#### **DESCRIPTION**

Two-component, high-build, polyamide-cured recoatable epoxy coating

#### **PRINCIPAL CHARACTERISTICS**

- General-purpose epoxy buildcoat or finish in protective coating systems, for steel and concrete structures exposed to atmospheric land or marine conditions
- · Easy application, both by airless spray and brush
- Cures even at temperatures down to -10°C (14°F)
- . A high relative humidity (maximum 95%) during application and curing does not influence the quality of the coating
- · Good adhesion on most aged, sound alkyd, chlorinated rubber and epoxy coatings
- · Can be recoated with various two-component and conventional coatings, even after long weathering periods
- · Resistant to water and splash of mild chemicals
- · Excellent corrosion resistance
- · Tough, with long-term flexibility

# **COLOR AND GLOSS LEVEL**

- · Standard and custom colors
- Semi-gloss

### Note:

- Epoxy coatings will characteristically chalk and fade upon exposure to sunlight

# BASIC DATA AT 20°C (68°F)

Data for mixed product	
Number of components	Two
Mass density	1.4 kg/l (11.7 lb/US gal)
Volume solids	65 ± 2%
VOC (Supplied)	Directive 2010/75/EU, SED: max. 250.0 g/kg max. 344.0 g/l (approx. 2.9 lb/US gal)
Recommended dry film thickness	75 - 150 µm (3.0 - 6.0 mils) depending on system
Theoretical spreading rate	$6.5~\text{m}^2\text{/I}$ for 100 $\mu\text{m}$ (261 ft $^2$ /US gal for 4.0 mils)
Dry to touch	2 hours
Overcoating Interval	Minimum: 3 hours Maximum: Unlimited
Full cure after	4 days
Shelf life	Base: at least 24 months when stored cool and dry Hardener: at least 24 months when stored cool and dry

Notes:



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

#### RECOMMENDED SUBSTRATE CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

# **Substrate conditions**

• Compatible previous coat must be dry and free from any contamination

# Substrate temperature

- Substrate temperature during application and curing down to -10°C (14°F) is acceptable; provided the substrate is free from ice and dry
- Substrate temperature during application and curing should be at least 3°C (5°F) above dew point

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

# Mixing ratio by volume: base to hardener 4.56:1

- · Adding too much thinner results in reduced sag resistance
- The temperature of the mixed base and hardener should be above 10°C (50°F), otherwise extra thinner may be required to obtain application viscosity
- · Thinner should be added after mixing the components

# Pot life

5 hours at 20°C (68°F)

### Note:

- See ADDITIONAL DATA - Pot life

# Air spray

# **Recommended thinner**

THINNER 91-92

#### Volume of thinner

5 - 10%, depending on required thickness and application conditions

### **Nozzle orifice**

2.0 - 3.0 mm (approx. 0.079 - 0.110 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 - 5%, depending on required thickness and application conditions

# **Nozzle orifice**

Approx. 0.48 - 0.58 mm (0.019 - 0.023 in)

# Nozzle pressure

15.0 MPa (approx. 150 bar; 2176 p.s.i.)

# **Brush/roller**

# **Recommended thinner**

**THINNER 91-92** 

#### Volume of thinner

0 - 5%

# **Cleaning solvent**

• THINNER 90-53

# **ADDITIONAL DATA**

Spreading rate and film thickness				
DFT	Theoretical spreading rate			
75 µm (3.0 mils)	8.7 m <sup>2</sup> /l (348 ft <sup>2</sup> /US gal)			
100 μm (4.0 mils)	6.5 m²/l (261 ft²/US gal)			
150 μm (6.0 mils)	4.3 m²/l (174 ft²/US gal)			

# Note:

- Maximum DFT when brushing: 60 µm (2.4 mils)

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Overcoating interval for DFT up to 150 μm (6.0 mils)							
Overcoating with	Interval	-5°C (23°F)	5°C (41°F)	10°C (50°F)	20°C (68°F)	30°C (86°F)	40°C (104°F)
SIGMADUR 520 and SIGMADUR 550	Minimum Maximum	3 days Unlimited	24 hours Unlimited	16 hours Unlimited	8 hours Unlimited	5 hours Unlimited	3 hours Unlimited
PPG VIKOTE 56 and SIGMARINE 48	Minimum Maximum	3 days 17 days	24 hours 14 days	16 hours 10 days	8 hours 7 days	5 hours 4 days	3 hours 48 hours
SIGMACOVER 435 and SIGMACOVER 456	Minimum Maximum	36 hours Unlimited	10 hours Unlimited	4 hours Unlimited	3 hours Unlimited	2 hours Unlimited	2 hours Unlimited

#### Notes:

- Surface should be dry and free from any contamination
- Color of SIGMACOVER 456 should be adapted to the color of PPG VIKOTE 56 or SIGMARINE 48
- Finishes require a corresponding undercoat
- SIGMACOVER 456 should not be overcoated with coal tar epoxy coatings

Curing time for DFT up to 150 µm (6.0 mils)				
Substrate temperature	Dry to handle	Full cure		
-10°C (14°F)	24 - 48 hours	20 days		
-5°C (23°F)	24 - 30 hours	14 days		
5°C (41°F)	18 hours	8 days		
10°C (50°F)	12 hours	6 days		
20°C (68°F)	6 hours	4 days		
30°C (86°F)	4 hours	3 days		
40°C (104°F)	3 hours	48 hours		

# Notes:

- Adequate ventilation must be maintained during application and curing
- In exceptional cases SIGMACOVER 456 may be applied at lower substrate temperatures (down to -15°C (5°F)) provided that the surface is free from ice and other contamination. In such cases special care must be taken to avoid thick film application as this may lead to checking/crazing or solvent entrapment. It should be clear that application at lower temperatures will require additional thinning to obtain application viscosity, however this will affect the sag resistance of the applied coating and can induce solvent retention. Optimal curing and designed product properties will only be achieved when minimum required substrate temperature is reached

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Pot life (at application viscosity)			
Mixed product temperature	Pot life		
10°C (50°F)	12 hours		
20°C (68°F)	5 hours		
30°C (86°F)	4 hours		
40°C (104°F)	2 hours		

#### **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 & 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.

### **REFERENCES**

- Guide | PPG SIGMACARE PLUS | Online guide to maintenance at sea
- Information sheet | Explanation of product data sheets

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