

# AFLAS<sup>®</sup> technical bulletin

## **Mold Release Recommendations**

### DESCRIPTION

AFLAS<sup>®</sup> requires a slow cure speed and therefore some stickiness on the mold can result. This document explains how to avoid mold release issues.

### **KEY TOPICS**

- > AFLAS must be **cured well** to avoid mold release issues.
- > A chrome-plated mold is recommended.
- Using a mold release agent is recommended.
- > Adding a **processing aid** is recommended.

#### RECOMMENDED MOLD RELEASE AGENT

AGC Chemicals recommends using **TraSys**<sup>®</sup> **9825** to treat mold before molding. In case it is needed to be silicone free, **TraSys**<sup>®</sup> **818** is recommended. Other mold releases may be effective, but these are the two selections that worked well in our laboratory conditions.

#### RECOMMENDED PROCESSING AIDS

- It is recommended to use Sodium Stearate (St-Na) as a processing aid. Other recommended processing aids are Struktol<sup>®</sup> WS-280, Struktol<sup>®</sup> HT-290, or Carnauba wax.
- > All processing aids must be added at most 2phr (parts per hundred rubber).
- If extremely low swelling is required, less than 5% to Steam or Hot water environments, it is recommended to use to Calcium Stearate (St-Ca) instead of St-Na.
- If at any time you have questions or concerns about a specific application, please contact your account manager for assistance.

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