

# **GEL COAT REPAIR INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **Repair Kit Items Needed:**

Utility Knife Mixing Board Sandpaper (wet/dry-150 grit, 220 grit,400 grit, and 500 grit) Clean Cloths (for buffing) Acetone Heavy Grit Rubbing Compound Marine Finish Wax

#### **Repair Kit Includes:**

Gel Coat (1 pint) MEKP (11ml) Cabosil Powder (1 pint) Bondo Spreader Preval (Auto sprayer / use with cup) Stir Sticks Cups Particle Mask Rubber Gloves

#### **Safety Notes:**

- □ Use a Dust Particle Mask when sanding and be sure to dispose of all unused materials in a environmentally safe manner.
- □ MEKP (Catalyst) can be a volatile chemical. Keep away from all other chemicals and keep in a cool dry place.
- When using MEKP Avoid Skin and Eye Contact.

### **Instructions:**

1. Cut out loose gel coat chips with utility knife. Gouge hairline cracks into "V" shape (1/8" wide/1/16" deep). See Figure 1

**Note:** It's best to use some sort of Router for above water cracks

- 2. Sand repair area with 150 wet grit sandpaper 1" beyond all spots being repaired. Clean <u>above water</u> repairs with acetone. See Safety Note
- 3. Mix Gel Coat with Cabosil Powder until it reaches the consistency of smooth peanut butter. This will take some time to work the lumps out.
- 4. When Cabosil/Gel Coat Putty is at desired consistency, add 2% MEKP hardener (about 10 drops per ounce of putty). See Safety Note
- 5. Mix Thoroughly.
- 6. Apply with Bondo Spreader to repair spot, leave slightly higher than surrounding area to allow for shrinkage and sanding. See Figure 2
- 7. Allow to harden 30 to 60 minutes (underwater repairs will take longer usually 24 hours).
- When completely dry, begin sanding with 220 grit sandpaper, and work to 500 grit (Use 150 grit sandpaper <u>only</u> if necessary to smooth very rough repair areas). See Safety Note
- 9. If Gel does not match well enough (usually too dark) then use a Preval to spray on Gel.
- 10. To spray gel 2oz. Gel, 1/2 oz. Acetone, 2ml. (milliliters) MEKP. See Figure 3 and Safety Note
- 11. Sprayed Gel should be smooth enough to start sanding with 400 wet grit and finish with 500 wet grit. Buff with heavy grit white rubbing compound. See Safety Note
- **Note:** <u>Do Not</u> Over Catalyze. Too much MEKP will impede the process and change the color 3% is the absolute maximum.

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