

V-Thix

The better alternative for thickening liquid latex.

V-Thix is a non-toxic, water-based thixotropic additive for slip latex. It will thicken latex, but not cure it. No more dealing with the mess and hazards of fumed silicas like Cab-O-Sil. Just add V-Thix to your liquid latex and mix it in. The more you add the thicker it becomes. It will also thicken up more over time, so give it a couple of minutes before adding more V-Thix.

Once it is thickened to the desired consistency it can be applied to whatever surface you want. V-Thix works well when you're trying to do a latex pull out of a silicone or fiberglass mold or any other types of non-porous molds. Just build up the thickness you want and let it cure. It can also be used to thicken up thin areas of a latex casting. Just add the thickened latex to the back, or inside, of your piece and smooth it out.

V-Thix will not affect the coloring of the latex either. Tint it up as you normally would. You may find it easier, though, to tint the latex before you add the V-Thix as it will be easier to mix it thoroughly.

You may find some small white flecks in the V-Thix. This is normal and in no way affects the V-Thix or the latex. The flecks will break up when you mix the V-Thix and latex together.

To thicken latex:

It is recommended to do a small sample batch the first time you use it (just a few grams) so you get an idea of how much V-Thix you'll need to add. V-Thix is concentrated and it does not take much to start working. You may find it best to work with smaller batches, rather than large ones, as it may get difficult to mix a very large, thick batch of latex.

Curing:

Because of the increased thickness of the latex it will take longer to totally cure than regular, thin latex. You can speed up the curing process with warm, circulating air. It is not recommended to force dry it so quickly that it skins over. This skin will encapsulate the uncured latex and it will take a very long time to cure then. Although latex thickened with V-Thix may take the same amount of time, or longer, to cure than regular latex, it is much less labor intensive as you don't have to build up layer after layer, with a drying time in between.

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