

## METHODS FOR LABELING SILICONE MOLDS

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Finding efficient ways to label external surfaces of a large and small silicone molds using common materials is a problem in Vertebrate Paleontology labs. Eight lab practices were used to label the exterior of silicone molds both retro and pro-actively. Materials used included markers, Paleobond™, plastics (Butvar B-76, paper cement), tapes, paint, and silicone based compounds (silicone “smooth-on” and Vinyl Polysiloxane). The best retro and pro-active labeling technique is the silicone based material Vinyl Polysiloxane.