

# Synthene HPE system





# What is the HPE system ?



## A large range of hardnesses

**4 components**

HPE 40A Polyol  
HPE 85A Polyol  
HPE 40-85A Iso  
HPE 55D Iso

2 or 3 component  
combinations to get a large  
range of hardnesses

**40  
Shore A**

**85  
Shore A**

**55  
Shore D**





# Chemistry for safety & performance

## HPE system Polyurea Polyurethane

Polyol  
+  
amine



- Aromatic polyisocyanate prepolymer (MDI + polyol)
- TDI prepolymer (with low rate of monomer)



→ More safety and user-friendliness combined to high performance





## Strong mechanical properties

Shore A hardness ISO 868	40	50	60	70	85	95	
Shore D hardness ISO 868						40	50-55
Working temperature	-40/+90	-40/+90	-40/+90	-40/+90	-40/+90	-40/+90	-40/+90
Maximum casting thickness (mm)	100	80	80	60	50	30	20
Elongation at break at 23°C (%) ISO 37	270	400	500	800	900	460	325
Tensile strength at break at 23°C (MPa) ISO 37	2.7	3.6	6	7.2	13	14	16
Tear resistance at 23°C (kN.m <sup>-1</sup> ) ISO 34	11.5	18	27	40	54	58	70
Abrasion resistance (TABER 1000 Tr/H22) ISO 5470 (mg/100U)					18		35



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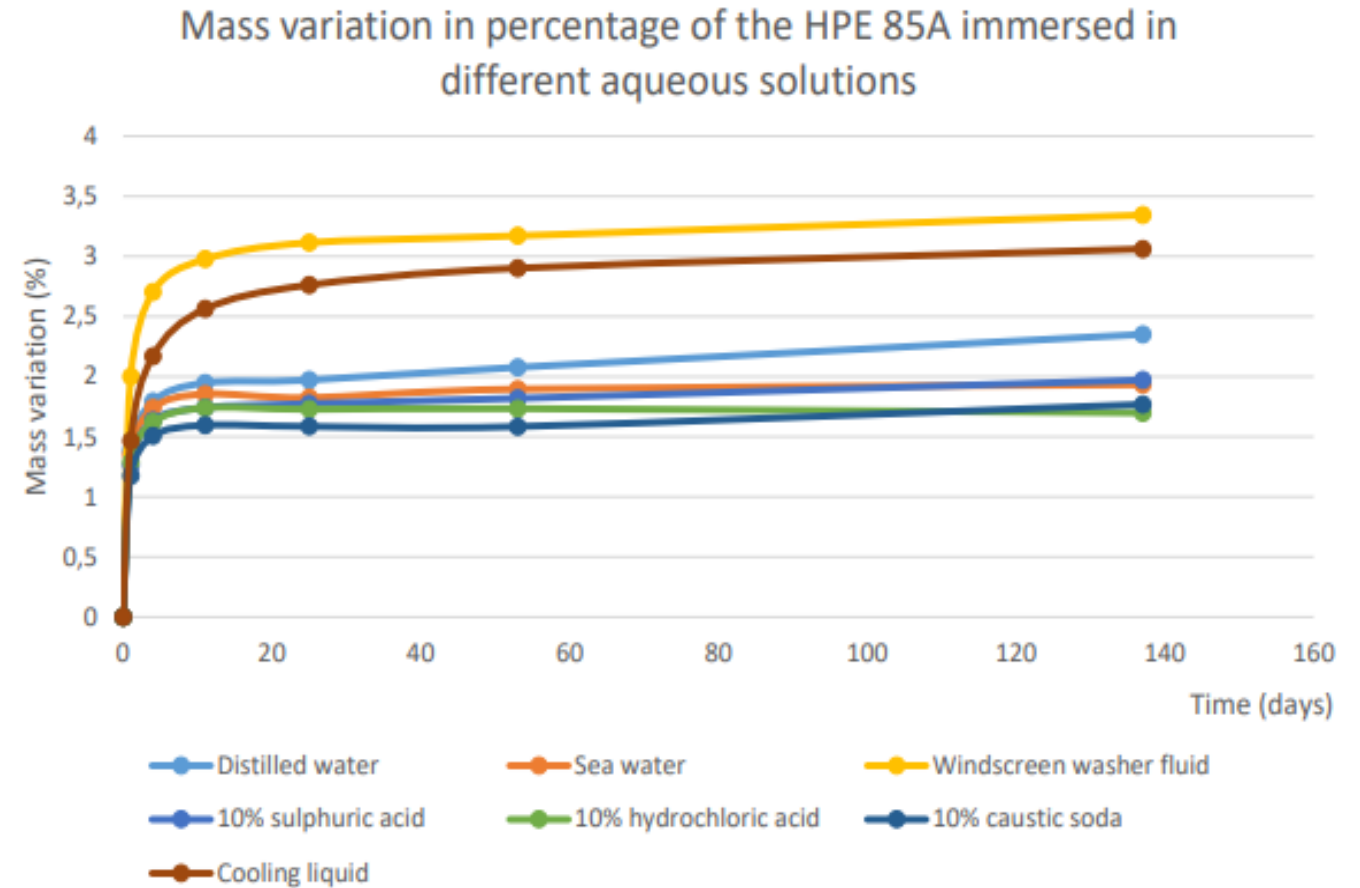


