

**EPIGRIP C123****PRODUCT TECHNICAL DATA**

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| FULL DESCRIPTION | : EPIGRIP C123 GLASS FLAKE EPOXY | | |
| MATERIAL TYPE | : A high solids 2-pack epoxy, pigmented with glass flake and anti-corrosive | | |
| RECOMMENDED USE | : Anti-corrosive protection of blast cleaned steel. Especially suitable for steel structures, bridges and infrastructure in aggressive atmospheric conditions | | |
| ENDORSEMENTS | : Network Rail Item 7.2.3. : Highways Agency Item No. 123 | | |
| RECOMMENDED APPLICATION METHODS | : Airless Spray : Brush (for stripe coat and touch-up only) | | |
| COLOUR AVAILABILITY | : Lt Grey, Red Oxide, Off White | | |
| FLASH POINT | : Base: 40°C Additive: 41°C | | |
| % SOLIDS BY VOLUME | : 83±4% (ASTM-D2697-91) | | |
| V.O.C. | : 131 gms/litre determined practically in accordance with UK Regulations PG6/23 161 gms/litre calculated from formulation to satisfy EC Solvent Emissions Directive 107 gms/kilo content by weight from formulation, to satisfy EC SED | | |
| TYPICAL THICKNESS | Dry film thickness : 250 microns : 400 microns | Wet film thickness : 301 microns : 482 microns | Theoretical coverage : 3.3 m ² /litre* : 2.1m ² /litre* |
| | Maximum sag tolerance typically 600µm by airless spray * This figure makes no allowance for surface profile, uneven application, overspray or losses in containers and equipment. Film thickness will vary depending on actual use and specification | | |
| PRACTICAL APPLICATION RATES- microns per coat | Airless Spray : Dry 400* : Wet 482 | Brush : 250 : 302 | |
| | * Maximum sag tolerance with overlap typically 1000µ dry by airless spray | | |
| AVERAGE DRYING TIMES | At 15°C : To touch 4 hours : To recoat 8 hours : To handle 18 hours | At 23°C : 2½ hours : 2½ hours : 12 hours | |
| | These figures are at 250µm dry and are given as a guide only. Factors such as air movement and humidity must also be considered | | |
| RECOMMENDED THINNER | : Cleanser/Thinner No. 2 | | |
| RESISTANCE TO | : Moisture - Excellent Aliphatic Solvents – Excellent Abrasion – Excellent Weather – Excellent (subject to chalking) | | |
| RECOMMENDED PRIMERS | : Epigrip M111 Wet Blast Primer Metagard L574 Blast Primer Epigrip M902 Winterfast Primer/Undercoat Transgard TG110 Metagard L674 | | |
| RECOMMENDED TOPCOATS | : Indefinitely self overcoatable provided the coating has been suitably cleaned. For optimum intercoat adhesion with other epoxy topcoats, overcoating should occur within 14 days. Where atmospheric exposure is required, overcoat with Resistex C137V2 within 7 days at a minimum dft of 50 microns or in the case of Leighs C750V2 overcoat within 4 days. These overcoating times refer to achievement of optimum adhesion at 23°C and will vary with temperature. For overcoating outside the above parameters and with alkyd systems, consult Sherwin-Williams for advice | | |
| POT LIFE | : 1 hour at 23°C | : 30 mins at 35°C | |
| PACKAGE | : A two component material supplied in separate containers to be mixed prior to use. | | |
| | Pack Size | : 20 litre and 5 litre units when mixed. | |
| | Mixing Ratio | : 4 parts base to 1 part additive by volume. | |
| | Weight | : 1.52 kg/litre (may vary with shade). | |
| | Shelf Life | : 2 years from date of manufacture or 'Use By' date where specified | |

SURFACE PREPARATION:

Blast clean to Sa2½ (ISO 8501-1:2007). Average surface profile in the range 50-100 microns.

Ensure surfaces to be coated are clean, dry and free from all surface contamination.

Metagard L574 or Epigrip M111 should be specified where there is a requirement for a blast primer. Other blast primers should not be used without reference to Sherwin-Williams.

APPLICATION EQUIPMENT:

Airless Spray

Nozzle Size : 0.48-0.58mm (17-23 thou)

Fan Angle : 40°

Operating Pressure : 235kg/cm² (3360 psi)

The airless spray details given above are intended as a guide only. Details such as fluid hose length and diameter, paint temperature and job shape and size all have an effect on the spray tip and operating pressure chosen. However, the operating pressure should be the lowest possible consistent with satisfactory atomisation. As conditions will vary from job to job, it is the applicators' responsibility to ensure that the equipment in use has been set up to give the best results. If in doubt Sherwin-Williams should be consulted.

N.B. C123 is capable of being applied by brush at 250 microns dft as a stripecoat, or for touch up of small areas.

APPLICATION CONDITIONS AND OVERCOATING:

In conditions of high relative humidity ie 80-85%, good ventilation conditions are essential. Substrate temperature should be at least 3°C above the dew point and always above 0°C.

At application temperatures below 10°C, drying and curing times will be significantly extended, and spraying characteristics may be impaired.

Application at ambient air temperatures below 5°C is not recommended.

In order to achieve optimum water and chemical resistance, temperature needs to be maintained above 10°C during curing.

If it is desired to overcoat outside the times stated on the data sheet, please seek advice of Sherwin-Williams

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Drying times, curing times and pot life should be considered as a guide only.

The curing reaction of epoxies commences immediately the two components are mixed, and since the reaction is dependent on temperature, the curing time and pot life will be approximately halved by a 10°C increase in temperature and doubled by a 10°C decrease in temperature.

Epoxy Coatings – Colour Stability

Variable colour stability is a feature of epoxy materials which tend to yellow and darken with age whether used on internal or external areas. Therefore any areas touched-up and repaired with the same colour at a later date may be obvious due to this colour change.

When epoxy materials are exposed to ultra-violet light a surface chalking effect will develop. This phenomenon results in loss of gloss and a fine powder coating at the surface which may give rise to colour variation depending on the aspect of the steelwork. This effect in no way detracts from the performance of the system.

Epoxy Coatings - Tropical Use

Epoxy paints at the time of mixing should not exceed a temperature of 35°C. Use of these products outside of the pot life may result in inferior adhesion properties even if the materials appear fit for application. Thinning the mixed product will not alleviate this problem.

The maximum air and substrate temperature for application is 50°C providing conditions allow satisfactory application and film formation. If the air and substrate temperatures exceed 50°C and epoxy coatings are applied under these conditions, paint film defects such as dry spray, bubbling and pinholing etc, can occur within the coating.

Numerical values quoted for physical data may vary slightly from batch to batch.

HEALTH AND SAFETY: Consult Product Health and Safety Data Sheet for information on safe storage, handling and application of this product.

Any person or company using the product without first making further enquiries as to the suitability of the product for the intended purpose does so at their own risk, and Sherwin-Williams can accept no liability for the performance of the product, or for any loss or damage arising out of such use.

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