



CRYSTAL CLEAR 200/202

Rigid Urethane Casting Compounds – **FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY.**

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Crystal Clear 200 & 202 are water white clear and made specifically for applications that require absolute clarity. These rigid urethane casting resins differ only in working and demold times.

Low viscosity ensures easy mixing and pouring. Crystal Clear products cure at room temperature* with negligible shrinkage. Cured castings are **UV Resistant** and are not brittle. Vibrant colors and color effects are achieved by adding pigment dispersions. Applications include encapsulation, making prototype models, lenses, sculpture reproductions, decorative cast pieces, jewelry, prototype models, special effects and props. **CAUTION: NOT FOR HOME USE. THIS PRODUCT IS FOR INDUSTRIAL USE ONLY. Proper ventilation, a NIOSH Approved Respirator and Protective Clothing are required to minimize the risk of inhalation and dermal sensitization. If breathing is affected or a dermal rash develops, immediately cease using this product and seek medical attention. Read MSDS before using.**

TECHNICAL OVERVIEW

Key Values:	~Mixing Ratio: 100A: 90B by weight		~Shore D Hardness: 80D*
	<u>Pot Life</u>	<u>Full Cure</u>	<u>Casting Thickness Min./Max*</u>
Crystal Clear 200	20 minutes	16 hours	1.27cm - 7.62cm
Crystal Clear 202	9 minutes	90 minutes	0.16cm - 1.27cm

Properties	Viscosity	G/CC	Cu. In./Lb.	Tensile Strength	Compressive Modulus	Shrinkage	Mix Ratio
Part A	300 cps	1.04	-	-	-	-	100 pbw
Part B	800 cps	1.03	-	-	-	-	90 pbw
Mixed	600 cps	1.036	26.7	2,500 psi	40,000 psi	Variable (depending on mass)	
Elongation/Break: 10%		Tensile Modulus: 110,000 psi		Flex. Strength: 11,000 psi			
Dielectric Strength - 260 mls. thick vpm . . . 260				Volume Resistivity @ (ohms/cm) . . . 1.4 X 10 ¹⁵			
Dielectric Constant @ 25C at 1 Khz 3.34				Dissipation Factor @ 25C at 1Khz 0.01			
*Cure time depends on casting thickness and configuration. See "Curing" section on reverse side of this bulletin.							

Ventilation Good ventilation is essential. You must wear a NIOSH approved respirator to minimize inhalation of residual fumes. Wearing disposable gloves and long sleeve garments will help minimize skin contact. (Refer to safety information on reverse side of this technical bulletin & MSDS). Make sure mixing tools & containers are dry. Product has a limited shelf life. Use as soon as possible.

Selecting A Mold Rubber Crystal Clear Plastics should be cast into Smooth-On Mold Max™ Silicones or Smooth-On urethane mold rubbers. Do not use other silicone or urethane rubber products. If you are unsure about surface compatibility, a trial casting should be made. To prevent cure inhibition, post-cure newly made Mold Max™ silicones for 8 hours at 60° C and let cool prior to casting resin. **Polyurethane rubber molds** should be dry and coated with Universal Mold Release before casting.

For Best Results . . . Pre-heat the rubber mold at 100°C for 4 hours before mixing & pouring Crystal Clear.

This will minimize the chances that cured castings will exhibit casting phenomenon such as fish-eyeing, suck back, corner rounding, large bubbles, etc.

Measuring . Crystal Clear plastics should be stored and used in a warm environment of 22° C. **These products have a limited shelf life and should be used as soon as possible.** The proper mixing ratio is 100A:90B by weight. You must use an accurate scale (gram scale) to weigh these components properly. Dispense the required amount of Part A into a mixing container. Weigh out the appropriate amount of Part B and combine with Part A. **Important:** Shelf life of product is drastically reduced after opening. Immediately replace container lids after dispensing. Use remaining product as soon as possible.

