

Caring For Your New Aluminum Mold

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Your aluminum lipstick mold is a good long term investment and will bring you great profits with few worries. Here are some important points to remember:

- It will arrive to you lightly coated in mineral oil. Any time you store your mold you should also coat it in oil. The oil prevents moisture from the air from degrading the aluminum.
- Never wash in soap and water, water will degrade the aluminum
- To clean, use a soft cloth or cotton balls or q-tips.
- Prior to filling your mold, consider lubricating it with an oil which does not tend to develop rancidity (such as a silicone oil, or fractionated coconut oil). This will make the process of unmolding easier. However, don't oil too much! Your sticks will come out greasy. In fact, you may decide to not oil the mold at all.
- The temperature of your mold and your lipsticks will make a difference in the quality of the stick. For example, if you have a product with a lot of pigment and mica in it, you need the product to cool quickly. Otherwise, the pigmentation will tend to fall out of suspension into the bottom of the mold and you will have an uneven color. To prevent this, consider refrigerating your mold before pouring and pouring the melted lipstick at a cooler temperature.
- On the flip side, if there is too great a variation in temperature between the mold and the melted lipstick, you run the risk of creating fractures or "crazing" as the lipstick goes into shock by cooling too quickly. A stick like this will tend to break easily.
- We don't give you specific temperatures because everything depends on the base you work with, the amount of color and so forth. Start with room temperature molds and just melted base and see what you think.
- On the side of the molds are three thumb screws which you may remove to make cleaning easier.
- On the bottom of the mold are three hex screws. We strongly suggest that you do not loosen these screws. They are there as a result of the manufacturing process (to get the special tip), and it is not necessary for you to remove them in order to clean the mold. If you do remove them, you run the risk of not putting the mold back together tightly and neatly and you will have a fussy mold to work with as a result.
- If you have any questions about how to use the mold, open a ticket on our website or contact us at support@tkbtrading.com.

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