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A preliminary review of some alternatives to Pliacre (PhillySeal R) epoxy putty-

For decades, Pliacre (PhillySeal R) epoxy putty has been used in the fields of mountmaking and conservation. This versatile product provided a number of useful applications and was favored for its inert properties and ease of use.

Following the announcement that Pliacre would no longer be produced, a search was initiated at the Getty Museum in 2007 to find a suitable replacement product. As new epoxy putties were being investigated, the opportunity presented itself to expand the range of products tested to explore a broader variety of epoxy putties and pastes.

The presentation will look at attributes of Pliacre in the development of an initial search criterion and the expanded range of products that were Oddy tested. While no direct replacement was found for Pliacre, our preliminary study points to some promising alternative products, as well as other epoxy putties and pastes that may be of use to mountmakers and conservators.