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% Kitchen Improvised Plastic Explosives %
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% Manufacture of type 'C' explosives %
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This article will deal with the production of type 'C' plastic explosive compound. If you have not read my other two articles, you will need to so you can get some safety precatations and the recipe for making R.D.X.

All of the type 'C' plastic explosives (that includes C-2, C-3, and C-4) are exceedingly powerful and should be used with utmost care. (See K.I.P.E. Part II for detonation chart).

This explosive is just a copy of a British explosive that was adopted early in WWII. This explosive is the choice explosive of the type 'C' compounds becuase of its relative ease of maufacture and the easy aquisition of the plastizer compound. This explosive was available in standard demolition blocks.

This explosive was standardized and adopted in the following composition:

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R.D.X..... 88.3%
Heavy mineral oil..... 11.1%
Lecithin..... .6%

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(All percentages are by weight)

In this composition, the lecithin acts to prevent the formation of large crystals of R.D.X. which would increase the sensitivity of the explosive. This explosive has a good deal of power and is relatively non-toxic, (except when ingested).

It is also plastic from 0-40 degrees celcius. Above 40 degrees the explosive undergoes extrudation and becomes gummy although its explosive properties go realatively unimpaired. Below 0 degrees celcius it becomes brittle and its cap sensitivity is lessened considerably.

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Manufacturing this explosive can be done two ways. First being to dissolve the 11.7% plastisizing in unleaded gasoline and mixing with the R.D.X. and allowing the gasoline to evaporate until the mixture is free of all gasoline.

The second method being the simple kneading of the plastisizing compound into the R.D.X. until a uniform mixture is obtained.

This explosive should be stored in a cool-dry place. If properly made the plastique should be very stable in storage even if stored at elevated temperatures for long periods of time. It should be very cap sensitive. A booster will be a good choice, especially if used below 0 degrees celcius. This detonates at a velocity of 7900 M/second.

Live long and don't get caught,  
Agrajag

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