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DIMETCOTE® 9 / SIGMAZINC™ 9

DESCRIPTION

Two-component, moisture-curing zinc (ethyl) silicate coating

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Specified for structural joints according to ASTM A325 or A490 Bolts RCSC specification, Class B
- Complies with the compositional requirements of SSPC-Paint 20, Level 1
- Anticorrosive primer for structural steel
- Suitable as a system primer in various paint systems based on unsaponifiable binders
- Can withstand substrate temperatures from -90°C (-130°F) up to 400°C (750°F), under normal atmospheric exposure conditions
- When suitably topcoated provides excellent corrosion protection for steel substrates up to 540°C (1000°F)
- Good low-temperature curing
- Good impact and abrasion resistance
- Must not be exposed to alkaline (more than pH 9) or acidic (less than pH 5.5) liquids

COLOR AND GLOSS LEVEL

- Gray, greenish gray
- Flat

BASIC DATA AT 20°C (68°F)

Data for mixed product	
Number of components	Two
Mass density	2.4 kg/l (20.0 lb/US gal)
Volume solids	63 ± 3%
VOC (Supplied)	Directive 1999/13/EC, SED: max. 221.0 g/kg UK PG 6/23(92) Appendix 3: max. 480.0 g/l (approx. 4.0 lb/US gal)
Recommended dry film thickness	50 - 100 µm (2.0 - 4.0 mils) depending on system
Theoretical spreading rate	8.4 m ² /l for 75 µm (337 ft ² /US gal for 3.0 mils)
Dry to touch	15 minutes
Overcoating Interval	Minimum: 24 hours Maximum: Unlimited
Full cure after	46 hours
Shelf life	Binder: at least 9 months when stored cool and dry Pigment: at least 24 months when stored pigment moisture free

Notes:

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



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RECOMMENDED SUBSTRATE CONDITIONS AND TEMPERATURES

Immersion exposure

- Steel; blast cleaned to ISO-Sa2½, blasting profile 40 – 70 µm (1.6 – 2.8 mils)
- Steel with approved zinc silicate shop primer; sweep blasted to SPSS-Ss, welds, rusty and damaged areas blast cleaned to ISO-Sa2½
- Existing pipelines may have to be cleaned first by scraper pigs and solvents

Atmospheric exposure conditions

- Steel; blast cleaned to ISO-Sa2½ or minimum SSPC SP-6, blasting profile 40 – 70 µm (1.6 – 2.8 mils)
- Steel with approved zinc silicate shop primer; pretreated to SPSS-Pt3

Substrate temperature and application conditions

- Substrate temperature during application and curing down to -18°C (0°F) is acceptable; provided the substrate is free from ice and dry
- Substrate temperature during application up to 55°C (131°F) is acceptable
- Substrate temperature during application and curing should be at least 3°C (5°F) above dew point
- Relative humidity during curing should be above 50%

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Mixing ratio by volume: binder to zinc powder 77:23

- Many of PPG's zinc silicates are supplied as two-pack materials consisting of a container with pigmented binder and a drum containing a bag of zinc powder.
- To ensure proper mixing of both components, the instructions given below must be followed
- To avoid lumps in the paint do not add the binder to the zinc powder
- [1] Take the bag with zinc powder out of the drum
- [2] Shake the binder in the jerrycan a few times to reach a certain degree of homogenization
- [3] Pour about 2/3 of the binder into the empty drum
- [4] With the jerrycan now reduced in weight and containing more free space, shake it vigorously to obtain a homogeneous mix with no deposits left on the bottom, and add this to the drum
- [5] Add the zinc powder gradually to the pigmented binder in the drum and, at the same time, continuously stir the mixture by using a mechanical mixer (keep the speed low)
- [6] Stir the zinc dust powder thoroughly through the binder (high speed) and keep stirring until a homogeneous mixture is obtained
- [7] Strain mixture through a 30 – 60 mesh screen
- [8] Agitate continuously during application (low speed). The use of a dedicated pump with a constant agitation for a zinc silicate coating is recommended

Note: At application temperature above 30°C (86°F) addition of max 10% by volume of THINNER 90-53 may be necessary

Induction time

None



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Pot life

8 hours

Note: See ADDITIONAL DATA – Pot life

Air spray**Recommended thinner**

THINNER 90-53, THINNER 21-06 (AMERCOAT 65), THINNER 21-25 (AMERCOAT 101) FOR > 60°F (15°C)

Volume of thinner

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

Nozzle orifice

2.0 mm (approx. 0.079 in)

Nozzle pressure

0.3 MPa (approx. 3 Bar; 44 p.s.i.)

Note: A dedicated pump for a zinc silicate coating with constant agitation must be used

Airless spray**Recommended thinner**

THINNER 90-53, THINNER 21-06 (AMERCOAT 65), THINNER 21-25 (AMERCOAT 101) FOR > 60°F (15°C)

Volume of thinner

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

Nozzle orifice

Approx. 0.48 – 0.64 mm (0.019 – 0.025 in)

Nozzle pressure

9.0 - 12.0 MPa (approx. 90 - 120 bar; 1306 - 1741 p.s.i.)

