# TECHNICAL DATA SHEET



# **QM 255** 2 part moldmaking material

## Description

This is a pourable 2-part addition cure silicone elastomer system. After mixing parts 'A' and 'B' in the correct proportions, the system will cure at ambient temperatures within 24 hours, but the rate of cure can be accelerated by heat. The cured rubber exhibits excellent physical and electrical properties.

## **Key Features**

- Casting resin resistance
- Fast de-mold time
- Excellent dimensional stability

### Application

Polyester, PU and epoxy casting resins, prototypes and technical articles, architectural, picture frames, furniture

# **Use and Cure Information**

## **IMPORTANT:**

The 'A' part of product

contains the platinum catalyst; great care should be taken when using automatic dispensing equipment. Please ensure that it is not contaminated by residual hydride containing rubber in the dispensing equipment, as curing will result. If in doubt, it's advised to thoroughly purge the equipment with a suitable hydrocarbon solvent or silicone fluid.

## Mixing

Both the 'A' and 'B' parts should be well stirred to ensure the material is uniform and any settlement of the fillers have been remixed. Place the required amount of 'A' and 'B' parts by weight at the mix ratio shown opposite, in a clean plastic or metal container of approximately 3 times their volume, and mix until the colour of the mixture is uniform. For best results, we recommend degassing. Degas by intermittent evacuation, the larger volume of the mixing vessel helps prevent overflow during this operation. In case of automatic dispensing with static mixing head, the two components should be degassed before processing. Recommended vacuum conditions are 30-50 mbar intermittently

over 5-10 minutes. Cast the mixture either by gravity or pressure injection. In order to achieve optimum performance, the same "A" and "B" side lot number should be used.

## Inhibition of Cure

Great care must be taken when handling and mixing all addition cured silicone elastomer systems, ensuring that all the mixing tools (vessels and spatulas) are clean and constructed in materials which do not interfere with the curing mechanism. The cure of the rubber can be inhibited by the presence of compounds of nitrogen, sulphur, phosphorus and arsenic; organotin catalysts and PVC stabilizers; epoxy resin catalysts and even contact with materials containing certain of these substances e.g. moulding clays, sulphur vulcanised rubbers, condensation cure silicone rubbers, onion and garlic.

## Curina Conditions

The data offers a guide to the rate of cure at various temperatures, mixing of the components at temperatures between 15 and 25°C is recommended to ensure adequate pot life for degassing and handling. The pot life can be extended to several hours by chilling the components before mixing.

# Health & Safety

Safety Data Sheets available on request.

#### Packaging

CHT Moulding Rubbers are available in a variety packaging including bulk containers. Please contact our sales department for more information.

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Property Uncured Product	Test Method	Value
Color A Color B Cure Profile Cure Type De-mould Time / Full Cure at		Beige Black 3 days at 25°C Addition
23°C/73°F		6 - 8 hrs
Mix Ratio By Weight Rheology Specific Gravity A Specific Gravity B Viscosity A Viscosity B Viscosity Mixed Work life at 25°C to Double Initial Viscosity	Brookfield Brookfield Brookfield	10:1 Liquid 1.35 0.98 45,000 cP 2,000 cP 35,000 cP 20 minutes
Cured Product 3 days at 25°C		
Color Elongation at Break Hardness Shore A Linear Shrinkage (%) Max Working Temp Min Working Temp Tear Resistance (N/mm) Tensile Strength	ISO 37 ASTM D 2240-95 BS ISO 34-1 ISO 37	Gray 400 % 55 <0.1 % 204 °C / 399 °F -55 °C / -67 °F 13.9 N/mm / 79 ppi 3.1 N/mm2 / 450 psi
<b>Storage</b> Max Storage Temperature Shelf Life		38 °C / 100 °F 24 mths

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