

# Thixotropic Agent for Thickening Smooth-On Silicone Rubbers



### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

THI-VEX<sup>TM</sup> is made especially for thickening Smooth-On silicones for vertical surface application (making brush-on molds). Different viscosities can be attained by varying the amount of THI-VEX<sup>TM</sup>. THI-VEX<sup>TM</sup> is added as a percentage of Part A and must be thoroughly mixed with Parts A and B. THI-VEX<sup>TM</sup> will not work with Mold Max<sup>TM</sup> 40, Mold Max<sup>TM</sup> 60 or Solaris<sup>TM</sup> silicones.

THI-VEX™ is skin safe and certified by an independent laboratory.

## PROCESSING RECOMMENDATIONS

#### PREPARATION...

**Safety** - Use in a properly ventilated area ("room size" ventilation). Wear safety glasses, long sleeves and rubber gloves to minimize contamination risk.

Store and use material at room temperature (73°F/23°C). This product has a limited shelf life and should be used as soon as possible. Shake or stir well before using.

#### **MEASURING & MIXING...**

If using Mold Max<sup>TM</sup>, the brush-on mold process can be shortened with Fast Cat<sup>TM</sup> 30 catalyst or Accel-T<sup>TM</sup> cure accelerator. Because silicones have a long pot life, time between coats can be 2–3 hours. Adding Fast Cat<sup>TM</sup> 30 catalyst or Accel-T<sup>TM</sup> cure accelerator will accelerate the brush-on mold making process down to a matter of hours.

**Mixing** - Add desired amounts of THI-VEX™ to material and mix thoroughly. Important: Be sure to scrape the sides and bottom of the mixing container several times while mixing. Be aware of your working time. Note: results may differ due to variables in temperature, humidity, etc.

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.

### Thickening Mold Max™ 10, 14NV, 20, & 30 or Smooth-Sil™ 935, 940 & 950

| Part A    | Part B Catalyst (Mix Well) | THI-VEX™ (% of Part A)    | Consistency |
|-----------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 100 parts | 10 parts                   | 1/2 part (0.5% of part A) | Thick       |
| 100 parts | 10 parts                   | 1 part (1.0% of part A)   | Thicker     |
| 100 parts | 10 parts                   | 2 parts (2.0% of part A)  | Thickest    |

#### Thickening Mold Max<sup>™</sup> 25

| Part A    | Part B Catalyst (Mix Well) | THI-VEX™ (% of Part A)    | Consistency |
|-----------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 100 parts | 5 parts                    | 1/2 part (0.5% of part A) | Thick       |
| 100 parts | 5 parts                    | 1 part (1.0% of part A)   | Thicker     |
| 100 parts | 5 parts                    | 2 parts (2.0% of part A)  | Thickest    |

## Thickening Dragon Skin™, Rebound™ 25 & 40 or Mold Star™ 20T Silicones

| Part A    | Part B Catalyst (Mix Well) | THI-VEX™ (% of Part A)    | Consistency |
|-----------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 100 parts | 100 parts                  | 1/2 part (0.5% of part A) | Thick       |
| 100 parts | 100 parts                  | 1 part (1.0% of part A)   | Thicker     |
| 100 parts | 100 parts                  | 2 parts (2.0% of part A)  | Thickest    |

### Thickening Ecoflex<sup>™</sup> 00-10 Silicone

| Part A    | Part B Catalyst (Mix Well) | THI-VEX™ (% of Part A)      | Consistency |
|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 100 parts | 100 parts                  | 3 parts (3% of part A)      | Thick       |
| 100 parts | 100 parts                  | 3 1/2 parts(3.5% of part A) | Thicker     |
| 100 parts | 100 parts                  | 4 parts (4% of part A)      | Thickest    |

## Thickening Ecoflex<sup>™</sup> 00-20 or Ecoflex<sup>™</sup> 00-30 Silicone

| Part A    | Part B Catalyst (Mix Well) | THI-VEX™ (% of Part A)      | Consistency |
|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 100 parts | 100 parts                  | 3 parts (3% of part A)      | Thick       |
| 100 parts | 100 parts                  | 3 1/2 parts(3.5% of part A) | Thicker     |
| 100 parts | 100 parts                  | 4 parts (4% of part A)      | Thickest    |

## Thickening Ecoflex<sup>™</sup> 00-50 Silicone

| Part A    | Part B Catalyst (Mix Well) | THI-VEX™ (% of Part A)      | Consistency |
|-----------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 100 parts | 100 parts                  | 2 parts (2% of part A)      | Thick       |
| 100 parts | 100 parts                  | 2 1/2 parts(2.5% of part A) | Thicker     |
| 100 parts | 100 parts                  | 3 parts (3% of part A)      | Thickest    |

# 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.

#### **Keep Out of Reach of Children**

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