

# Crystal Clear™ 204 EU

## Clear Urethane Casting Resin



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### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

Crystal Clear™ 204 EU is water white clear and made specifically for applications that require clarity. Low viscosity ensures easy mixing and pouring. Crystal Clear™ resins 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.** With adequate local exhaust ventilation, respiratory protection is not normally required when using this product. Where risk assessment shows air-purifying respirators are appropriate, follow OSHA respirator regulations and European Standards EN 141, 143 and 371. Protective clothing (gloves and long sleeves) is required to minimize the risk of dermal sensitization. If breathing is affected or a dermal rash develops, immediately cease using this product and seek medical attention. Read SDS before using.

### TECHNICAL OVERVIEW

Mix Ratio: 100A:90B by weight	
Mixed Viscosity (cps): 600	(ASTM D-2393)
Specific Gravity, g/cc: 1.036	(ASTM D-1475)
Specific Volume, cu. in. /lb.: 26.7	(ASTM D-1475)
Pot Life: 2 hours @73° F/23°C	(ASTM D-2471)
Cure time: 48 hours @73° F/23°C **	
Color: Clear	
Shore D Hardness: 80D	(ASTM D-2240)
Ultimate Tensile: 3,500 psi	(ASTM D-638*)
Tensile Modulus: 86,240 psi	(ASTM D-638*)
Elongation @ Break: 10 %	(ASTM D-638*)
Flexural Strength: 5,390 psi	(ASTM D-790*)
Flexural Modulus: 183,200 psi	(ASTM D-790*)
Compressive Strength: 4,200 psi	(ASTM D-695*)
Heat Deflection Temp: 120°F/50°C	(ASTM D-648*)
Compressive Modulus: 44,000 psi	(ASTM D-695*)
Shrinkage: 0.001 in/in	(ASTM D-2566*)

\* Value measured after 7 days at 73°F/23°

\*\* Depending on Mass

### PROCESSING RECOMMENDATIONS

#### PREPARATION...

**Safety** - Store and use at room temperature (73°F/23°C). These products have a limited shelf life and should be used as soon as possible. Environmental humidity should be as low as possible. Good room size ventilation is essential. Wear safety glasses, long sleeves and rubber gloves to minimize contamination risk. Wearing a NIOSH approved respirator will minimize inhalation of residual fumes.

**Selecting A Mold Rubber** - Pour into a urethane rubber mold (Vytaflex™ urethane – release agent required), tin cured silicone mold such as Mold Max™ 20, 25 or 30 (not Mold Max™ 'T' Series) or Mold Star™ 15, 16 or 30 platinum cured silicone (not Mold Star™ 'T' Series). Do not use other rubber mold products.

**If using Mold Max™ silicone:** to prevent cure inhibition, post-cure newly cured silicone mold for 8 hours at 150°F/60°C and let cool prior to casting resin. If you are unsure about surface compatibility, a small scale trial casting should be made.

**For Best Results Before Pouring Crystal Clear™ Into Mold:** Pre-heat rubber mold at 212°F/100°C for 4 hours. This will minimize chances of fish-eyeing, suck back, corner rounding, large bubbles, etc. in finished casting.

**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 Crystal Clear™ 204 EU 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.

Crystal Clear™ 204 EU can be cast in thicknesses up to 6" (15.24 cm) at a casting weight maximum of 35 lbs (15.88kg).

**Adding Color Pigments to Crystal Clear™ Resins** - it is very easy to add varying degrees of color to Crystal Clear™ resins. The recommended colorant is UVO™ Color Pigments available from Smooth-On. Other colorants may "color-shift" in resin castings over time. Thoroughly pre-mix UVO™ pigment into Crystal Clear™ Part B (at the desired level) before adding Part A. Mix thoroughly to a uniform color and pour mixture into a mold.

**IMPORTANT:** Shelf life of product is reduced after opening. Remaining product should be used as soon as possible. Immediately replacing the lids on both containers after dispensing product will help prolong the shelf life of the unused product. XTEND-IT™ Dry Gas Blanket (available from Smooth-On) will significantly prolong the shelf life of unused liquid urethane products.

## Safety First!

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.

**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.

**Important:** The information contained in this bulletin is considered accurate. However, no warranty is expressed or implied regarding the accuracy of the data, the results to be obtained from the use thereof, or that any such use will not infringe upon a patent. User shall determine the suitability of the product for the intended application and assume all risk and liability whatsoever in connection therewith.

## MEASURING & MIXING...

Liquid urethanes are moisture sensitive and will absorb atmospheric moisture. Mixing tools and containers should be clean and made of metal or plastic. Materials should be stored and used in a warm environment (73°F/23°C).

**Measuring** - Materials should be stored and used at room temperature (73°F/23°C). The proper mixing ratio is 100A:90B by weight. You must use an accurate digital gram scale to weigh Parts A and B properly. Do not use an analog scale or attempt to measure components by volume. Dispense the required amount of Part A into a mixing container. Weigh out the appropriate amount of Part B and combine with Part A.

**Mixing** - Mix SLOWLY, but thoroughly, for at least 90 seconds 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.

Bubbles in the finished casting will be greatly reduced by vacuum degassing prior to pouring. Your vacuum pump must pull a minimum of 29 inches of mercury (or 1 Bar/100 KPa). Leave enough room in container for material expansion. Vacuum material until it rises, breaks and falls. Vacuum for 1 minute after material falls.

## POURING, CURING & PERFORMANCE...

**Pouring** - If casting Crystal Clear™ into a rubber mold, pour mixture in a single spot at the lowest point of the mold. If encapsulating an object, do not pour the mixture directly over the object. Let the mixture seek its level. A uniform flow will help minimize entrapped air.

**For Best Results:** Bubble elimination is best achieved by pressure casting. After pouring the mixed compound, the entire casting assembly (mold, dam structure, etc.) is placed in a pressure chamber and subjected to 60 PSI (4.2 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>) air pressure for at least two hours prior to heat curing.

Castings will reach ultimate physical properties at room temperature in 7 days. Castings removed from mold before recommended cure may exhibit a tacky surface that can be eliminated by exposing casting to 150°F/65°C for 6 hours. Pot life and cure time depend on mass concentration and mold configuration.

**Post Curing** - Castings will achieve maximum physical properties, better heat and UV 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 fully at room temperature followed by 6 hours at 150°F–160°F (65°C–72°C). Allow casting or part to cool to room temperature before demolding.

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.



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