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## Strong chemical properties

- High chemical resistance in aqueous solutions, suitable for submarine applications
- High resistance in engine environment: diesel, engine oil

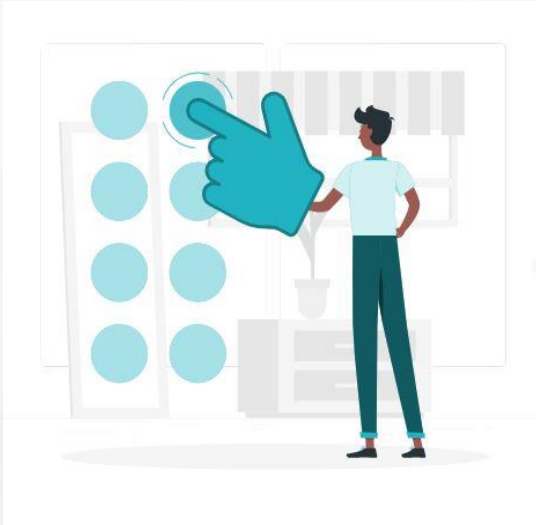




# Why choose the HPE system ?

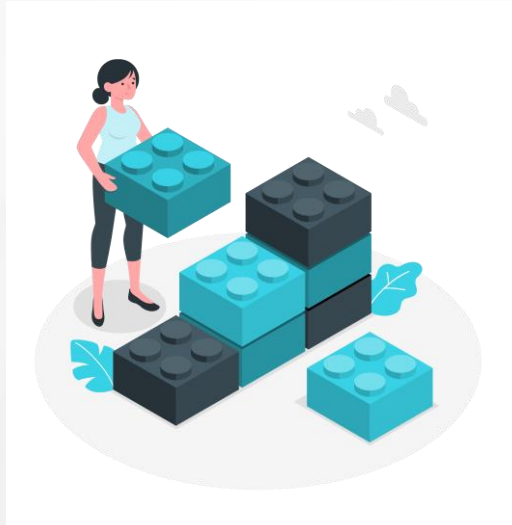


## Versatility at all levels



### Hardness

- 4 components
- Adjustable hardness from 40 shore A to 55 Shore D



### Size & shape

- Low exothermic reaction
- For small to massive parts
- High level of details



### Casting process

- Hand-casting
- Vacuum casting machine
- Two-component mixing machine



### Curing process

- Oven curing
- Room temperature curing





## HPE in a few words

Ease of use & versatility combined to  
mechanical performance

1 single system to answer  
a wide variety of projects

- Approaching hot-cast PU properties
- Can be used at room temperature
- Stronger than a regular TPU





