

# EnviroTex Lite® *POUR-ON* HIGH GLOSS FINISH

## DANGER:

CONTACT WITH HARDENER MAY CAUSE PERMANENT EYE DAMAGE. MAY BE HARMFUL BY SKIN CONTACT OR BREATHING VAPORS OR MISTS. CONTACT WITH RESIN MAY PRODUCE ALLERGIC REACTION BY INGESTION, INHALATION OR SKIN CONTACT. CONTACT MAY CAUSE EYE/SKIN IRRITATION. • PRECAUTIONS: Avoid inhalation, ingestion, eye and skin contact. Wear protective gloves and goggles. Use window exhaust fan or other suitable equipment for a well ventilated work area. Keep container tightly closed when not in use.

KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.

Hardener contains: Nonyl Phenol, polyoxyalkyleneamines, and N-Aminoethylpiperazine. Resin contains: Bisphenol A/epichlorohydrin resin and aliphatic and aromatic glycidyl ethers.

Contact a poison control center for more health information.

**FIRST AID: ORAL:** If resin is swallowed, induce vomiting. If hardener is swallowed, do not induce vomiting. **CALL PHYSICIAN IMMEDIATELY!** **EYES:** Severe irritant to eyes. In case of eye contact, flush thoroughly with water for 15 minutes and get prompt medical attention. **SKIN:** Wash immediately with soap and rinse thoroughly with water. Do not use solvents or alcohol to remove product from skin. **INHALATION:** Move to fresh air. If not breathing, administer CPR. If breathing is difficult, get medical attention.

## PREPARATION. Some things to know before using EnviroTex Lite®:

IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THAT BOTH RESIN AND HARDENER ARE THOROUGHLY "WHIPPED" TOGETHER IN A FLAT WALLED AND FLAT BOTTOMED CONTAINER WITH A FLAT SIDED STIR STICK. SIDES AND BOTTOM OF CONTAINER MUST BE SCRAPED WHILE MIXING. PRODUCT WILL NOT CURE PROPERLY AND WILL BE SOFT OR STICKY IF MIXING DIRECTIONS ARE NOT CAREFULLY FOLLOWED — READ DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY.

EnviroTex Lite® is a reactive polymer compound. It cures to a thick, glossy coating in about 8 hours at 70°F / 21°C, and reaches full strength and toughness in about 72 hours. This durable, resilient material requires no polishing to produce a high gloss. One coat is all that is usually required for a deep attractive finish, however, two or more coats may be applied one over the other by simply wiping the surface with alcohol prior to re-coating. EnviroTex Lite® IS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR EXTERIOR USE. TO COAT OVER POLYURETHANE FINISHES, SCUFF SAND AND WIPE CLEAN PRIOR TO COATING.

## Tools Required.

EnviroTex® graduated cups, stir sticks and brushes are available. The mixing containers must have smooth, flat walls and a flat bottom. The stir stick must have a straight edge (like a paint paddle) to allow the user to scrape sides and bottom of mixing container thoroughly while mixing. The brush is used to coat edges and to pick up drips from the work surface covering to brush on areas at the edges missed during pouring.

## Surface:

Coverage will vary according to surface and method of application. The surface to which EnviroTex Lite® is to be applied should be dry and free from dust, grease, wax or oil. Level the surface. The surface should be up off the work area about 2 inches to allow the coating to drip freely off the sides of the item being coated. Put plastic sheeting, wax paper or multiple layers of newspaper underneath the item being coated to catch drips. See "Seal Coats" on back. The unique self-leveling qualities of EnviroTex Lite® can be attained only by using enough material to flood the surface. It is better to mix a little too much, rather than too little.

Mix only as much EnviroTex Lite® as you can pour and spread at one time. Unmixed components should remain in original containers. After pouring you have about 25 minutes working time before EnviroTex Lite® begins to harden.

## Coverage.

4 OZ. KIT .....	1 square foot
8 OZ. KIT .....	2 square feet
PINT KIT .....	4 square feet
QUART KIT .....	8 square feet
1/2 GALLON KIT .....	16 square feet
GALLON KIT .....	32 square feet

## APPLICATION: Before starting projects, see tips on back.

**1 Measure.** In the same graduated container

Exactly  
1 part  
Resin.



Then add to that  
EXACTLY 1 part  
hardener by  
volume.



**2 Mix.**

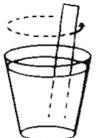
Mix the measured resin and hardener in a clean container. Stir until the material is thoroughly blended. Mixing should be completed after 2 minutes of vigorous mixing. The importance of thorough mixing cannot be over-emphasized. The two components must be whipped much like mixing a cake batter. If bubbles get whipped into the mixture, do not be concerned; the bubbles can be easily removed later. Improper mixing can result in soft or sticky spots.



