



# GECKO<sup>®</sup> 5555 HIGH PERFORMANCE CRUSHER BACKING COMPOUND

## Description:

The ultimate backing material for tough, demanding, or troublesome crushing applications. Uniquely designed with extreme impact resistance, very low water absorption and the ability to withstand hard/abrasive media and high temperature crushing environments.

Gecko<sup>®</sup> 5555 High Performance Crusher Backing Compound does not contain VOC's, butyl glycidyl ether (BGE)1 or nonyl phenol2.

## Handling Properties:

SPECIFIC GRAVITY,g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.65	ASTM D 792
DENSITY, lb./gal	13.8	ASTM D 792
MIXED VISCOSITY,cPormPa.s	7,500	ASTM D 2196
WORKING TIME,min	20-25	
GEL TIME, min	35-40	ASTM D 2471

## Physical Properties:

COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH,psi(MPa)	18,000 (124)	ASTM D 695
COMPRESSIVE MODULUS,psi(MPa)	449,000(3,097)	ASTM D 695
TENSILE STRENGTH,psi(MPa)	5,500 (38)	ASTM D 638
HEAT DISTORTIONTEMPERATURE,°F(°C)	200 (93.3)	ASTM D 648
HARDNESS, ShoreD@77°F(25°C)	92	ASTM D 2240
IMPACT STRENGTH,Izodnotched, in.- lb./in. (cm.kg/cm)	4.9 (2.23)	ASTM D 256
WATER ABSORPTION		ASTM D 570
7 day immersion@72°FFor22°C,%	0.07	
30 day immersion@72°FFor22°C,%	0.25	

## Packaging

Volume/kit:  
 22 lb. (10 kg): 368 in.3 = 6.03 l  
 50 lb. (22.7 kg): 837 in.3 = 13.72 l  
 Bulk quantities are available for automatic meter mixing/dispensing equipment applications.

## Preparation:

1. Be sure that the backing surfaces are dry, free of rust, dirt, grease, and oil (See No. 3).
2. Assemble crusher parts in the usual manner.
3. Where bonding to a surface is not required, coat the surface with light oil or a release agent. No grease/oil/release on wear parts.
4. Seal all gaps with clay, putty, or plaster to prevent leakage.
5. If the temperature is below 60 °F (16 °C) pre-heat the wear parts to bring the temperature above 60 °F (16 °C). Do not pour Gecko<sup>®</sup>5555 into parts hotter than 150 °F (66 °C)

## Mixing:

The storage temperature of Gecko<sup>®</sup> 5555 will greatly impact both the ease of pouring and the curing time. For best results, Gecko<sup>®</sup> 5555 kits should be stored inside (60-80 °F or 16-27 °C) for at least 24 hours before use.

1. Mix and pour only 1 kit at a time to prevent Gecko<sup>®</sup> 5555 from hardening in the container. Do not mix/use partial kits.
2. Open both containers and slowly pour the entire contents of the small can (hardener) into the larger pail (resin).
3. Mix using the mixing paddle in a low speed (500 RPM or less), heavy duty drill and mix the Gecko<sup>®</sup> 5555 until a uniform color appears, normally 3-4 minutes, longer if backing is cold or "stiff."
4. Pour immediately into crusher voids.

## Curing Procedures:

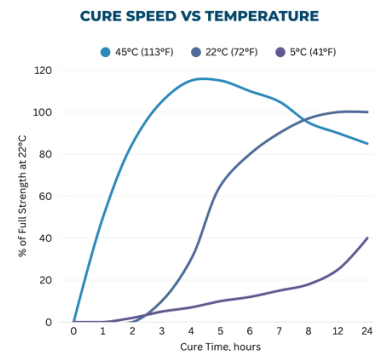
Working time will depend on backing temperature, ambient temperature and temperature of parts. Typical working time at 72°F (22 °C) is 20-25 minutes. Working time and viscosity increase as temperature decreases. With hotter temperatures you have less time to pour. Care should be taken to ensure that the entire kit is poured before the working time elapses. In other words, do not mix more than you can pour during the working time.

The cure time of Gecko<sup>®</sup> 5555 will depend greatly on the air temperature, the temperature of the concaves or mantle and the backing temperature. If the temperature is low, heat can be applied to the outside of the concaves or mantle to bring their temperature up to 60°F (16°C). Do not exceed 150°F (66 °C).

Use the chart below only as a GUIDE for approximate curing time

Temperature of bowls or mantles and backing, °F (°C)	Cure time from last pour to Crusher restart, hrs.
50 (10)	24
60 (16)	12
70 (21)	6
80 (27)	3
90 (32)	1½

See the graph below for the average strength-development curve of Gecko<sup>®</sup> backing systems at varying temperatures.



Higher temperatures accelerate the cure reaction, allowing the backing to reach functional strength much faster. At 45°C (113°F), the system develops over 90% of its strength within a few hours. At 22°C (72°F), strength builds steadily and reaches full performance around the 6-8 hour mark. Lower temperatures such as 5°C (41°F) slow the polymerization significantly, extending the time required to reach operational strength.



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### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Mix and pour in a well-ventilated area. Avoid contact with skin and eyes. If contact does occur, wash skin with soap and water and seek medical help. Read and understand all CAUTIONS on container labels and safety data sheets before using this material.

Avoid breathing of vapors. Forced local exhaust is recommended to effectively minimize exposure. NIOSH approved, organic vapor respirators and forced exhaust are recommended in confined areas, or when conditions (such as heated polymers, sanding) may cause high vapor concentrations.

**DO NOT WELD ON, BURN OR TORCH ON OR NEAR, ANY EPOXY MATERIAL. HAZARDOUS VAPOR IS RELEASED WHEN AN EPOXY IS BURNED.**

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