

Method for cold-cutting a lamp**ABSTRACT**

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The invention relates to a method for cold-cutting a lamp (21) having an inner pressure that is lower than the atmospheric pressure and containing a pollutant. Said method includes: keeping the lamp in position; cutting (102) said lamp at at least one cutting point; prior to cutting, submerging (110) said cutting point in a liquid or pasty composition; keeping said cutting point submerged during the cutting; and suctioning (130) part of the composition into each cut-off portion (26A, 26B). Said method is essentially characterized in that the composition is dilatant and has a temperature no lower than the pour point thereof, prior to the cutting step. The method is also characterized in that, after the cutting, the temperature of the dilatant composition (104) is reduced to a temperature lower than the pour point thereof, such as to increase the viscosity thereof and create a sealed stopper.

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(Figure 2B)