



Gel Repair Instructions

It is best to do this work in a warm, dry environment; it is strongly recommended to avoid doing a gel repair on a wet/rainy day. The gel has a shelf life of about 4-6 weeks.

This kit contains:

- 1 tongue depressor
- Latex gloves
- Can of Gel Coat
- 80 grit sandpaper
- Liquid Marine Hardener
- Mixing Cup

You will also need:

- Waxed Paper
- Masking Tape

**Note to our U.S. Customers - Hardener will not be included in your kit as we are unable to ship it across the border. Liquid marine hardener can be purchased at almost any hardware store or marine supply.*

Prepare Area:

- Sand down area to remove any sharp edges around crack
- Also sand about 1cm around cracked area to give the gel something to adhere to.

Prepare Gel:

- It is best to wear household latex gloves when working with the gel and hardener.
- Put gel into the paper cup until it's about 1/4 full and then mix in about 10-15 drops of hardener
- Use the tongue depressor to mix the gel and hardener
- Once mixed together, you have about 10-20 minutes of working time before it hardens so make sure everything is prepared to go.

Applying Gel:

- Use the tongue depressor to spread gel over the crack and a little bit around the cracked area.
- Lay a piece of waxed paper over top and tape it down with masking tape.
- Squish it down until the gel is about flush with the canoe surface.
- Leave this on for 30-45 minutes, or until it has gelled.
- Try to angle the boat for drying so that the gelled area is horizontal. This lessens the chance of the gel running.
- Let the repair cure for 24 hours.
- Use the wet/dry sandpaper to lightly sand down the area until it looks like frosted glass.
- To shine the repaired area, you may want to use a polishing compound.

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