# premix & embedding CHEMICALS

### **TAAB Embedding Resin**

Following the demand for more reliable sectioning of tough tissues including skin, bone and keratinized tissue TAAB has introduced **Hard-Plus** into the range of premix kits. Sections show less distortion and retain integrity during subsequent staining procedures for light and electron microscopy.



T027 Hard

Comprising: 5 x 50g Resin

5 x 50g Hardener-hard 5 x 2.5ml Accelerator

T027/1 Hard-Plus

Comprising: 5 x 50g Resin

5 x 50g Hardener-hard-plus 5 x 2.5ml Accelerator

T028 Medium

Comprising: 5 x 50g Resin

5 x 50g Hardener-medium 5 x 2.5ml Accelerator

T029 Soft

Comprising: 5 x 50g Resin

5 x 50g Hardener-soft 5 x 2.5ml Accelerator

#### Transmit LM Resin



T045 LM

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Comprising: 5 x 35g Resin

5 x 69g Hardener 5 x 2ml Accelerator

#### All Premix Resin Types

For those wishing to make larger batches of resin mixture, each component is available in 500g weights with the accelerators in a 50g size. The ratio of mixing can be taken from the premix kits.

Ampouled Premix Kit accelerators are available separately to replace those in kits which have exceeded their shelf life.

Please see embedding chemicals for items above.

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# **Embedding Chemicals**

#### Araldite 502 Resin





This epoxy resin is the USA equivalent of Araldite CY212. It has a viscosity twice that of CY212 and infiltration times should be extended. Araldite 502 is often blended with TAAB 812, Epon 812 or its equivalents. Weight per epoxide 233-250

E021/1 2.5Kg E021 500g

Araldite kits – see Kit sections Page C4 to C10

#### Araldite CY212 (M) Resin





Also generally referred to as Epoxy Resin, it is based on the diglycidyl ether of bisphenol A and is mixed with the reactive anhydride hardener DDSA in equal parts. The slow curing is speeded by the use of an amine accelerator DMP30 or BDMA. The hardness of the block is controlled by the addition of the plasticiser Dibutyl Phthalate.

E015/1	2.5Kg
E015	1Kg
E006	500g
E007	250g
E008	100g

#### **Araldite CY212 Premix Hardeners**



E031 500q

#### Araldite CY212 Premix Resin



Hard

E032 500g

Medium

E033 500g

Soft

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E034 500g

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#### Araldite CY212 Premix Accelerator



E035 50g **B023** 5 x 2.5ml

### Azo-bis-iso Butyronitrile



Thermal and photocatalyst for polymerisation of methacrylates

Leduc & Holt, J. Cell Biol., 26, 137 (1965) McLean & Singer, J. Cell Biol., 20, 518 (1964)

> A014 100g A015 25g

#### **Benzil**



(Dibenzoyl), Blue light catalyst for LR Gold.

**B030** 50g

#### Benzoin



Photocatalyst for polymerisation of methacrylates. M.W. 212.25 M.P. 134-136°C

Charles & Sikorsky, Brit. J. Appl. Phys., 7, 152 (1956)

B001 25g

# Benzoyl Peroxide, damped



This material is supplied damped with 25% water, and before adding to methacrylates as a polymerisation catalyst should be "damp dried" on blotting paper. M.W. 242.22

> B002 100g B003 25g

# Dibenzoyl Peroxide, 50% powder



An alternative to benzoyl peroxide damped, reputed to be less hazardous and easier to use.

> B031 50a

# **Benzyldimethylamine (BDMA)**



(N-Benzyl-N,N-Dimethylamine). M.W. 135.21 B.P. 177 - 180°C

An amine accelerator for polymerisation of epoxy resins.

A direct and preferred alternative to DMP-30.

B006	500ml
B007	250ml
B008	100ml
B036	50ml
B037	25ml
B022	5 x 2m

### 2-Butoxyethanol



(Ethylene Glycol Monobutyl Ether) M.W. 118.18 Component of HEMA resin for 1-2 µm sections for light microscopy using the Ruddell technique.

