

# powerpatch<sup>®</sup> Cartridge

## Leak Repair System

The PowerPatch<sup>®</sup> Leak Repair System provides fast and effective “in-field” leak repair for transformers, PILC cables, and other oil and gas insulated electrical equipment.

Once a leak has been temporarily stopped using the two-part Polywater<sup>®</sup> Putty Stick, the Sealant is applied and cures to form a strong, durable patch.

### Application Instructions



Sand or brush repair area



Clean area with cleaning wipe before applying Polywater<sup>®</sup> Putty Stick



Apply Polywater<sup>®</sup> Putty Stick ½ inch beyond leak; ⅛ to ¼ inch thick

1. Clean surface with rag or Polywater<sup>®</sup> Grime-Away™ Multi-Purpose Cleaner Wipes to remove dirt and grime.
2. Scrub the area to be sealed with a steel brush or sandpaper to remove loose particles and oxides, and to roughen the surface. Clean and abrade approximately 3 inches (7.5 cm) around the leak. If surface material is lead, follow prescribed work methods to avoid exposure to lead dust.
3. **Caution:** Wear nitrile gloves (provided) and safety glasses. Refer to SDS of all products before handling.

*For an active leak, apply Polywater<sup>®</sup> Putty Stick to temporarily plug the fluid.*

4. Cut off a portion of the Polywater<sup>®</sup> Putty Stick, approximately ½ inch (1 cm), remove plastic wrap, and knead/mix by hand about 2 minutes, until material is well mixed and of uniform color. For a pinhole leak, shape Polywater<sup>®</sup> Putty Stick into a plug the size of a large pea. For a leaking crack or seam, roll the Polywater<sup>®</sup> Putty Stick into a rope about ⅛ inch (3 mm) thick.
5. Wipe leak area with **cleaning wipe** to thoroughly clean the surface of contaminants, oils, and to displace any remaining water.
6. Apply the mixed Polywater<sup>®</sup> Putty Stick plug or rope over the leak, spreading it out about ½ inch (1 cm) from all points of the leak area with a thickness of approximately ⅛ inch (3 mm). The Polywater<sup>®</sup> Putty Stick will feel warm as it reacts. Apply constant pressure to this Polywater<sup>®</sup> Putty Stick patch with the palm of the hand for 2–3 minutes until material feels firm. For the best, long-term seal, limit quantity of Polywater<sup>®</sup> Putty Stick.
7. Use the second **cleaning wipe** to clean surface again and let dry for 15 seconds.

*Note: Prepare as many repairs as possible. This will reduce PowerPatch<sup>®</sup> Sealant waste.*



Prime the cartridge

8. Place the PowerPatch® Cartridge into dispensing tool and snap it into place.
9. Twist cap 90° counterclockwise to remove from cartridge. Depress handle on dispensing tool to prime cartridge each time product is used until both the white and black resins come out of the cartridge.
10. Place mixing nozzle onto cartridge and lock into place by twisting clockwise. Depress handle on dispensing tool until PowerPatch® Sealant comes out of nozzle tip. Pump 1 or 2 more times to make sure you are getting an even mixture. Dispense and discard this excess material.

The PowerPatch® Sealant should be a uniform light gray color with no streaking when it comes out of the nozzle tip



Apply PowerPatch® Sealant over Polywater® Putty Stick patch or leak area

11. Apply the sealant to the prepared surface. Start with the edges of the Polywater® Putty Stick patch and cover with PowerPatch® Sealant surrounding area ½ to 1 inch (1 to 2.5 cm) beyond the leak or patch on all sides. Build a layer ¼ inch (6 mm) thick over the repair area.
10. Smooth the PowerPatch® Sealant edges.
11. The sealant has a working time of approximately 6 minutes and a functional cure of approximately 60 minutes, depending on ambient temperature. Do not move area of repair until functional cure is achieved. See chart below.



Smooth edges

Temperature	Working Time	Functional Cure
35° F 2° C	40 Minutes	7 Hours
52° F 11° C	20 Minutes	3 ½ Hours
60° F 16° C	10 Minutes	1 ½ Hours
70° F 21° C	6 Minutes	60 Minutes
88° F 31° C	4 Minutes	40 Minutes

### Warm Weather Application

In hot weather Above 90°F (32°C) two coats may be needed.

### Cool Weather Application

In cool weather below 60°F (15°C) PowerPatch® Sealant may need to be hand mixed. Do not use the static mixer.

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