# Silicone Micromolding

Saint-Gobain Life Sciences - Medical

# Molding the Impossible



Actual sample size: 5mm x 2.5mm

# Your Growing Needs Are Shrinking

- Complex part geometries
- Parts as small as 0.001g
- Mold tolerances as low as 0.0001"
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- Hole sizes as small as 0.003"
- Thin wall sections to 0.0015"
- · Undercuts, threads, blind shutoffs

#### **Demand for Micro-Devices**

The continued trend toward smaller devices and rapid growth in minimally invasive surgical procedures is driving demand for microsized solutions from medical device manufacturers and component suppliers. Saint-Gobain's proprietary micromolding process delivers higher precision and shot-to-shot repeatability than conventional injection molding and achieves tolerance targets on complex medical devices that conventional molders cannot maintain. With inhouse tooling and dedicated project engineers, Saint-Gobain is your partner in developing and producing even the smallest of medical devices.

### Quality

One of the most difficult aspects of micro-molding is part handling and quality assurance. With Saint-Gobain's process specifically designed for micromolding, parts are handled under a controlled deionized air environment in ISO Class 8 cleanrooms. We operate with Six Sigma and lean manufacturing principles, helping us to continually make process improvements, reduce waste, control costs, and optimize production. Saint-Gobain is ISO 13485 certified. Utilizing the IQ/OQ/PQ process validation system, you can be confident that your quality requirements will be met.

# **Micromolding Capabilities**

#### Silicone Overmolded Micro Parts

Stainless Steel, PPO, PC& PC Alloys, PBT, Nylon, PPS, PEEK, and more

#### **Two-Shot Molding**

Silicone + Thermoplastic Micro Parts

#### **Rapid Prototyping of Micro Parts**

Providing functional parts as soon as possible using single cavity steel tooling

ISO Class 8 Cleanrooms Custom Packaging Secondary Operations

## **Typical Device Applications**

#### Minimally Invasive Surgery

Laparoscopic, Thoracoscopic, Ophthalmic, and more

Advanced Drug Delivery
Vascular Devices
IV Therapy

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