B020	1ltr
B020/1	5ltr
B019	500ml
B033	100ml

### t-Butyl Perbenzoate



Used as a catalyst in the Vestopal W resin media. M.W. 194.23



B034 100g B035 25q

# n-Butyl Methacrylate



Stabilised with 60ppm hydroquinone M.W. 142.20

B014 500ml 100ml B032

# Carbohydrazide



CO(NHNH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub> M.W. 90.08 for GACH embedding kit

A water-miscible, lipid retaining, embedding polymer

Heckman, et.al., Ultrastruct Res., 42, 156 (1973)

C044 25g

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#### Carbowax 400

(Polyethylene Glycol), component of HEMA resin.

C029 100ml

# Clear Casting Resin C



An unsaturated polyester resin in styrene monomer. Ideal for clear casting of biological & medical specimens and when mixed with styrene is an excellent embedding resin for undecalcified bones, sections are easily cut to 5µm

> C032 1Kg C033 5Kg C034 50g

# Clear Casting Resin C – Catalyst



Used 1% concentration i.e. 10ml to 1Kg of resin C034 10<sub>m</sub>l

# **Cobalt Naphthenate 6%**



Used as an activator for the Vestopal embedding

C030 250ml C031 25<sub>m</sub>l

# Cryo-M-Bed

Embedding compound for frozen tissue specimens, leaves no residue to discolour slide or section

> C028 100ml

#### **DER 736**



(Diglycidyl Ether of Polypropylene Glycol). Weight per epoxide 175 - 205. Used as a component of Spurr's resin. Can also be used to simplify infiltration in combination with TAAB 812 (Epon 812)

Kushida, J. Electron micro., 16, 278 ( 1964 )

D003 500g D004 250g D005 100g

# **Dibutyl Phthalate**



A plasticiser for epoxy resins. M.W. 278.35

D010 500g D011 100a

#### 2-Dimethylaminoethyl Methacrylate



Stabilised with 800ppm hydroquinone, a water soluble monomer M.W.175.21



D034 500q

# n-n-Dimethylaniline



Component of HEMA resin M.W. 121.18 D029 100a

### Divinylbenzine



55% solution in Ethylvinylbenzine. A cross-linking agent for methacrylates to produce solvent-resistant and thermostable polymers. M.W.130.19

> D021 100g

#### D.D.S.A. EM - Distilled



C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>26</sub>O<sub>3</sub> M.W. 266.38 Specific gravity 1.005 (Dodecenyl Succinic Anhydride), an ultra pure grade DDSA produced by distillation to control colour variations of embedding resins and offers complete infiltration of tissue. Specially prepared for EM as an epoxide hardener.

> D031 1Kg D025 500g D026 250q D027 100g

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#### D.D.S.A. Practical



When the need for the ultra pure distilled grade is not necessary TAAB have reintroduced a practical grade for general use, this will however give darker blocks.

D012	1Kg
D013	500g
D014	250g
D015	100g

#### **DMP-30**



(2,4,6- Tri(Dimethylaminomethyl) Phenol) used as an accelerator for epoxides. Although more viscous than other accelerators DMP-30 is one of the most popular accelerators in use. Absorbs moisture and carbon dioxide - keep dry and container tightly closed. M.W. 265.00

D022	500g
D023	250g
D024	100g
D032	50g
D035	25g

# **Dow Corning Silicone Fluid 200**



Used with epoxy resin to reduce diffusion of water soluble radioactive substance from frozen dried tissue Stirling & Kinter, J. Cell Biol., 35, 585 (1967)

D028 100g

#### Durcupan Kits - see Kit section page 22.4

# **Durcupan Components**



- Water soluble

**Durcupan component A ( Monomer )** 100ml

**Durcupan component B ( Hardener )** D033/B 100ml

### **Durcupan Components**



**ACM Epoxy** 



Durcupan component A/M (Epoxy resin)

> D036/A 100ml

Durcupan component B ( Hardener) D036/B 100ml

#### Emix resin kits – see Kit section page 22.10

#### **Emix Premix Resin**



A low viscosity epoxy resin (0.7 to 1.1 Pa.s at 25°C) ideally suited to routine embedding for EM



