

SIGMAFAST™ 278

DESCRIPTION

Two-component, high solids, zinc phosphate epoxy primer and buildcoat

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Epoxy primer or buildcoat in protective coating systems
- Excellent corrosion resistance in atmospheric exposure
- Cures at temperatures down to -5°C (23°F)
- Speed curing in steel fabrication
- Easy application by airless spray
- Wide application range
- ACQPA 27752-certified

COLOR AND GLOSS LEVEL

- Redbrown, gray and a selected range of (MIO) colors
- Semi-gloss

Notes:

- Epoxy coatings will chalk and fade upon exposure to sunlight, elevated temperatures, or chemical exposure. Discoloration and normal chalking do not impact performance. Light colors will darken over time. Some batch-to-batch variation in color is to be expected. Color matches are approximate.
- The addition of a UV stable topcoat should be considered when using epoxy coatings in cosmetic areas

BASIC DATA AT 20°C (68°F)

Data for mixed product	
Number of components	Two
Mass density	1.5 kg/l (12.5 lb/US gal)
Volume solids	80 ± 2%
VOC (Supplied)	Directive 2010/75/EU, SED: max. 153.0 g/kg UK PG 6/23(92) Appendix 3: max. 230.0 g/l (approx. 1.9 lb/US gal) EPA Method 24: 220.0 g/ltr (1.8 lb/USgal) China GB 30981-2020 (tested) 198.0 g/l (approx. 1.7 lb/gal)
Recommended dry film thickness	75 - 250 µm (3.0 - 10.0 mils)
Theoretical spreading rate	6.4 m ² /l for 125 µm (257 ft ² /US gal for 5.0 mils)
Dry to touch	2 hours
Overcoating Interval	Minimum: 2 hours Maximum: Extended
Full cure after	4 days



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Data for mixed product

Shelf life

Base: at least 24 months when stored cool and dry
Hardener: at least 24 months when stored cool and dry

Notes:

- See ADDITIONAL DATA – Spreading rate and film thickness
- See ADDITIONAL DATA – Overcoating intervals
- See ADDITIONAL DATA – Curing time

RECOMMENDED SUBSTRATE CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

- Apply this product to the specified thickness as soon as possible after the surface is prepared

Substrate conditions

- Steel; blast cleaned to ISO-Sa2½ or minimum SSPC SP-6, blasting profile 40 – 70 µm (1.6 – 2.8 mils) or power tool cleaned to minimum ISO-St3 / SSPC SP3

Primed steel or previous coat

- Previous suitable coat must be dry and free from any contamination
- Surface of previous coat should be sufficiently roughened if necessary
- When applied to zinc silicate, a mist coat and full coat technique is required

Galvanized steel

- The surface must be properly prepared, dry, clean and free of any contamination
- The surface should be sufficiently roughened by sweep blasting to achieve a uniform matt appearance
- Sweep blast in accordance with the SSPC SP-16 guidelines

Stainless steel

- The surface must be properly prepared, dry, clean and free of any contamination
- The surface should be sufficiently roughened by sweep blasting with inert non-metallic abrasives
- Sweep blast in accordance with the SSPC SP-16 guidelines

Thermal Sprayed Metallization (TSM)

- Surface must be dry and free from any contamination
- The mist coat / full coat technique is required. See mist coat thinning recommendation in the Instructions For Use part below

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Substrate temperature and application conditions

- Substrate temperature during application and curing should be at least 3°C (5°F) above dew point
 - Substrate temperature during application and curing down to -5°C (23°F) is acceptable; provided the substrate is free from ice and dry
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Mixing ratio by volume: base to hardener 75:25 (3:1)

- The temperature of the paint should preferably be above 15°C (59°F), otherwise extra thinner may be required to obtain application viscosity
 - Adding too much thinner results in reduced sag resistance and slower cure
 - Thinner should be added after mixing the components
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Induction time

None

Pot life

1 hour at 20°C (68°F)

Air spray

Recommended thinner

THINNER 91-92

Volume of thinner

0 - 10%, depending on required thickness and application conditions

Nozzle orifice

1.7 - 2.0 mm (approx. 0.070 - 0.079 in)

Nozzle pressure

0.3 - 0.4 MPa (approx. 3 - 4 bar; 44 - 58 p.s.i.)

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Airless spray

Recommended thinner

THINNER 91-92

Volume of thinner

0 - 10%, 30 - 50% when mist coat applied

Nozzle orifice

Approx. 0.46 - 0.53 mm (0.018 - 0.021 in)

Nozzle pressure

20.0 - 25.0 MPa (approx. 200 - 250 bar; 2901 - 3626 p.s.i.)

Brush/roller

Recommended thinner

THINNER 91-92

Volume of thinner

0 - 5%

Notes:

- Application by roller will leave roller marking and is suitable for minimum DFT requirements only
- A roller suitable for epoxy application must be used
- Application by brush may show brush marking, due to the thixotropic nature of the paint and is most suitable to small areas, tight angle areas or for stripe coating or touch-up

Cleaning solvent

THINNER 90-53

ADDITIONAL DATA

Spreading rate and film thickness	
DFT	Theoretical spreading rate
75 µm (3.0 mils)	10.7 m ² /l (428 ft ² /US gal)
125 µm (5.0 mils)	6.4 m ² /l (257 ft ² /US gal)
250 µm (10.0 mils)	3.2 m ² /l (128 ft ² /US gal)

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Overcoating interval for DFT up to 125 µm (5.0 mils)						
Overcoating with...	Interval	-5°C (23°F)	0°C (32°F)	10°C (50°F)	20°C (68°F)	30°C (86°F)
various epoxy coatings, polyurethane coatings, and PSX	Minimum	24 hours	14 hours	4 hours	2 hours	1 hour
	Maximum	Extended	Extended	Extended	Extended	Extended

Notes:

- Actual maximum overcoating times will be influenced by local conditions
- A detergent wash with PREP 88 or equivalent is recommended prior to application of topcoats after 30 days of exposure if chalking or contamination is present
- To ensure optimal adhesion of the next coat, the surface must be dry and free from all contaminations (oil, grease, chalking, etc...) which would require cleaning and/or abrading

Curing time for DFT up to 125 µm (5.0 mils)			
Substrate temperature	Dry to touch	Dry to handle	Full cure
-5°C (23°F)	16 hours	38 hours	N/A
0°C (32°F)	11 hours	24 hours	21 days
10°C (50°F)	4 hours	8 hours	8 days
20°C (68°F)	2 hours	4 hours	4 days
30°C (86°F)	1 hour	2 hours	3 days

Note: Adequate ventilation must be maintained during application and curing

Pot life (at application viscosity)	
Mixed product temperature	Pot life
0°C (32°F)	10 hours
10°C (50°F)	3 hours
20°C (68°F)	1 hour
30°C (86°F)	30 minutes

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- See Safety Data Sheet and product label for complete safety and precaution requirements
- This is a solvent-borne paint and care should be taken to avoid inhalation of spray mist or vapor, as well as contact between the wet paint and exposed skin or eyes

WORLDWIDE AVAILABILITY

It is always the aim of PPG Protective and Marine Coatings to supply the same product on a worldwide basis. However, slight modification of the product is sometimes necessary to comply with local or national rules/circumstances. Under these circumstances an alternative product data sheet is used.



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REFERENCES

- EXPLANATION TO PRODUCT DATA SHEETS

INFORMATION SHEET

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