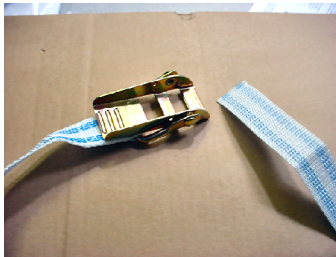


## How to Use

# Nylon Banding Straps



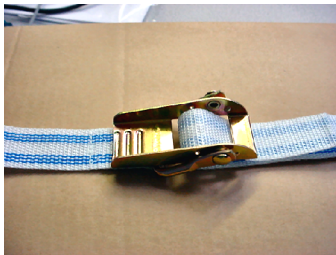
Banding straps offer a great alternative for holding molds together for casting or storage. Banding straps won't slip or stretch like rubber bands (especially on large molds). They also won't oxidize and weaken over time in storage. That can lead to disaster the next time you pick up the mold! This is the starting position for a banding strap: see how the U-shaped buckle is loose below the tongue plate?



Fold the U-shaped buckle under the tongue plate. The buckle moves easily on the hinge. The crossbar of the buckle (where the nylon webbing is attached) should end up under the three grooves at the back of the tongue plate.



Wrap the strap around the mold. Make sure the nylon strap is not twisted! Pass the end of the nylon strap through the BACK slot at the rear of the tongue plate. There are two slots. For this step you want the one closest to the three grooves.



Bend the nylon strap forward again, OVER the crossbar between the two slots. Put the end of the strap DOWN through the first slot. The strap should curve into a "U" over the two slots.



Adjust the position of the strap around the mold. You need a couple inches of slack in the strap: the next step is to flip the tongue plate forward, tightening the strap. If you don't leave enough slack for this step, it's possible for the strap to crack or crush the mold. Experiment to see what's comfortable for you, but it shouldn't take major FORCE to flip the tongue plate over and tighten the strap.

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