

GLASSMATE®

Hot glass handling materials and products



Overview

The GLASSMATE® family of materials and products are especially engineered to meet the needs of the glass container industry. Many of POCO's glass handling solutions feature patented designs for a combination of graphite inserts and metal holders and supports. These patented designs were developed to offer quick mounting, quick release for fast changes and unique features to improve performance throughout the glass line. GLASSMATE parts are designed to fit existing equipment. Many parts are repairable for increased life of the part.

All GLASSMATE hot glass-handling materials have the heat resistance, strength, durability and non-absorption characteristics to perform under the most rigorous conditions without damaging the glassware. POCO's hot glass handling materials offer excellent performance combined with reduced mechanical damage for increased pack rates.

Manufacturing

All of POCO's materials and finished parts are produced at the North Texas manufacturing facility. Precision machining cells produce finished parts to customer specifications or standard industry finishes. POCO design specialists assist the customer to obtain the perfect fit for individual applications.

POCO's quality system is certified to ISO 9001:2008 and AS9100:2009.

GLASSMATE Grades

POCO's graphites are high strength, isotropic materials with a uniform microstructure. POCO produces a full range of graphite grades designed for specific applications along the glass production line.

XL

An exceptionally strong and wear resistant 1 micron grade. Ideal material for highly detailed thread finishes and long run, high wear conditions.

HT

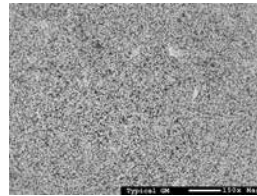
This high strength material has an oxidation inhibitor that raises the oxidation threshold. Service temperature can be raised to 600°C; graphites are subject to oxidation above 450°C.

TYPICAL PROPERTIES OF POCO GRADES

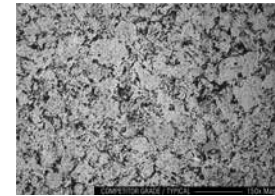
	XL	HT	GM	LT	SR	CCTX
Compressive strength						
psi	23,500	19,700	18,800	22,500	15,600	15,900
MPa	162	136	130	155	108	110
Flexural strength						
psi	15,250	13,350	13,350	14,150	9550	11,000
MPa	95	92	92	97	66	77
Hardness						
Shore	88	74	74	96	68	71
Coefficient of thermal expansion						
µin/in°F	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.7	4.6	4.2
µm/m°C	8.1	8.1	8.1	8.5	8.3	7.8
Thermal conductivity*						
Btu-ft/hr/ft²°F	45	50	50	35	57	50
W/m-K	77	85	85	60	98	85
Electrical resistivity						
µΩ-in	695	580	580	965	575	695
µΩ-m	17.6	14.7	14.7	24.5	14.6	17.6
Oxidation threshold†						
°F	842	1125	842	878	860	842
°C	450	607	450	470	460	450

*Approximate values taken at room temperature; as temperature increases, thermal conductivity decreases.

†Oxidation threshold defined as temperature at which oxidation weight loss after 24 hrs. is approximately 1%.



POCO's 5 micron GLASSMATE material



Competitor's 5 micron material

GM

This material has high strength and durability for applications with high wear. An exceptional insert material for precision thread pick up and long production runs.

LT

In very high wear situations, LT, with a hardness rating higher than GM material, will resist wear longer.

SR

An economical material for short production runs. An ideal insert material for thick bead transfer applications.

CCTX

This is a very practical material for lehr stacker bar pads where exceptional hardness or high strength is unnecessary.

Take-out Holder Features and Styles

POCO's unique design makes it easy to snap in a new insert or to change a holder without machine realignment. Durable holders give long service life and will take all popular finishes up to 87 mm. Features include:

- Exact fit with accompanying GLASSMATE take-out inserts
- Anti-rotational interlock design with inserts to assure positive finish alignment
- Spring tension clip designed to hold inserts firmly in place
- Insert slot design allows for quicker change outs of inserts
- Pins align two halves of the holder during production
- Shoulders on the holders ensure that both halves are square and of equal height
- Repair kits are available

Styles

Standard

Holders for use with POCO's patented circular inserts for precision pickup.

Covered

Designed to prevent particle contamination of the ware and to reduce internal fused glass, covered holders should be used for contamination-sensitive product ware.

Double Stacked

These holders should be used for tall, narrow neck ware to reduce bottle swing, which helps prevent stuck ware and allows faster transfer from the mold to the dead plate.

Extended

Designed to allow bead transfer of ware with tall finishes are used with tamper-evident closures.

