000 (Spl. 7 @ 10 rpm) |
| Pot life at 77°F (25°C) (3% hardener, minutes) | | 4 to 5 | 4 to 5 | 4 to 5 |
| Curing Time (Thin film, minutes) | | 16 to 18 | 16 to 18 | 16 to 18 |
| Sag Flow | | Yes | Yes | No |

| TYPICAL PROPERTIES OF CURED PRODUCT | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Shrinkage (ASTM D2566) | % | 2.03% | 2.80% | 1.95% |
| Shore D Hardness (ASTM D2240) | Shore D | 80 | 88 | 85 |
| Tensile Strength (ASTM D638) | psi (MPA) | 8,500 (59) | 7,000 (48) | 5,600 (39) |
| Compressive Strength (ASTM D695) | psi (MPA) | 15,000 (103) | 9,500 (66) | 11,100 (77) |
| Flexural Strength (ASTMD790) | psi (MPA) | 14,400 (99) | 11,900 (82) | 14,300 (99) |

STORAGE CONDITIONS

- *Always keep the container tightly sealed when not in use, and never expose the hardener to temperatures in excess of 100°F (38°C).*
- *Wood & Stone products are chemically inhibited to extend shelf life and improve product consistency. Storage temperature, however, is an extremely important factor in maximizing the shelf life of the products. The materials should be stored in a cool environment (50°F (10°C)) whenever possible and should never be exposed to direct sunlight.*
- *If these procedures are followed, the transparent polyesters should have a shelf life of at least one (1) year.*

Precautions and Safety

Observe all measures as described on the container and product MSDS. Avoid contact with skin, eyes, and respiratory system. Use protective gloves and work in a well ventilated area.

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