



Technical Data Sheet

GT-5568 High-Performance Mold Making Silicone

GT Products[®] 5568 is a room temperature curing silicone rubber compound designed for the manufacture of flexible molds.

GT-5568 Features

High Strength

Easy 1:1 mix

High Durometer

Minimal shrinkage

GT Products[®] 5568 is supplied in matched kits with Catalyst 5568 designed to be used in a 1:1 ratio by weight.

Typical Properties

	Base	Catalyst
Viscosity (cPs)	100,000	75,000
Pot Life (Pour Time)	45-90 Minutes	
After Cure (7 days @ 25°C)		
Tensile, psi:	1275	
Elongation, %	75	
Durometer (Shore A)	70	
Tear (die B) minimum	110	
Linear Shrinkage; %	nil	

Applications:

Hobby and art projects

sculpture and figurines

Candle and Soap Molds

Rapid Prototyping

Special Effects

Model Making

Inventing

Rollers

Silicone Print Pads

MIXING

Because pigments can settle during storage, Catalyst 5568 should be thoroughly stirred before mixing. Use separate tools for mixing the base and catalyst to avoid cross contamination. Accurate weighing is essential to obtain maximum physical properties from the cured silicone. Low-shear mixing of the mixture is recommended. Use clean tools and scrape the bottom and sides of the container to ensure a homogeneous mixture. Avoid stirring in an excessive amount of air.

DEGASSING

Air entrapped during mixing should be removed to prevent voids in the cured product. Dearth the mixed material under a vacuum of 25 mm (29 inches) of mercury. The mixture will froth and, expand four times its volume, crest and recede to about the original level as the bubbles break. Degassing is usually complete about two minutes after frothing subsides.

CURING

GT Products® 5568 will cure sufficiently in 16 hours at room temperature (72°F) to be handled. GT 5568 will reach 90% of ultimate cure in 24 hours at room temperature. For full cure an additional 1-2 days at room temperature is required.

STORAGE and HANDLING

GT Products® 5568 will remain useful for six months when stored in the original unopened containers at temperatures below 80°F (27°C).

Accessories:

ER-200 Mold Release

GT Products Silicone Pigments

GT-5985 Primer for adhesion to metals and other substrates

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