

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING **BLUE PLASTIC MARKING COMPOUND** in small tube with **SELECTAMARK STENCILS**

*(to be read carefully **BEFORE** marking any item)*

Before marking, check that you have the following items ready:-

Stencils	Spreaders
Marking Compound	Clean cloth & Alcohol (or alcohol swipes)

USING **BLUE PLASTIC MARKING COMPOUND IN SMALL TUBE**

1. Ensure the area to be marked is flat, clean and dry.
2. Peel away the wider strip of backing paper (leave smaller strip for ease of removing stencil later) and apply the stencil to the area to be marked – ensuring there is flat plastic surface behind all of the punched holes.
3. Using the non-waxed PRINTED (i.e. green) side of backing paper just removed, rub over the punched area of the stencil **VERY FIRMLY** a few times, to ensure the stencil is firmly stuck to the surface and all air bubbles have been removed from behind the punched holes.
4. The tube of Marking Compound is sealed. To pierce the seal, unscrew the cap and turn it to the other end which has a spiked insert. Press this gently over the nozzle of the tube to break the seal.
5. It is best to mark a number of items at one time. In this case, you can squeeze the contents of one or more tubes of the Plastic Marking Compound into a glass or ceramic (NOT PLASTIC!) ashtray or dish. **REMEMBER** – 1 tube can be used to mark around 20 items, so squeeze out no more than needed to do the items you are about to mark. (If marking only one item, squeeze a little of the Compound onto one of the small plastic spreaders provided). Spread the Compound across the holes, ensuring the Compound is firmly pressed down into each hole. Holding the spreader at a 45 degree angle will provide the best result.
NOTE: Use the spreader to pick up any lines of excess Compound from other areas of the stencil. **BE CAREFUL NOT TO DROP ANY COMPOUND ONTO OTHER AREAS OF THE EQUIPMENT AS IT WILL BE PERMANENTLY MARKED!!**
6. Wait 20 seconds, then using clean paper kitchen towel, dab over the dot-matrix holes to remove any excess Compound. Carefully peel away and discard the stencil.
7. If the mark is 'clean' and sharp, do not touch it for approx 3 hours to allow it to set. If after removing the stencil you find the mark is a little blurred (usually a sign of having applied too much Compound or leaving it for too long) then you can immediately wipe over the mark with a clean cloth dampened with alcohol or an alcohol swipe. **NOTE:** LEAVING THE STENCIL AND COMPOUND ON FOR LONGER WILL NOT IMPROVE THE MARKING – ON CERTAIN PLASTICS THE MARK MAY BECOME A LITTLE 'BLURRED'.
8. After wiping with alcohol the mark is now 'cured' but it is better that it should not be touched until it hardens properly. If alcohol is not used, please warn others **NOT TO TOUCH THE MARK** until it has dried and hardened (at least 3 hours and better overnight).

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Compound may take longer to react on certain plastics and other materials. Compound may permeate certain painted finishes to the surface below. It is recommended that you test on a concealed area before marking.
- Please observe the Application Instructions at all times. Remember that the mark is **PERMANENT** so any mistake cannot be altered. Be careful not to get any compound on clothing, furniture etc as it will permanently mark those.
- Ensure adequate ventilation and do not eat, drink or smoke when handling Compound.
- Each tube of Compound has sufficient to make approx 20 marks. The tube has a shelf life of approx 12 months when unopened and kept in a cool place.
- Protect eyes and hands when using Compounds.
- If the Compound comes into contact with skin, it should be washed off with soap and warm water or an alcohol swab as soon as possible.
- If the Compound comes into contact with eyes do **NOT** rub. Rinse immediately with plenty of water and obtain medical attention, showing Compound container to medical staff.
- If Compound is swallowed, do **NOT** induce vomiting. – Drink water and seek medical advice immediately, showing Compound container to medical staff.
- Unused or partially used tubes of compound should be stored with caps securely fitted, in a safe, cool place away from direct sunlight or heat sources and kept away from children or unauthorised persons.
- Carefully discard all used stencils and unwanted Compound.