Stir so that stick  
Touches entire wall  
of cup. Use a  
whipping action.



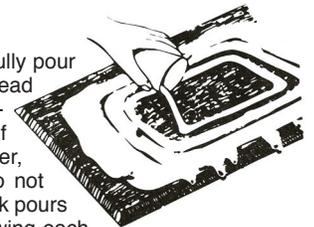
Bring up bottom  
so that fluids on  
bottom of cup  
are blended.



To prevent problems with improper mixing, we suggest using a "double-cup" method of mixing: have two mixing containers ready. Begin mixing in the first clean mixing container. After one minute of mixing, transfer the EnviroTex Lite® into the second container and continue mixing for one minute. Mixing should be completed after two minutes of vigorous mixing. Do not attempt to mix more than one gallon per mix. Large mixes can not be mixed properly by hand.

**3 Pour, Do Not Wait!**

Pour as soon as thoroughly mixed. Carefully pour over the surface in an even pattern. Spread where necessary using a piece of stiff paper to help liquid flow together. Caution: If EnviroTex Lite® is left in mixing container, it will become hot and set up rapidly. Do not pour more than 1/8" thick at one time. Thick pours should be done in successive pours, allowing each pour time to cure.



**4 De-gas.**

After about 5 minutes, the air bubbles created while stirring will rise to the surface. They can be easily and effectively broken by GENTLY exhaling on them until they disappear (avoid inhaling fumes). A propane torch can be used as an aid in removing bubbles from a freshly coated surface. Hold the torch about 6 inches away and sweep smoothly across the surface until the bubbles are gone. Use low flame. This process may be repeated as often as is necessary while material is liquid. Brush edges until material has "set" firm enough not to "sag." NOTE: It is carbon dioxide, not heat, which breaks up the bubbles.

**5 Cure.**

For best results, coat at temperatures between 70°F / 21°C and 80°F / 27°C. Allow the coated item to cure in a warm dust free room. Curing time will vary with humidity and temperature. Humidity below 50% is recommended for proper hardness of film. Placing a clean cardboard box over the item is effective in keeping dust off the surface during the cure cycle.

Temperature	Dust Free	Hard Cure
70°F	4-7 hours	72 hours
80°F	3-6 hours	48 hours
90°F	2-5 hours	36 hours

**6 Clean-up.**

While liquid, the material can be cleaned up with alcohol. After it has cured, it can only be removed by long exposure to epoxy stripper, sanding or infrared paint peeler.

## Surface Care.

Furniture polish will prolong the life of the surface and clean smudges, etc. If scratches occur that cannot be polished out, clean with acetone, then re-coat with Envirotex Lite®. This additional coat will remove all surface blemishes. Envirotex Lite® is heat resistant, however, it should not be intentionally subjected to high temperatures such as cigarettes, cooking utensils, etc. Envirotex Lite® is water and alcohol proof.

Objects, when left on the surface for a period of time, may leave impressions on an Envirotex Lite® surface (the coating is made tough, yet flexible so as to not be brittle and prone to shattering from impact). Impressions usually disappear in a few hours at normal 72°F / 22°C - 75°F / 24°C room temperatures. The warmer the environment, the more quickly impressions will appear and after items are removed, will disappear. This characteristic, coupled with outstanding moisture and chemical resistance, makes Envirotex Lite® an ideal coating for bar tops, coffee tables and dining tables.

## CREATIVE IDEAS:

### General Surface Coating.

Envirotex Lite® may be applied over most surfaces.

Wood	Sea Shells	Painted Surfaces
Paper	Dried Flowers	Transfers
Decals	Beans	Seeds
Oil Paints	Bread Dough	Figurines
Pine Cones	Straw Flowers	Styrofoam
Rocks	Metal	Plaster
Bisque	Models	Fabric

### Tables / Bar Tops / Large Objects.

We recommend a helper to speed the mixing process for large areas. Large or small, preparation is important. Table must be dry, sanded, level, free from sawdust, dirt or loose charred wood. Most raw wood is porous and should be sealed to prevent air bubbles from escaping into the final coat (see "seal coats"). After seal coat-flood generously with Envirotex Lite®. Insure that the fluid is well distributed, covering all dry spots (follow steps under "bubbles"), and then leave it alone! Elevate a plastic drop cloth above the table as a dust cover. Give your table 2-3 days to cure undisturbed in a warm room before putting it into service.

