

SELECTION GUIDE FOR HOT MOUNTING							
Туре	ClaroFast	CitoFast	ConduFast	DuroFast	LevoFast	PolyFast	MultiFast
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Material	Acryl	Acryl with aluminium filler	Acryl with iron filler	Epoxy with mineral filler	Melamine with mineral and glass filler	Bakelite with carbon filler	Bakelite with wood filler
Туре	Thermoplastic	Thermoplastic	Thermoplastic	Thermosetting	Thermosetting	Thermosetting	Thermosetting
Colour	Clear, transparent	Metallic	Dark grey	Black	Light beige (old mounts yellowish)	Black	Black, Green or Red
Shrinkage From 1 -3 (1 is best)	••	••	••	•	•	•	•••
Hardness (1 is softes)	••	••	•	•••	•••	••	•••
Removal rate	High	High	High	Low	High	High	Medium
Process parameters* Quantity ml Heating min. Heating pressure (bar) Cooling min. Cooling rate	20 4 350 6.5 Low	20 2.5 300 1 High	20 3.5 250 1.5 High	20 3.5 325 2 High	25 3.5 250 2 High	20 3.5 250 1.5 High	25 3 250 2 High
Total process time* min.	10.5	3.5	5	5.5	5.5	5	5
Density of cured material g/ml	1.15	1.9	2.45	2.05	1.8	1.6	1.45
Application	Clear mounts. Porous specimens. Surface electrical insulator for ConduFast.	Very fast mounting. Low process times also when it is used as backing for DuroFast or LevoFast.	Electrolytic polishing	Excellent edge retention. For hard materials.	Excellent edge retention. For soft to medium hard materials.	SEM examination.	Routine examination of soft to medium hard materials. Colour coding.
Chemical resistance after curing	Affected by acetone	Affected by acetone and aluminium solving liquids	Affected by acetone and iron solving liquids.	Most common acids and bases. Affected by liquids containing hydrofluoric acid.	Most common acids and bases. Affected by liquids containing hydrofluoric acid.	Most common acids and bases.	Most common acids and bases.

*Process time at 180 °C/356 °F for a 30 mm dia. mount with 20 vol% 0.45 carbon steel specimen.