Glass Beads for 3D Printer

We developed minute glass beads with a refractive index that can be matched with a resin for 3D printing. By adding glass beads, the mold resin can achieve the properties such as heat resistance, mechanical strength, and transparency.

Features

Translucency

Translucent printed models are obtained with the use of refractive-index-matched glass beads.

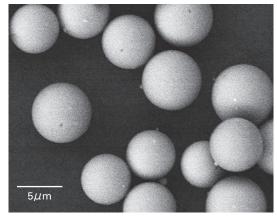
The degree of translucency can also be adjusted by changing the proportion of this product with other additives.

• Heat resistance and strength

The heat resistance and strength of printed models increase with the use of this product.

• Uniform dispersion

Uniform dispersion in resins is achieved by optimizing the particle size of beads.



SEM image

Applications

- •Temporary teeth
- Connectors
- Jewelry
- Simulation models for automobiles and aircraft, etc.

Properties

Properties/Glass Code			AM-51/015
Refractive index (nd)			1.51
Density		× 10 ³ kg/m ³	2.38
Particle size	D50	μ m	5.5
	D99	µ m	Up to 13.0

Comparison with Conventional Products



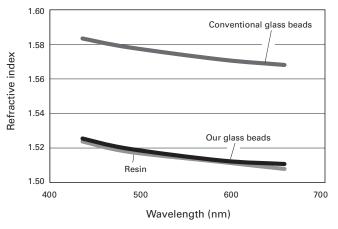
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Appearance of 0.5mm-thick resin plates containing 30vol% glass beads



Refractive indices of materials used for resin plates shown on the left