Note: A dedicated pump for a zinc silicate coating with constant agitation must be used

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Brush/roller

- Only for touch-up and spot repair
- Roller application is not recommended

Recommended thinner

THINNER 90-53, THINNER 21-06 (AMERCOAT 65), THINNER 21-25 (AMERCOAT 101) FOR > 60°F (15°C)

Volume of thinner

5 – 15%

Note: Apply a visible wet coat with a max. dft of 25 µm (1.0 mils) same for subsequent coats in order to obtain the required dft

Cleaning solvent

THINNER 90-53, THINNER 90-58 (AMERCOAT 12) OR THINNER 21-06 (AMERCOAT 65)

Upgrading

- This is only valid for spray application
- If the DFT is below specification and an extra coat of DIMETCOTE 9 / SIGMAZINC 9 has to be applied, it should be thinned down with 25 – 50% Thinner 90-53, in order to obtain a visible wet coat that remains wet for some time

ADDITIONAL DATA

Spreading rate and film thickness	
DFT	Theoretical spreading rate
75 µm (3.0 mils)	8.4 m ² /l (337 ft ² /US gal)
100 µm (4.0 mils)	6.3 m ² /l (253 ft ² /US gal)
125 µm (5.0 mils)	5.0 m ² /l (202 ft ² /US gal)

Notes:

- Maximum DFT when brushing: 35 µm (1.4 mils)
- Above 150 µm (6.0 mils) mudcracking can occur
- Highly pigmented zinc silicate primers produce dry films with void spaces in between the particles

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Overcoating interval for DFT up to 100 µm (4.0 mils)					
Overcoating with...	Interval	0°C (32°F)	10°C (50°F)	20°C (68°F)	30°C (86°F)
recommended topcoats	Minimum	48 hours	36 hours	24 hours	18 hours
	Maximum	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

Notes:

- For recoating with itself to take required dft, recommend to apply within 2 days before full cure. No minimum recoating interval limitation for itself.
- To confirm cure to topcoat, conduct a MEK rub test per ASTM D4752. A rating of 4 or higher is sufficient for topcoating
- For measuring of the curing, the MEK rub test according to ASTM 4752 is a suitable method: after 50 double rubs with a cloth soaked in MEK (or alternatively THINNER 90-53) no dissolving of the coating should be observed
- Curing/recoating time will be shortened by the increase of humidity, please contact regional technical service team for details
- A mist coat / full coating application technique is required when topcoating to prevent application bubbling. Ensure dry spray is removed from the surface
- DIMETCOTE 9 / SIGMAZINC 9 is a moisture curing zinc silicate, this means that it only cures after sufficient take up of water from the atmosphere during and after application; it is recommended that relative humidity and temperature are measured during the curing time
- When curing conditions are unfavorable or when reduced overcoat times are desired, curing can be accelerated 4 hours after application by: [1] Wetting or soaking with water, keeping the surface wet for the next 2 hours, followed by drying; [2] Wetting or soaking with a 0.5% ammonia solution, followed by drying
- Maximum interval is only unlimited when the surface is free from any contamination

Curing time for DFT up to 75 µm (3.0 mils)		
Substrate temperature	Dry to handle	Full cure
0°C (32°F)	2 hours	4 days
10°C (50°F)	1 hour	3 days
20°C (68°F)	30 minutes	46 hours
30°C (86°F)	20 minutes	36 hours

Notes:

- DIMETCOTE 9 / SIGMAZINC 9 is a moisture curing zinc silicate, this means that it only cures after sufficient take up of water from the atmosphere during and after application
- It is recommended that relative humidity and temperature are measured during the curing time
- Relative humidity during curing recommended to be above 50%
- Adequate ventilation must be maintained during application and curing (please refer to INFORMATION SHEETS 1433 and 1434)

Pot life (at application viscosity)	
Mixed product temperature	Pot life
20°C (68°F)	8 hours

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- For paint and recommended thinners see INFORMATION SHEETS 1430, 1431 and relevant Material Safety Data Sheets
- 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

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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.

REFERENCES

• CONVERSION TABLES	INFORMATION SHEET	1410
• EXPLANATION TO PRODUCT DATA SHEETS	INFORMATION SHEET	1411
• SAFETY INDICATIONS	INFORMATION SHEET	1430
• SAFETY IN CONFINED SPACES AND HEALTH SAFETY, EXPLOSION HAZARD – TOXIC HAZARD	INFORMATION SHEET	1431
• SAFE WORKING IN CONFINED SPACES	INFORMATION SHEET	1433
• DIRECTIVES FOR VENTILATION PRACTICE	INFORMATION SHEET	1434
• CLEANING OF STEEL AND REMOVAL OF RUST	INFORMATION SHEET	1490
• SPECIFICATION FOR MINERAL ABRASIVES	INFORMATION SHEET	1491
• RELATIVE HUMIDITY – SUBSTRATE TEMPERATURE – AIR TEMPERATURE	INFORMATION SHEET	1650

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