### Decoupage/Photographs/ Newspaper Clippings.

EnviroTex has revolutionized the art of decoupage with its one-coat application. Use white glue to mount the items to be coated. If you are working with thin paper, then avoid "blotching" by sealing first with the white glue solution. Make sure glue is thoroughly dry before coating with Envirotex Lite®.

## TECHNIQUES:

### Liquid Storage.

For best results, fluids should be stored at 70°F / 21°C - 75°F / 24°C prior to use. Both resin and hardener can be left in open containers but should be closed for long storage. The shelf life of this compound is approximately 1 year. All polymer compounds react in some way to the presence of humidity. Envirotex Lite® has been developed and formulated in such a way that its reaction to humidity is minimized. Using Envirotex Lite® in a room where humidity is under 50% will give best results.

NOTE: Due to the purity of the Envirotex Lite® resin, a clouding or settling of the resin may occur in extremely cold conditions. Should this 'clouding' occur, place resin container in hot tap water until resin clears. Allow to cool to room temperature before combining with hardener.

### Gluing.

If waiting 3-4 hours is no problem, then Envirotex Lite® works very well as a glue. But, if you're in a hurry, white glue works fine. Apply glue to the back of your print, photo, or whatever. Or if you wish, you can brush glue over the entire surface of the plaque and just lay the subject on top. Then use a roller or your hand to push air bubbles out from under the print. Be sure glue is dry before coating with Envirotex Lite®.

## Seal Coats.

Open grain woods such as oak or walnut require a thin coat of Envirotex Lite® prior to flood coating to prevent air from escaping from the wood into the thick fluid. To seal coat something, just mix up about 1/4 the amount you would use to flood coat, and spread it thinly over the entire surface, using a brush or scraper tool. This puts a thin film down over air passages, and seals them off. Occasionally two seal coats are required. Allow the seal coat to cure for at least 5 hours, and you are ready to flood coat the object. Porous fabric or paper should be sealed with one or two coats of white glue prior to flood coating. Envirotex® Spray Sealer No. 4013 is available in a 13 oz. spray can. It is very fast drying and provides a quick re-coat over paper or wood and "stiffens" soft items such as dry flowers or fabrics.

## Bubbles.

One of the important signs that you are mixing Envirotex Lite® well enough is the appearance of bubbles while you are mixing. This is normal. Envirotex Lite® has been specially formulated to de-gas itself, freeing most bubbles, automatically. Occasionally, however, bubbles will become trapped in the surface. They can be easily removed by exhaling your breath gently over the surface, or by carefully sweeping a propane torch across the liquid at a height of approximately 6-8 inches.

## Torching.

As mentioned above, torching is a method for releasing bubbles from a pour that may not de-gas itself. Care should be taken to avoid over-torching. If wooden objects are not sufficiently seal coated prior to torching, the torching will cause wood to "bleed" air into a fresh coat of Envirotex Lite®, and these bubbles are difficult to stop. The torch should never be held in one place, as this will permanently damage surface and coating. Use a swift, even sweeping motion when torching and never hold torch closer than 6 inches from surface.

## Satin Finish.

The following method may be used to create a satin finish with Envirotex Lite® after applied and completely cured. If after a period of time you decide you would like to change the satin finish back to high gloss, clean the surface thoroughly with acetone (to remove all wax and dirt) and re-coat with Envirotex. It will cure once again to a beautiful glossy surface.

- To remove the gloss, rub the fully cured surface with wet or dry 0000 steel wool or #600 sandpaper. Rub with the grain of the wood or in small consistent circles.
- Wipe the surface clean. Using a soft cloth or felt, apply a paste made of oil (i.e., decoupage "polishing oil", linseed oil, or crude oil) and a carnauba based wax. Decoupage "polishing powder" may be used in place of the wax.
- After letting the surface dry, rub off any wax and buff with a carnauba based wax.

## Drips.

Excess Envirotex Lite® will drip over sides of the plaque or table as it is being poured. Pick up excess drips with a brush and coat the edges you missed when pouring the surface. Drips will harden on the bottom of your project during the curing process. One of the following methods will eliminate the drips.

- Scrape them off the bottom while they are still fluid, about 30-40 minutes after pouring.
- BEFORE POURING, apply a generous coat of paste wax or vinyl tape to the edges of the back of the project. After the Envirotex Lite® is cured, the drips can be popped off.
- Drips can be sanded off after Envirotex Lite® is cured. A circular sanding attachment on an ordinary hand drill works well.

## Before Attempting Large Projects:

Envirotex Lite® is easy to handle, but before attempting large projects, we recommend doing a small one to "get the feel" of applying Envirotex Lite®. We recommend a helper to aid in mixing when coating large objects.



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