

# **TECHNICAL BRIEF**

## POLYWATER® WAX

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#### **DESCRIPTION**

Polywater Fiberglass Wax and Buff Kit can be used to wax hot sticks and insulated boom trucks. The kit will leave a water-repellent, non-conductive coating that will help protect the gel coat from degradation.

#### **PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

PROPERTY	RESULT
Appearance (liquid)	Thick yellow liquid
Odor	Banana
Specific gravity @ 25°C	0.98
Flash point	115°F (46°C)

#### **COMPLETE PROTECTION**

The Polywater Fiberglass Wax is a silicone fortified polymer/carnauba wax hybrid carried by a solvent mixture. The wax is easy to apply and creates a protective film that displaces water. This coating protects the gel coat and forces water to bead on the surface, reducing the danger of tracking.

## **FAST ACTING**

The Wax is easily applied with the pre-saturated W-1 pouched towel, or with a clean non-linting towel in the W-16 package. Wax will fully haze in 5 minutes at 70°F (21 °C), haze time may be longer in cold temperatures. After the Wax has completely hazed, buff the Wax into the surface with another dry non-linting towel.

### WATER REPELLING

Polywater Wax and Buff Kit lowers the surface energy of a surface. ASTM D2578 Method for Wetting Tension was used to evaluate this effect, as well as a visual inspection.

SURFACE	SURFACE ENERGY (DYNES/CM)	WATER WETTED APPEARANCE
Solid Epoxy	52	Water fully sheeted
Polywater Wax treated Solid Epoxy	30	Water beaded up

## **ELECTRICAL TESTING**

To test the effectiveness of Polywater Wax and Buff Kit a modified version of IEEE 978, section 5.3 High-Potential AC Test Method was performed. In this test a high potential is applied to a section of a hot stick, and increased to 75 kV/ft.

HOT STICK	CURRENT LEAKAGE DETECTED
Untreated	33 kV/ft
Polywater Wax treated	None at 75 kV/ft

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