# **TECHNICAL DATA SHEET**



3.1 N/mm2 / 450 psi

Value

# 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

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Property Test Method
Uncured Product

Color A Beige Color B Black

Cure Profile 3 days at 25°C Cure Type Addition

De-mould Time / Full Cure at 23°C/73°F 6 - 8 hrs

Mix Ratio By Weight
Rheology
Specific Gravity A

10:1
Liquid
1.35

Specific Gravity B0.98Viscosity ABrookfield45,000 cPViscosity BBrookfield2,000 cPViscosity MixedBrookfield35,000 cP

Work life at 25°C to Double Initial Viscosity 20 minutes

## Cured Product 3 days at 25°C

Color Gray Elongation at Break **ISO 37** 400 % ASTM D 2240-95 Hardness Shore A 55 Linear Shrinkage (%) <0.1 % 204 °C / 399 °F Max Working Temp Min Working Temp -55 °C / -67 °F BS ISO 34-1 Tear Resistance (N/mm) 13.9 N/mm / 79 ppi

**ISO 37** 

Storage

Tensile Strength

Max Storage Temperature 38 °C / 100 °F Shelf Life 24 mths

## **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.

## **Curing 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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