# How to use the HPE ?

Step by step guide



# Decrystallisation & homogenization

*Place the products in an oven or in a hot chamber :*

- At 70°C for 40 min, on a 500g quantity
- Between 40°C to 60°C for few hours before using the product

*On a 5 Kg Jerrican or a 1 Kg bottle :*

- Heat the bottle for the decrystallisation
- After the product is warm and has a low viscosity, take the container out of the oven and shake it
- Put the container back in the oven until the product is ready to use





# Product & casting preparation



Select your hardness

- Do you need 2 or 3 components for this casting?



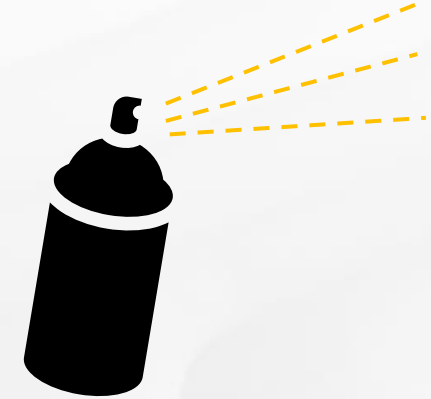
Pre-mix

- If 3 components :  
Pre-mix the 2 polyols or  
the 2 isocyanates  
together before using



Mould or support

- Clean
- Dust free
- Moisture-free



Release agent

- Make sure that a **proper** release agent is used



## 3 casting options

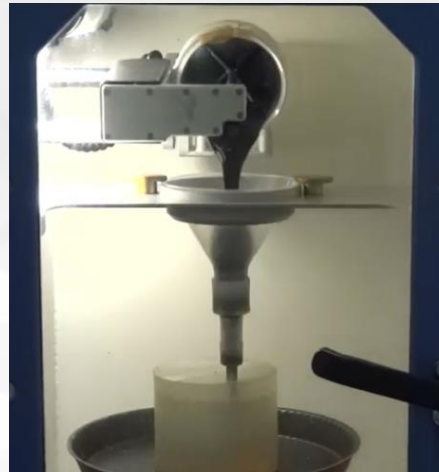
### Two-component mixing machine

- Fill the tanks
- Check the mixing ratio at the entrance of the mixing head
- Cast in the mould
- Wait until gellation



### Vacuum-casting machine

- Weigh the components, if necessary pre-mix the 2 similar components in the lower cup
- Pour the content of the upper cup into the lower cup and start the agitator
- Cast in the mould
- Wait until gellation



### Hand casting

- Weigh the components in the same cup
- Mix with a spatula or a motorized mixer at low rotational speed
- Put under vacuum under casting
- Realise the casting
- Wait until gellation







## Curing & demoulding

### 2 curing options

Wait at room temp until gellation (up to 1h\*)

**Curing at room temperature**

Possible demoulding  
after  
10 to 24h\*

Full curing after 7 days at  
room temperature

**Curing in a  
70°C oven**

Possible  
demoulding after  
2 to 3h\*

Full curing after 16h at 70°C  
+ 48h at room temperature

*\* Gel time and demoulding time vary depending on the selected hardness*



# Tips for using

# Frequently asked questions



## How to add colour ?

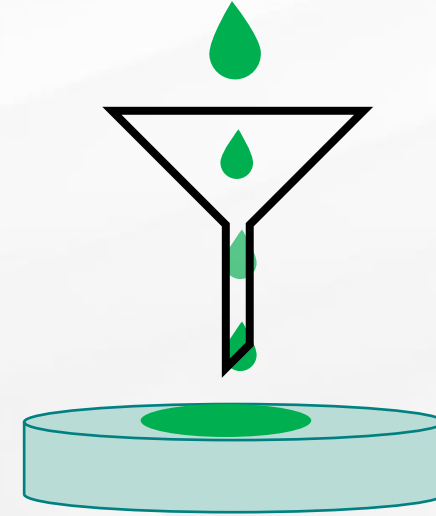
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Pre-mix the 2 **polyols**  
if necessary



