



STEELSHIELD VE

Glass Flake Vinyl Ester

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

A two-component, cold cured Vinyl Ester Acrylic incorporated with highly durable pigments and reinforced with glass flakes.

DESIGN FEATURES

A single coat, solvent free system for offshore maintenance of steelwork such as the splash zone, risers, conductors and decks. Suitable for use in new construction equipment's used in hydrocarbon, aqueous and corrosive chemical environments.

Outstanding abrasion and anti-corrosive performance.

Excellent water and chemical resistance.

Good durability and weathering properties.

Fast curing and high build coating.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Recommended Application Data	Wet [μm]	Dry [μm]	m^2/l
	Theoretical Coverage	510	500
Volume solids	98 % (based on ASTM D2697)		
Dry Film Thickness Range	500 μm to 1000 μm		
Flash Point	31 °C		
Finish	Matt		
Colour Range	Off White / Grey		
Standard Packing Size	20 litres set (19.6 litres Base : 0.4 litres Catalyst)		
Mix Ratio (by volume)	98 Base : 2 Catalyst		

APPLICATION METHOD

AIRLESS SPRAY	Remove all strainers
Recommended method of application	Tip Size : 1.14 – 1.30 mm (45 – 50 thou)
	Pressure : 206 - 241 kg/cm ² (3000 - 3500 psi)
BRUSH OR ROLLER	May be used for difficult shapes or touch-up; however, additional coats may be required to achieve the recommended film thickness. These application methods are recommended for stripe coating welds, edges, rivets, etc.

DRYING & CURING TIME

Substrate Temperature	Touch Dry	Hard Dry	Overcoating Interval		Pot Life
			Minimum	Maximum	
15 °C	2 hours	24 hours	2 hours	96 hours	45 minutes
25 °C	1 hour	18 hours	1.5 hours	72 hours	1 hour
35 °C	45 minutes	12 hours	1 hour	48 hours	2 minutes

USEFUL INFORMATION

THINNER	: Not recommended
CLEANER	: SOLVALUX 7-77
STORAGE	: Store in a cool dry shaded area.
SHELF LIFE AT 25 °C	: 6 months minimum when stored as prescribed in the MSDS.



SURFACE PREPARATION

The service life span and the service performance of STEELSHIELD VE is directly related to the degree of surface preparation.

STEEL

- Steel must be blasted to a minimum cleanliness of Sa 2½ (ISO 8501-1:1988) or SSPC-SP10. For optimum / best performance and for highly corrosive conditions, blasting to Sa 3.0 / First Quality or SSPC-SP5 is recommended. A surface profile of 75 – 125 microns is required. To achieve the required profile, abrasive of sizes S240, G24 or larger recommended.
- After blasting, remove dust from the surface and the surface should be clean.
- Apply Steelshield VE immediately after blasting to avoid oxidation and recontamination of the blasted steel surface. If case of oxidation or recontamination, re-blast to the required standard.

To avoid condensation of moisture onto substrate prior to coating application, relative humidity should not exceed 85% and substrate temperature should be more than 3°C above Dew Point.

NOTES

- The coating specifications given above are typical. For specific recommendations to suit individual applications, please refer to your Berger Paints representative.
- The tip size recommended is 0.030 – 0.06 inch. The fan width should be controlled using a 45 – 85 angle tip. The tip must be checked regularly for wear and tear as glass flakes coating wear out tips very quickly.
- As this is a highly reactive product, mix the catalyst with the base only when ready to apply. Once application is complete, flush equipment immediately.
- This product is not suitable for application to a substrate with pH greater than pH 3.
- Not suitable for protection against polar solvents.

SAFETY PRECAUTION

Avoid contact with eyes and skin. Wear suitable protective clothing such as overalls, goggles, dust mask and gloves. Use barrier cream.

This product contains low flash point solvents, do not use in poorly ventilated areas especially in confined tank interiors.

Ensure that there is adequate ventilation in the area where the product is being applied. Do not breathe in vapour or spray mist.

This product is flammable. Keep away from sources of ignition. Do not smoke.

Take precautionary measures against static discharge.

In case of fire, blanket flames with foam, carbon dioxide or dry chemicals.

FIRST AID

Eyes : In the event of accidental splashes, flush eyes with warm water immediately and seek medical advice.

Skin : Wash skin thoroughly with soap and water or approved industrial cleaner. Do Not Use solvents or thinners.

Inhalation : Remove to fresh air, loosen collar and keep patient rested.

Ingestion : In case of accidental ingestion, DO NOT INDUCE VOMITING. Obtain immediate medical attention.

For further safety information, please refer to our **Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS)**

DISCLAIMER

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