



Gel Repair Instructions

It is best to do this work in a warm, dry environment and strongly recommended to avoid gel repairs on humid, wet days. Gel coat has a shelf life of approximately 4-6 weeks. Liquid marine hardener can be purchased at most hardware/marine supply stores.

You Will Need;

- 1 tongue depresser
- liquid marine hardener
- latex gloves
- wet/dry sandpaper, 1000 grit
- can of gel coat
- sheet of wax paper
- masking tape
- paper cup

Prepare area;

- sand down area to remove any sharp edges around crack
- sand down about 1cm extra around the crack to give the gel an area to adhere to

Prepare the Gel;

- wear latex gloves when working with gel and hardener
- pour gel coat into cup until 1/4 full, then mix in 5-6 drops of hardener
- use tongue depresser to mix gel coat and hardener
- once mixed, you have 10 to 20 minute of working time

Applying Gel;

- Use tongue depressor to spread gel over crack and a little bit around the crack
- press gel coat down until it is almost flush with the canoe's surface
- lay piece of wax paper over tope of repair and tape down with masking tape
- leave wax paper/tape on for 30 to 40 minutes or until gel starts to harden
- try to angle the boat horizontally while drying - this will reduce the chance of gel coat runs
- let cure 24 hours
- use wet/dry sandpaper and sand down area until it shines
- further shine can be obtained by using a polishing compound, found at hardware or auto stores

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