Mix thoroughly for 2 -3 minutes making sure that you scrape the sides and bottom of your container several times. If coloring or filling Crystal Clear product, add filler or pigment dispersion to Part B and mix thoroughly before adding Part A. After mixing, empty contents into a new, clean mixing container and mix again thoroughly.

To Minimize Air Bubbles - Vacuum degass prior to pouring.. Subject mixture to 0.9 bar vacuum in a suitable vacuum chamber for 2 -3 minutes or until mixture rises, breaks and falls. Allow for 3 to 4 times volume expansion in container.

Pouring - pour mixture in a single spot at the lowest point of the mold and let the mixture seek its level.

For Best Results . . . Best results are obtained using a **pressure casting technique**. After pouring the mixed compound, the entire casting assembly (mold, dam structure, etc.) is placed in a pressure chamber and subjected to 5 bar air pressure for at least one hour for CC-202, two hours for CC-200. **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.**

Post Curing . Castings will achieve maximum physical properties and better heat resistance if Crystal Clear is post cured.

Post curing is recommended if castings are thin or of low mass concentration. Castings should be post cured in a mold or support structure. **Post Cure Schedule:** Allow the material to cure for 6-8 hours at room temperature followed by 6 hours at 65 C. Allow casting or part to cool to room temperature before demolding.

Materials should be stored and used in a warm environment 22° C. Castings will reach ultimate physical properties at room temperature in 5 - 7 days. **Castings removed from mold before recommended cure may exhibit a tacky surface that can be eliminated by exposing casting to 65 C for 6 hours.**

Casting Thickness & Cure Time - The cure time and ultimate shrinkage of all Crystal Clear products will vary depending on mass concentration, thickness of the casting, mold configuration, etc. For example, a 200 gram mass of CC 200 will cure faster if left to cure in a conical vessel (cup) versus a casting dispersed as a thin sheet measuring 3 centimeters square by 1 mm thick. This is due to the heat generated by the concentration of material in the cup versus heat that is dissipated from the sheet casting. Castings will resist yellowing when exposed to UV, but may darken over time.

Which Crystal Clear Product Should I Use For My Application?

SOME EXPERIMENTATION MAY BE NECESSARY – these products are used for hundreds of applications and we cannot warrant product suitability for any one application. **Shrinkage will vary depending on mass and mold configuration.**

If there is a question as to whether or not a Crystal Clear product meets your needs, a test casting is recommended. You can also call our technical help line for assistance.

- **Crystal Clear 200** is intended for a casting thickness ranging from 1.3 to 7.6Cm at a casting weight maximum of (7.25 kgs. **CC 200** offers a 20 minute pot life and 16 hour demold time. Castings greater than 7.6Cm should be layer cast.
- **Crystal Clear 202** is intended for casting in thin sections of no more than 1.27Cm. CC 202 has a 9 minute pot life and 90 minute demold time.

Product Liability: AMT Composites as the appointed South African distributor for Smooth-On cannot take responsibility for Crystal Clear products which are not processed as advised herein this data sheet or by its technical staff.

Due to the nature of the Crystal Clear Series it is important that **the data sheet be read thoroughly and understood**. If in any doubt then a call to our any of our regional offices should be made to clarify any questions.

We recommend the following processing guide lines:

Always weight the A and B parts at 100:90 parts by weight. Never guesstimate!

Always vacuum de-gas prior to casting.

Always use condensation curing RTV moulds which have been post cured.

Always cast into heated RTV moulds.

Be aware of high humidity when processing.

Store product under Nitrogen blanket after opening original containers. This can be purchased from AMT Composites.

The Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for this or any Smooth-On product should be read prior to use and is available upon request from Smooth-On. All Smooth-On products are safe to use if directions are read and followed carefully.

Be careful. Crystal Clear Part A 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 is irritating to the eyes and skin. Avoid prolonged or repeated skin contact. Remove from skin with soap and water. If contaminated, flush eyes with water for 15 minutes and seek immediate medical attention. Use only with adequate ventilation.

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