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DESCRIPTION two component solvent free amine cured epoxy coating

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERISTICS – one coat protection for maintenance or major refurbishment of ballast

water tanks and crude oil tanks

tolerant to marginal surface preparation

good corrosion resistance

can be applied by heavy duty single feed airless spray equipment (60:1)

 reduced explosion risk and fire hazard good visibility due to light colour

COLOURS AND GLOSS light grey - gloss

BASIC DATA AT 20°C $(1 \text{ g/cm}^3 = 8.25 \text{ lb/US gal}; 1 \text{ m}^2/\text{I} = 40.7 \text{ ft}^2/\text{US gal})$

(data for mixed product)

Mass density 1.3 g/cm³ Volume solids 100%

VOC (supplied) max. 111 g/kg (Directive 1999/13/EC, SED)

300 um

max. 144 g/l (approx. 1.2 lb/gal) see information sheet 1411

Recommended dry film

thickness

Theoretical spreading rate 3.3 m²/l for 300 µm *

Touch dry after 8 hours

Overcoating interval min. 24 hours *

max. 20 days *

5 days * Full cure after

(data for components)

Shelf life (cool and dry place) at least 12 months

* see additional data

RECOMMENDED **SUBSTRATE CONDITIONS** AND TEMPERATURES

steel; blast cleaned to ISO-Sa2½, blasting profile (R₂) 50 - 100 μm

 steel; blast cleaned to ISO-Sa2 or power tool cleaned to ISO-St2 for good corrosion protection

 coated steel; hydrojetted to VIS WJ2/3 L (blasting profile; (R₂) 50 - 100 um)

 previous epoxy coat; in sound condition, dry and free from any contamination and sufficiently roughened if necessary

pitted steel; blast cleaned to ISO-Sa2½ is recommended

suitable primer; SigmaCover 280

substrate temperature must be above 5°C and at least 3°C above dew point during application and curing





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SYSTEM SPECIFICATION

marine

1 x 300 µm SigmaGuard 603

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

mixing ratio by volume: base to hardener 80: 20

- the temperature of the mixed base and hardener should preferably be at least 20°C
- at lower temperature the viscosity will be too high for spray application
- no thinner should be added

Induction time

none

Pot life

approx. 1 hour at 20°C *
* see additional data

AIRLESS SPRAY

- use heavy duty single feed airless spray equipment preferably 60:1 pump ratio and suitable high pressure hoses
- in-line heating or insulated hoses may be necessary to avoid cooling down of paint in hoses at low air temperature
- application with 45:1 airless spray equipment is possible provided in-line heated high pressure hoses are used
- in case of using 45:1 airless spray equipment the paint must be heated to approx. 30°C in order to obtain the right application viscosity
- length of hoses should be as short as possible

Recommended thinner

Nozzle orifice Nozzle pressure no thinner should be added

approx. 0.53 - 0.64 mm (= 0.021 - 0.025 in)

at 20°C (paint temperature) min. 28 MPa (= approx. 280 bar; 4000 p.s.i.) at 30°C (paint temperature) min. 22 MPa (= approx. 220 bar; 3000 p.s.i.)

BRUSH/ROLLER

Recommended thinner

for stripe coating and spot repair only

no thinner should be added

CLEANING SOLVENT

Sigma thinner 90-83 (preferred) or Sigma thinner 90-53

- all equipment used for application must be cleaned immediately after use
- paint inside the spraying equipment must be removed before the pot life time has been expired





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SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

for paint and recommended thinners see safety sheets 1430, 1431 and relevant material safety data sheets

although this is a solvent free paint, care should be taken to avoid inhalation of spray mist as well as contact between the wet paint and exposed skin or eyes

- no solvent present; however, spray mist is not harmless, a fresh air mask should be used during spraying
- ventilation should be provided in confined spaces to maintain good visibility

ADDITIONAL DATA

Film thickness and spreading rate

theoretical	3.3	2.5	
spreading rate m ² /l			
dft in µm	300	400	

max. dft when brushing:

150 - 200 µm

measuring wet film thickness

- a deviation is often obtained between the measured apparent wft and the real applied wft
- this is due to the thixotropy and the surface tension of the paint which retards the release of air trapped in the paint film for some time
- recommendation is to apply a wft which is equal to the specified dft plus
 60 um

measuring dry film thickness

- because of low initial hardness the dft cannot be measured within some days due to the penetration of the measuring device into the soft paint film
- the dft should be measured using a calibration foil of known thickness placed in between the coating and the measuring device

Overcoating with SigmaGuard 603 (spot repair and stripe coating)

substrate	5°C	10°C	20°C	30°C
temperature				
minimum interval	80 hours	36 hours	24 hours	16 hours
maximum interval	20 days	20 days	20 days	14 days

surface should be dry and free from any contamination





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Curing table for dft up to 150 µm

substrate temperature	dry to handle	minimum curing time before exposure to seawater	full cure
5°C	60 hours	10 days	15 days
10°C	30 hours	5 days	7 days
20°C	16 hours	4 days	5 days
30°C	10 hours	2 days	3 days

adequate ventilation must be maintained during application and curing (please refer to sheet 1433 and 1434)

Pot life (at application viscosity)

20°C	60 min.	
30°C	45 min.	

due to exothermic reaction, temperature during and after mixing may increase

Worldwide availability

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Under these circumstances an alternative product data sheet is used.

REFERENCES

Explanation to product data sheets	see information sheet 1411
Safety indications	see information sheet 1430
Safety in confined spaces and health safety	
Explosion hazard - toxic hazard	see information sheet 1431
Safe working in confined spaces	see information sheet 1433
Directives for ventilation practice	see information sheet 1434
Cleaning of steel and removal of rust	see information sheet 1490
Specification for mineral abrasives	see information sheet 1491





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