



Technical White Papers

Topic A112-
A Discussion of Casting Finishes

A question we received from a customer:

“I have been recently casting lots of ladies hands with very long acrylic nails which always break off when I remove the alginate. Any suggestions???”

Absolutely.

Go to art supply store and get some plasticine clay (much easier to work with than regular clay).

Put a little underneath all the fingernails and sculpt it so that its thin at the edges, but at least triples the thickness of the nails down near the fingertip. You can do this artfully so it will hardly be noticeable on the casting.

The LifeCAST gypsum cement comes out much thicker on the casting which eliminates the problem you’re talking about very quickly.