Add 1 to 3% pigment  
(**ALWAYS in the polyol**)  
and mix



Mix with the Iso and  
realise the casting



**The HPE is not UV stable  
and will darken over time**  
(without impact on the material's properties)



# Using in combination with metal

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## Prepare your support

- Clean the metal
- Sand it slightly
- Clean it with a proper solvent
- Make sure it is moisture-free

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## Use a compatible primer

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## Realise the casting





## Dealing with viscosity

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### For vacuum casting applications

Use a differential pressure system



### Hand casting or two-component mixing machine

Heat the products at 40°C  
(mind the potlife !)



40°C





# Case studies

Typical applications



## Disclaimer

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**The HPE is a very versatile material that can be adapted to many applications**

The below list is for information only





## Seals, gaskets & silent blocks

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- Dishwasher machines gaskets (prototyping)
- Specific seals for intricate machines
- Silent blocs, anti-vibration parts
- Plumbing gaskets
- Fitting protective part to set manufactured parts

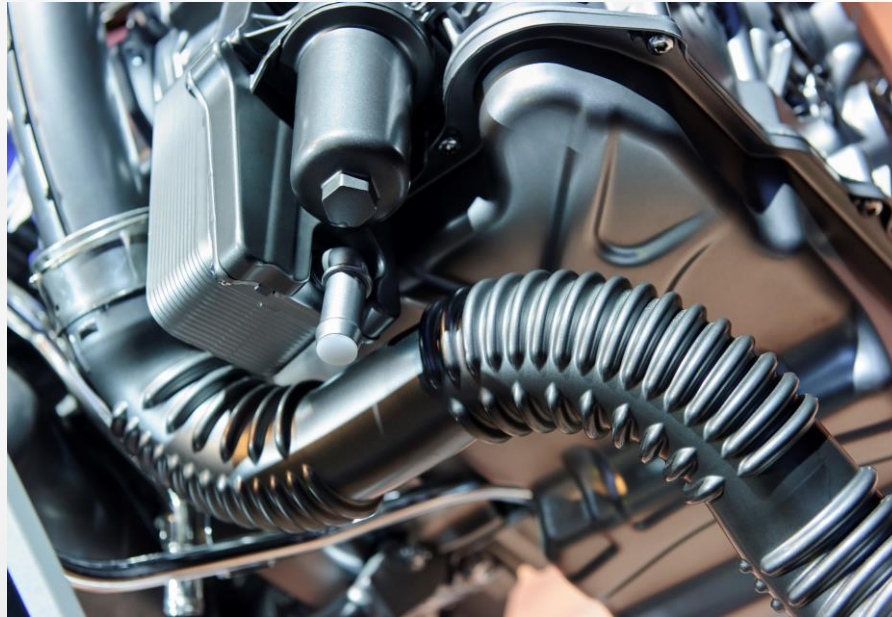




## Hoses & bellows

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- Car parts
- Charge air hoses
- Dentist chair parts
- Lift tables
- Protection bellows







# Wheels & caterpillars

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- Wheels
- Rollers
- Caterpillars
- Conveyor belts