Modified

These holders allow increased visibility of the finish during precision set up process and are ideal for ware with very tight shoulder-to-bead dimensions.

Side Mount

These holders can be used with floating inserts that use the top of the mold for alignment and accepts standard rectangular inserts.

Lightweight

Designed for triple gob machines, the decreased shoulder of the holder allows more room between holders for machine set up. It features increased visibility and the reduced weight creates less wear on machine. The decreased shoulder, combined with additional metal removed at the back of holder, produces a lightweight holder that runs longer before adjustments of the machine are necessary.

Dual Function

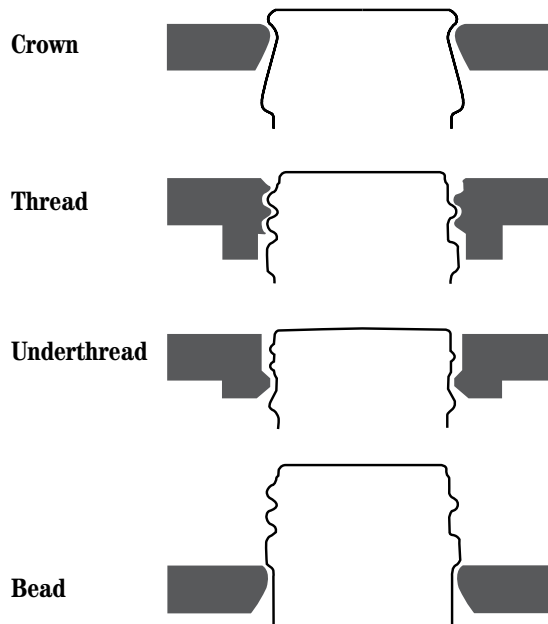
This holder can be used with either a fixed or floating insert. This holder allows the user to change the style of insert without changing holders. Benefits are reduced tooling and pickup flexibility.

Interior Spring

Our patent pending design has an interior locking system that significantly reduces foreign object debris. The holder design eliminates screws that can vibrate out or become damaged when in production, causing premature loss of inserts. The internal spring holder is adjustable to accommodate fixed or floating requirements and has self aligning shoulders for easy accurate placement.



Typical Finishes



Take-Out Inserts

GLASSMATE inserts are available as semi-finished blanks or can be precision machined to a specified finish. Inserts to fit your existing holders and POCO style holders are available from several graphite grades, depending on the pickup application. High strength grades should be used for thread transfer, under thread transfer, fine bead transfer with minimum clearance, or for long production runs. Economical grades are available for short runs or thick bead transfer applications. For closed mold pickup, bossed inserts machined with threads or finish profiles provide better clearance between the top of the mold and the take-out holder.

POCO maintains a library of standard finishes. Designers on staff work from customer provided engineering drawings to provide functional parts for individual applications. POCO can produce inserts to meet your mold or bottle requirements.

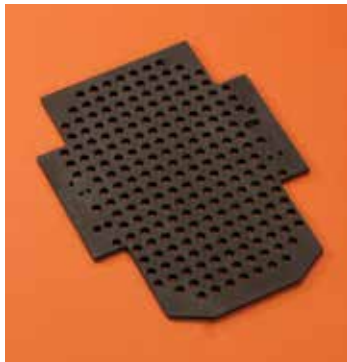


Machine Repair Parts

Dead Plate Assemblies

GLASSMATE Dead Plate Assemblies combine the strength of a metal support plate with the container compatible surface of a GLASSMATE Insert. Matching air holes allow an even flow of air for uniform glass cooling and smoother container transfer.

Assemblies are easy to install and some designs allow the dead plate insert to be reversed for prolonged life.



Sweep-out Assemblies

Sweep-out blades are available in a variety of sizes in both angled and straight blades. These reversible blades are lined with long lasting GLASSMATE. POCO's extended sweep-out assemblies are designed for use with taller glass containers.



Lehr Stacker Bars

POCO's complete Lehr Stacker Bars are available to meet all your container-handling needs in open, semi-closed, or closed Lehr applications. POCO's pocketed design of interlocking pads, coupled with steel mounting channels, create a bar that resists warping and is extremely durable.



POCO's machined stacker pads are available to fit your current stacker bar configuration.

Specialty Items

POCO creates a variety of special items for specific IS machines and customer applications. Many parts are designed to eliminate water-cooling and increase machine speeds.

- Gob Flippers
- Mould Top Inserts
- Transfer Wheel Pads
T-back or Dovetail, 3" or 5"
- Transfer Plates
- Gob Funnel
- V-Spacer
- Drop Guides

For More Information

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