E039 500g

### **Emix Premix Hardeners**



Hard E040

500g

Medium

E041 500g

Soft

E042 500g

# **Emix Premix Accelerator**



**B023** 5 x 2.5ml E044 5 x 4ml

# **E.R.L 4221D**



E208/100 100ml E208/1L 1 litre E208/250 250ml E208/500 500ml



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### Hexahydrophthalic Anhydride



(An epoxide hardener)

H003 500g

HEMA Kit – see Kit section page 22.5

# 2-Hydroxyethyl Methacrylate EM



GMA (Glycol Methacrylate) is a water soluble embedding medium for which an improved technique has been described. Stabilised with 200ppm hydroquinone. M.W. 130.14

Leduc & Holt, J. Cell Biol., 26, 137 (1965)

Ruddell, Stain Technology, 42, 253 (1967)

Green J. Clinical Pathology, 23, 640 (1970)

Sims, J.Microscopy, 101, 223 (1974)

Spaur, R.C. & Moriatry, G. J.Histochem.Cytochem., 23,163 (1977)

> 500ml H008 250ml H009 H010 100ml

#### 2-Hydroxyethyl Methacrylate – Low Acid



For critical applications TAAB offers a low acid HEMA (less than 1% methacrylic acid)

H020 500ml 100ml H021

# 2-Hydroxypropyl Methacrylate EM



HPMA - A water soluble embedding medium, stabilised with hydroquinone. Infiltration follows the fixation of tissue and there is no extraction of material caused by any dehydration protocol. M.W. 144.17

> H011 500ml H012 250ml H013 100ml

#### Lemix A - Monomer



Fully miscible with water and can therefore be used to achieve water replacement without causing excessive shrinkage. Lipid loss is much less than with ethanol dehydration, typically 40% compared with 95%. When cured the resin remains hydrophilic, improving the use of water based stains. Does not require the use of an intermediate solvent such as propylene oxide.

> L024 125g

#### Lemix B - Hardener



Epoxide hardener

L025 500g

#### Lemix C - Accelerator



L026 100ml



#### Lemix D - Hardener



L027 100g

LR White & Gold Resins - see Kit section page 22.5

# **Methacrylic Acid**



(2-Methacrylic Acid) M.W. 86.09

M021 500q

Methacrylate Kit – see Kit section page 22.6

# Methyl Methacrylate



Stabilised with 60ppm hydroquinone. M.W. 100.12



500ml M008 M022 100ml

# M.N.A



(Methyl Nadic Anhydride). A hardener for epoxides. M.W. 178.19



1Ka M013 M010 500g M011 250g M012 100g



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#### N.S.A EM - Distilled



(Nonenyl succinic Anhydride). A distilled grade specially prepared for use as a hardener for epoxides giving clearer blocks than the standard NSA. M.W. 227.0

N010	1Kg
N007	500g
N008	250g
N009	100a

# **N.S.A Practical**



A practical grade for general use when it is not necessary to use the ultra pure distilled grade. This material will give darker blocks.

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N017	1Kg
N018	500g
N019	250g
N020	100g

### O.S.A



(n-Octenyl Succinic Anhydride) The replacement for Hexenyl Succinic Anhydride which is no longer available. A component of the Ultra-low viscosity resin

# **Polyvinyl Pyrrolidone**

Osmotic adjuster used in LR Gold resin P016 100q

# **Propylene Oxide**



(Epoxypropane) M.W. 58.08 Solvent for epoxy resins. Used in final dehydration of tissue following alcohol as a transitional agent prior to resin infiltration. F.P. -37°C

P021 500ml

#### **Quetol 523/HEMA**



Water soluble methacrylate used with 2-hydroxyethyl Methacrylate to give a low viscosity medium for ease of infiltration, sectioning and staining. This blended system results in much higher beam stability. Supplied as a 80:20 blend of HEMA:Quetol 523. Kushida, Hiroshi., J.Elec. Micro 2655, N4 351-353 (1977)

Q003 500g Q004 100g

#### **Quetol 651**





A low viscosity resin miscible with water, alcohol, acetone and 2,3-epoxypropyl butyl ether. The polymerised blocks section easier than ordinary epoxy resin mixtures. M.W.174.20