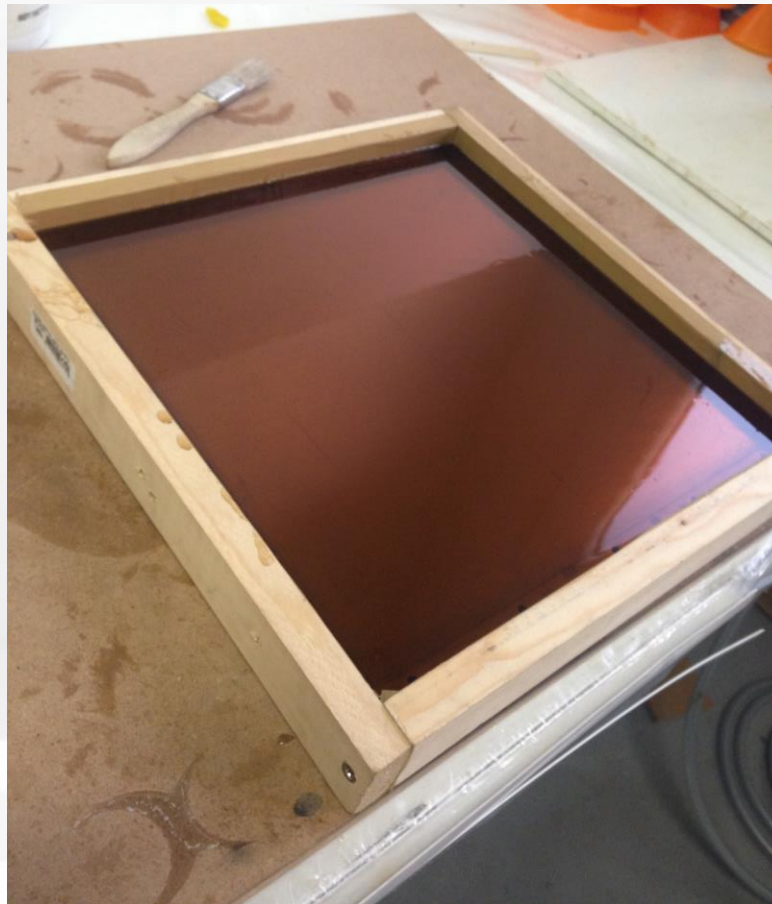




## Concrete moulds

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- Wear-proof, long lasting  
PU moulds for  
concrete casting  
(VS silicone)

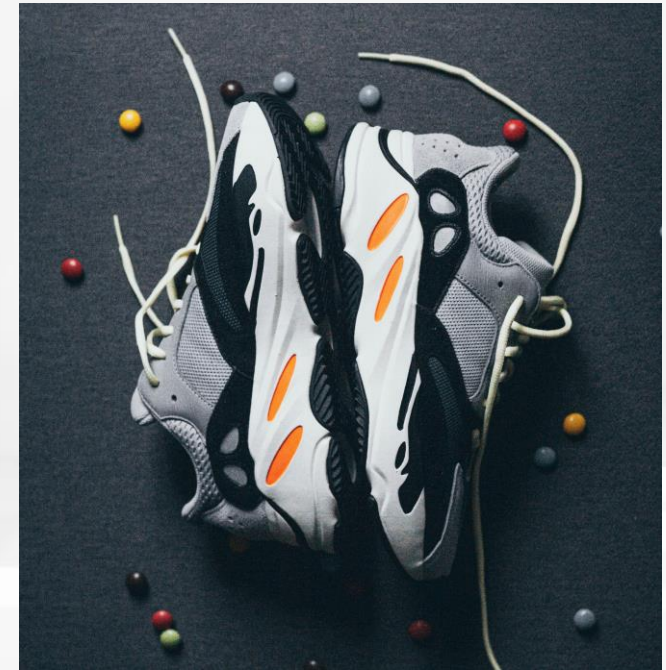




## Composites : encapsulation & coating

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- Protective layer for electronics in submarine environment or for transport
- Walkie talkie protection
- Sport shoe soles







## Pipes & cables

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- Diabolo-shaped parts to guide pipes
- Bend restrictors
- Pipe brake
- Clamps
- Pipe coating to reduce vibration





## Parts

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# Synthene presentation – HPE System

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