

# TASK™ 8

## Heat Resistant Polyurethane Resin



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### PRODUCT OVERVIEW

TASK™ 8 is a heat resistant polyurethane resin system made specifically for prototyping / casting applications which require thermal resistance of up to 263°F / 129°C.

TASK™ 8 offers the convenience of a 1A:1B mix ratio and has a very low viscosity, so it is easy to mix and pour. Plastic cures quickly to a Shore 80D and exhibits good physical and performance properties. Heat curing this material is necessary to attain optimal heat resistance. See "Heat Curing" section for curing schedule details.

Applications include making machine housings, thermo-forming and general prototyping / casting.

### TECHNICAL OVERVIEW

Mix Ratio: 1A:1B by volume or 120A:100B by weight

Mixed Viscosity, cps: 100 (ASTM D-2393)

Specific Gravity, g/cc: 1.09 (ASTM D-1475)

Specific Volume, cu. in. /lb.: 25.4 (ASTM D-1475)

Pot Life: 2.5 minutes @ 73°F / 23°C (ASTM D-2471)

Cure Time: 10-15 minutes @ 73°F / 23°C \*\*

Color: Off-White

Shore D Hardness: 80 (ASTM D-2240)

Ultimate Tensile, psi: 5,840 (ASTM D-638)

Tensile Modulus, psi: 246,000 (ASTM D-638)

Elongation @ Break: 4% (ASTM D-638)

Flexural Strength, psi: 8,280 (ASTM D-790)

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Compressive Strength, psi: 8,760 (ASTM D-695)

Heat Deflection Temperatures: (ASTM D-648)

After 1 Week At 73°F/23°C - 194°F/90°C  
After Heat Curing† - 263°F/129°C

Compressive Modulus, psi: 77,400 (ASTM D-695)

Shrinkage: 0.01in/in (ASTM D-2566)

\* All values measured after 7 days at 73°F/23°C

\*\* Depending on mass

† See "Heat Curing" Section for details

### PROCESSING RECOMMENDATIONS

#### PREPARATION...

Materials should be stored and used in a warm environment (73° F / 23° C). This product has a limited shelf life and should be used as soon as possible. All liquid urethanes are moisture sensitive and will absorb atmospheric moisture. Mixing tools and containers should be clean and made of metal, glass or plastic. Mixing containers should have straight sides and a flat bottom. Mixing sticks should be flat and stiff with defined edges for scraping the sides and bottom of your mixing container. Mixing should be done in a well-ventilated area. Wear safety glasses, long sleeves and rubber gloves to minimize contamination risk.

**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.**

**Applying A Release Agent** - A release agent is necessary to facilitate demolding when casting into or over most surfaces. Use a release agent made specifically for mold making (Universal™ Mold Release or Ease Release™ 200 available from Smooth-On or your Smooth-On distributor). A liberal coat of release agent should be applied onto all surfaces that will contact the plastic.

**IMPORTANT:** To ensure thorough coverage, lightly brush the release agent with a soft brush over all surfaces. Follow with a light mist coating and let the release agent dry for 30 minutes.

Most silicone rubber molds usually do not require a release agent unless casting silicone into the mold. Applying a release agent, however, will prolong the life of the mold.

#### MEASURING & MIXING...

Stir Part A and Part B thoroughly before dispensing. After dispensing equal amounts of Parts A and B into mixing container, mix thoroughly. Stir slowly and deliberately making sure that you scrape the sides and bottom of the mixing container several times. Be careful not to splash low viscosity material out of the container.

**Remember, TASK™ 8 will set up quickly. Do not delay between mixing and pouring.**

#### POURING, CURING & PERFORMANCE...

**Pouring** - If casting TASK™ 8 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.

## 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

**BE CAREFUL** - Avoid contact with eyes. Silicone polymers are generally non-irritating to the eyes however a slight transient irritation is possible. Flush eyes with water for 15 minutes and seek medical attention. Remove from skin with waterless hand cleaner followed by soap and water. Children should not use this product without adult supervision.

**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.

**Vacuum Degassing** - mixed resin is low in viscosity and does not require vacuum degassing. If you choose to vacuum the material, subject mixture to 29 h.i.g. mercury in a vacuum chamber until mixture rises, breaks and falls. Allow for 3 to 4 times volume expansion in mixing container. Be aware of pot life so that material does not set up in mixing container.

**Pressure Casting** - Although not necessary for most applications, best results for eliminating air/bubbles are obtained using a pressure casting technique. After pouring the resin into a rubber mold (that has also been made using pressure), place mold into a safety-rated pressure chamber and subject the mixture to 60 PSI (4.2 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>) until the material cures. After material cures, wait 30 minutes before releasing pressure and removing mold / casting from the pressure chamber.

**Curing** - For most applications, room temperature curing at 73°F (23°C) for 16 hours is adequate. Low mass or thin-walled castings will take longer to cure than castings with higher mass concentration. Castings will reach ultimate physical properties at room temperature in 7 days.

**Post Curing Option** - For maximum physical properties and higher heat resistance, TASK™ 8 should be heat cured according to the following cure schedule:

Temperature	Duration
Room Temp. (72°F / 23°C)	1 hour
150°F / 65°C	2 hours
212°F / 100°C	2 hours
265°F / 130°C	2 hours

**Demold** - Demold time of the finished casting depends on mass and mold configuration. Make sure casting has reached handling strength before demolding. If casting has a flat back, it can be removed from mold and allowed to cure outside the mold on a flat, level surface to attain full working properties. Allow material to cure for 24 hours at room temperature before putting into service.

**Performance** - Cured castings of TASK™ 8 are rigid and durable. They resist moisture, moderate heat, solvents, dilute acids and can be machined, primed/painted or bonded to other surfaces (any release agent must be removed). Castings can be displayed outdoors after priming and painting.

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