

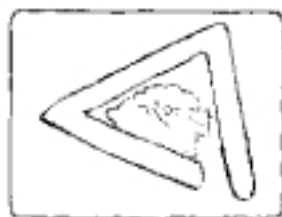
8  
TAP mold firmly to force out any air bubbles.



9  
SEAT the QUICK-RELEASE into the mold.



10  
FORCE OUT any excess plaster through the overflow holes in the QUICK-RELEASE. Press the outside edge of the QUICK-RELEASE down to firmly seat it.



11  
WEIGHT to assure a level cast.

12  
SET UP 30 minutes to an hour, depending on the size of the bat.



13  
REMOVE bat by pressing around outer perimeter of the mold while turning.



14  
CARVE out a cave in the back of the bat using a dome-shaped grinder bit to provide clearance for the wheelhead bolts.



15  
DRY bats thoroughly to drive off most of the free water. A pilot light works well, or the sun on asphalt driveway or corrugated metal, etc. Don't exceed 120°.



*A dry bat is important!*

## THE GALLERY



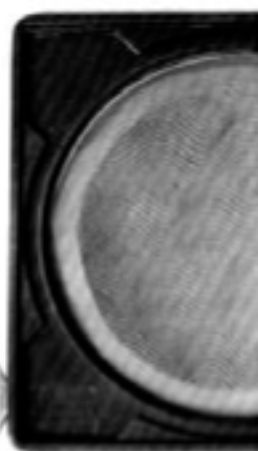
*Curved*



*Stamped*



*Slip Trailed*



*Combed*

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON VENDORS

### Mold Releases:

Your local Ceramic supply house usually carries a spray mold release and a mold soap. They both work well. Here are some other options:

Armorall, a leather protectant  
Murphy's Oil Soap  
Kiwi Saddle Soap

### Johnson's Liquid Wax Plaster:

Use Pottery Plaster No. 1 For additional information about Plaster, contact United States Gypsum Corp. 1-800-621-9622.

### Mesh

To strengthen your molds you can use a variety of

materials. I have tried Hardware Cloth, which is readily available at hardware stores, but I prefer a fiberglass mesh called Scrim fabric. It's about \$1.40 a yard from this company:

Douglas & Sturgess,  
730 Bryant Street  
San Francisco, CA 94107  
(415) 421-4456  
1-888-278-7883  
They have a great catalog, too, which features everything for the mold maker.