



POLY-TUFF SYSTEMS
INTERNATIONAL
HIGHWAY DIVISION

TuffPaste™

Bug Hole & Bonding Epoxy

DESCRIPTION

TuffPaste™ is a two-component, 1:1, non-sag, high modulus, high strength, 100% solids, moisture-tolerant, solvent free, structural epoxy adhesive developed specifically for use as a matrix with the TuffWrap Structural Strengthening System.

USE:

- Level small surface defects & bug holes
- Provide a smooth surface to apply FRP
- Sealing of cracks and injection port setting
- Bonding of concrete, metals, wood
- Grout bolts, dowels, and pins.

FEATURES:

- Excellent adhesion to most substrates
- Ideal for Vertical & Overhead repairs
- Pick proof sealant
- Fast Set or Extended pot life available
- High abrasion and shock resistance.

TECHNICAL DATA:

TuffPaste™ conforms to ASTM C-881, Type I, II, IV, and V, Grade 3, Classes B & C, & AASHTO M-235

COVERAGE GUIDE:

CFRP Laminates: 100 sq.ft per gallon

Flat Bonding: 125 sq.ft per gallon

Crack Pasting: 50 sq.ft per gallon

1 gallon yields: 231 cu. in. of paste adhesive

PREPARATION:

Maximum adhesion is obtained when surfaces to be bonded are free of oil, grease, rust, loose particles, and other contaminants. Abrasive blast cleaning and mechanical removal methods are recommended.

MIXING:

Before blending **TuffPaste™** Resin and Hardener, stirring may be necessary, especially in case of filled materials. Place 1 Side A (Resin) and 1 Side B (Hardener) into a clean cylindrical container according to the specified MIX RATIO. Mix for 2-1/2 to 3 or until thoroughly blended using either the PSI Rapid Pail Mixer "or" a 1/2+ HP heavy-duty, variable speed drill with the PSI Mortar Paddle utilizing the PSI 1 Man Stand. Mix at slow speed (less than 850 rpm) to avoid air entrainment. If hand

mixing, periodically scrape the walls and the bottom of the container to avoid unmixed material which will result in soft spots after curing. For room temperature cure systems, once the Resin and Hardener are mixed together, an exothermic reaction takes place developing some heat which accelerates the process of cure. The viscosity of such a self-heating system first decreases then, at the end of the GEL TIME, increases until the material gels. At this moment the temperature of the product keeps rising, and in the case of large batches can result in overheating with unpleasant fumes and smoke. Do not mix more material than you are able to apply in one step. Remember - you will have less working time at higher temperatures.

PLACEMENT:

TuffPaste™ can be applied by putty knife, trowel, or bulk caulking gun. Filling bug holes, use very thin layers and work into the hole thoroughly in order to prevent bridging the holes rather than filling. As a structural adhesive. Apply the neat mixed **TuffPaste™** to the prepared substrates. Work into the substrate for positive adhesion. Secure the bonded unit firmly into place until the adhesive has cured. Glue line should not exceed 1/8". To seal cracks for injection grouting, place the neat mixed material over the cracks to be pressure injected and around each injection port. Allow sufficient time to set before pressure injecting. For routed vertical and overhead patching - Place the prepared mortar in void, working the material into the prepared substrate, filling the cavity. Strike off level. Lift line should not exceed 1/8".

CURING/DRY TIME:

Tack Free Time: 2-3 hours

Initial Cure 24 hours

Final Cure 7 days

CLEAN UP:

Uncured **TuffPaste™** can be removed from tools and equipment with **EnviroClean™**, Isopropyl alcohol, xylene, or mineral spirits. Dispose of in accordance with local, state, and federal disposal regulations. Mechanical removal is necessary for cured material.

PACKAGING:

2, 10 gallon units & 22 oz. dual cartridge

COLOR:

Concrete Gray

Special colors available on request

STORAGE:

Store **TuffPatse™** in its original containers and keep tightly closed.

Do not allow the accumulation of water, dirt or other contaminants.

Store at 40°F - 90° F (4°C -35°C).

SHELF LIFE:

The shelf life of properly stored **TuffPatse™** is two years from date of manufacture in original unopened container.

LIMITATIONS:

Do not thin with solvents, as this will prevent cure. Not recommended for any application where there may be a sustained tensile load, including overhead applications. Not designed to stop seeping or flowing water. Remove standing water before applying in moist or damp conditions. Always test a small amount to insure that the product is mixed thoroughly and that the material will harden properly before proceeding. Minimum age of concrete must be 3-7 days, depending on curing and drying conditions.

CAUTION:

Avoid breathing of vapors. Forced local exhaust is recommended to effectively minimize the exposure. NIOSH approved, organic vapor respirators and forced exhaust are recommended in confined areas, or when conditions (such as heated polymer, sanding, etc.) may cause high vapor concentrations. Do not weld on, burn or torch the **TuffPatse™** or any epoxy material. Hazardous vapor is released when an epoxy is burned. Avoid skin or eye contact. Wash skin with soap and water if contact occurs. If eye contact occurs flush with water for 15 minutes and obtain medical attention. Please read the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) before use of this or any other Poly-Tuff Systems International product.

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

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WARRANTY:

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| TYPICAL PROPERTIES: | |
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| Mix Ratio | 1:1 |
| Mixed Color | Gray |
| Viscosity | Gel/Paste |
| Gel Time (ASTM 881) | 12 Minutes |
| TYPICAL CURED PROPERTIES | |
| Initial Cure Time (73°F or 23°C) | 2 to 3 hours |
| Final Cure | 3 Days |
| Compressive Strength (ASTM D-695) | 12,250 psi |
| Compressive Modulus (ASTM D-695) | 300,000 psi |
| Bond Strength at 1 Day (ASTM 882) | 1,925 psi |
| Bond Strength at 7 Days (ASTM 882) | 2,850 psi |
| Elongation (ASTM D-638) | 1.58% |
| Water Absorption (ASTM D-570) | 0.1% |
| Heat Deflection (ASTM D-648) | 140°F |
| Viscosity | 1/4 inch no-sag gel |
| Gel Time (60 g mass) | 10 minutes |
| Tensile Strength | 7,559 psi (51.7 MPa) |
| Tensile Elongation: | 1.59% |
| Shear Strength (ASTM D732) | 2,800 psi (19.3 MPa) |
| Shrinkage on Cure (ASTM D2566) | 0.001 |
| Thermal Compatibility (ASTM C884) | Pass |
| Heat Deflection Temperature (ASTM D648) | 140°F (60°C) |

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