# **Product Information**

# Molds



# EP 4204 Epoxy gelcoat

# **FEATURES**

- Abrasion resistance
- Solvent resistance
- Excellent durability

# **COMPOSITION**

• Part A: epoxy resin EP4204

• Part B: amine H4204



EP 4204 is a two-component, silicon carbide filled epoxy surface coating that can be applied by brush. Curing at room temperature, hardness 87 shore D. The cured material is not workable.

# **APPLICATIONS**

• Designed for the production of foundry patterns, masking frame, jigs, copy models.

# TYPICAL PROPERTIES

Specifications writers: These values are not intended for use in preparing specifications. Please contact your local sales representative prior to writing specifications on this product.

Property	Unit	Value
Colour (Resin A/Hardener B)	visual	Blue / Amber
Density at 23°C (Resin A/Hardener B)	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.50 - 1.60 / 0.96 - 1.01
Viscosity at 23°C (Resin A/Hardener B)	mPa.s	Paste / 70 – 110
Colour (Mixture)	visual	Blue
Density at 23°C (Mixture)	g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.42 - 1.52
Viscosity at 23°C (Mixture)	mPa.s	Tixotropic liquid
Mixing ratio	pbw	100:10
Pot life at 23°C (150g)	minutes	40 - 60
Demoulding	hours	12 - 16
Hardness	Shore D	85 - 89
Flexural strength	MPa	60 - 70
Compressive strength	MPa	110 - 120
Glass transition Tg	°C	116 - 122

# **SETTINGS**

The surface of the pattern should be treated with waxy release agent. Porous materials should be well sealed with sealer.

# **USE**

Mix the two components in the indicated proportions. Both components must be mixed thoroughly, paying attention to the material on the edges of the container and not to incorporate too much air. The mixed material should be applied at least in two separate hands on the mold with a brush, to have a thickness of at least 0.5mm per layer. Recommended final film thickness should not exceed 2.5mm. To ensure good adhesion before applying the second coat, wait until the

first coat has gelled to a tack free state. The gelcoat is tack free if when a finger is lightly drawn across the surface, no material sticks to it, but if firmly pressed, a mark will remain on the surface.

# **CURING & POST-CURING**

To achieve full high temperature resistance, a step wise post cure treatment is recommended. Allow the product to cure at room temperature for a least 24 hours, then heat to 40°C for 1 hour, followed by 60°C for 1 hour, followed by 80°C for 1 hour, followed by 100°C for 1 hour, followed by 130°C for 4 hours. To prevent any distorsion during the post cure cycle, the unit should be placed on a conformer. Then allow the product to

slowly return to room temperature. The product can be used without post cure but will not achieve full temperature resistance.

#### HANDLING PRECAUTIONS

The information for a correct and safe handling of the products are contained in the safety data sheet. Consult the safety data sheets before use for complete information on the risks for health and environment and for suitable protective devices to be adopted. Share the safety data sheets with all the staff involved in the use of the products.

#### **PACKAGING**

Resin is supplied in 1kg containers, hardener in 100g containers.

# **USABLE LIFE - STORAGE**

Resin and hardener must be stored in the original unopened containers at a temperature between +10°C and +35°C. Be sure to close the containers after use. Resin and hardener, if stored under certain conditions, have a shelf life of 12 months from the date of manufacture.

# **LIMITATIONS**

This product is neither tested nor represented as suitable for food contact, skin contact or medical uses.

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