
Subject: WOT: home-made foam-lined flight case???

Posted by [ottawarocks](#) on Thu, 01 Feb 2007 17:36:16 GMT

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So I was thinking about that canned stuff they sell in hardware stores for insulating around windows and such, you know the canned foam that grows to three times the size and then solidifies? So that stuff is perhaps a little too stiff, and the three-times-its-size thing would make it hard to get the right amount in, even though they have a variety of types, including one that stays its original volume... but I digress...

I was hoping for better foam-type material. You know, something that gives a little. Is there a way someone can buy some sort of power or two-part mixture that, when mixed, turns into foam and cures? Nice, plump, soft foam?

I can sort of imagine the rest of the scenario: prepare my box, fill it partially with the mixture, carefully place my console on top of the mixture (of course, after carefully wrapping it with many layers of saran-wrap-like stretch wrap plastic sheet), let it cure, cut out the stretch plastic sheet, remove the console, and then line the foam with velour or some other material. Repeat for the top half of the case.

But where do I find such foaming preparation for home use? Or is this wishful thinking? Am I trying to reproduce an industrial-version service (custom cases) into a home one?

Any of you out there ever done something like that?

Thanks... Daniel

Subject: Re: home-made foam-lined flight case???

Posted by [Tony Benson](#) on Thu, 01 Feb 2007 19:30:35 GMT

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Daniel,

I've built a million custom cases and haven't come across anything like the

foam your looking for. You can find the best sheet type foam rubber at upholstery shops if you decide to go that route. If you need the protection of a flight case, I would strongly suggest biting the bullet and buying a professional case. I bought a case for my Mackie TT24 mixer from a store on eBay for under \$250.00 and the TT24 is a good sized, heavy board. Depending on what model mixer you have, you might be able to get a decent case for under \$100.00.

Tony

"D.P." <ottawarocks@netscape.net> wrote in message news:45c2258a@linux...

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