Q001	500g
Q002	100g

#### Quetol 651 Kit - see Kit section page 22.6

#### RD2



(1,4-Butanediol Diglycidyl Ether). Component of Ultra Low Viscosity resin. M.W. 202.2

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R007	500ml	
R008	250ml	
R009	100ml	

#### **S-1**



(2-Dimethylaminoethanol), curing agent for epoxides. M.W. 89.14

S001	500ml
S458	250ml
S002	100ml
S453	25ml
S049	50ml
S039	5 x 2ml
S454	5 x 1ml

#### Spurr Kit - See now TAAB Low Viscosity Resin (TLV)

# TAAB Low Viscosity Resin (TLV)



T264 TLV resin	500g
T265 TLV resin	250g
T266 TLV resin	100g

#### **TLV Premix Hardener VH1**



T267	500g
T268	250g
T269	100g

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#### **TLV Premix Hardener VH2**



T270 500q T271 250g **T272** 100g

#### TLV Premix Accelerator



T273 100ml T274 50ml T275 5 x 2.5ml

# Styrene



A component of some methacrylate resin media for ultramicrotomy. M.W. 104.15 Kushida, H., J. Electron Micro., 10, 15 (1961)



S451 500g **S452** 50g

# TAAB Embedding Resin



A resin which has been developed by TAAB for embedding biological specimens for EM and LM. A relatively low viscosity resin exhibiting very good cutting and staining qualities, with freedom from background 'grain'. Stability under the electron beam is good and the resin readily accepts heavy metal stains. A wide range of hardnesses can be obtained by varying the proportions of the hardeners DDSA and MNA.

~	T025	1Kg
	T001	500g
	T002	250g
<b>→</b>	T003	100g

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#### T.E.R Premix Resin



T033 500g

#### T.E.R. Premix Hardeners



Hard

T034 500g

Medium

T035 500g

Soft

T036 500g

#### T.E.R. Premix Accelerator



T037 50ml **B023** 5 x 2.5ml

# **TAAB Transmit Resin**

A resin developed by TAAB which is a low viscosity aliphatic epoxy resin plus reactive anhydride which allows the production of both high quality semi-thin and ultra-thin sections. Transmit possesses very similar characteristics to Spurr's resin without the attendant carcinogenic risk.

#### Transmit Resin LM



T200 500q T201 250g T202 100g

#### Transmit Resin EM



T203 500g T204 250g T205 100g

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#### **Transmit Resin EM**



T203 500g T204 250g T205 100g

#### **Transmit Hardener TH1**



T206 500g T207 250q T208 100g

#### **Transmit Hardener TH2**



T209 500g T210 250g T211 100g

#### **Transmit Accelerator**



10 x 2ml T212 T213 100ml Premix T259 5 x 2ml

25ml

T213K

#### **TAAB 812 Resin**



A high quality resin produced in small batches to act as an exact equivalent to Epon 812 which is no longer commercially available. The triglycidyl ether of glycerol, it is a reliable, popular epoxy resin suitable for EM and can give very good results in LM but the viscosity can restrict specimen size in LM. Sensitive to atmospheric moisture. Weight per epoxide 148-150

> T021 1Kg T022 500g T023 250g T026 100g

TAAB 812 kits - see pages 22.4 to 22.11

#### TAAB 812 Premix Resin



T038 500q



#### **TAAB 812 Premix Hardeners**

Hard

T039 500g



Medium

T040 500g

Soft

T041 500g

#### TAAB 812 Premix Accelerator



T042 50g 2.5ml B023

#### Ketjen Black electro conductive additive for epoxy resins for Gatan 3View

An electro conductive carbon black to make EM epoxies conductive particularly for Gatan 3View serial block face sectioning in the SEM . Reduces specimen charging and is effective in very small quantities. Free flowing, easily dispersed and odourless.



Ketjen Black electro conductive additive 35q C409

# **Technovit Components**

#### Technovit 3040



T225 Powder 1kg T226 Powder 2Kg T227 Liquid 500ml 1ltr T228 Liquid

#### Technovit 4000



T232 Powder 1kg T253 Liquid 500ml

