Flexible Mould Making

Presentation

Start with a master pattern



This is a replica of the item to be produced





Ensure the pattern is free from defects Fill and sand where required





Fix the pattern to a baseboard ensuring there are no gaps



Fix sides to the baseboard. Again there must be no gaps.





Ensure the mould is level



Apply a wax based release agent and allow to dry





Calculate the amount of rubber required

Calculate the volume of the mould

$$L \times W \times H$$

 $1.2 \times 0.7 \times 0.05 = 42 \text{ litres}$

Subtract the volume of the master mould (assuming it contains 50% voids)

 $1.1 \times 0.65 \times 0.04 \times 0.5 = 14.30$ litres

• The volume of the Duramould is therefore

42 - 14 = 28 litres

This equates to 28 kgs

The specific gravity of Duramould is 1

With some rubbers the SG can be as high as 1.4. Using these, you would need 39 kgs

An additional 11 kgs

Remember this when comparing prices!

Duramould A & B are supplied in 25kg drums



Duramould has a simple mix ratio of 1:1

We require to mix

14 kgs of Duramould Part A

14 kgs of Duramould Part B

Due to the high quantity, it will be mixed in

Two batches

7 kgs Part A

7 kgs Part B









Mix parts A and B thoroughly



Transfer to another container and remix





Pour the mixed Duramould onto the centre of the pattern



Let it flow to the edges





Use a hot air blower to remove any remaining air bubbles



Leave overnight



De-moulding Firstly, remove the sides









Then peel the set Duramould from the pattern







Treat the mould with concrete release agent prior to use



When not in use, store the mould flat



