



Heavy Duty Protective Coatings

MC-Series V-Cote 203

Acrylic Maintenance Primer/Finish Mid-Sheen



Technical Data

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

A versatile, 100% acrylic, industrial grade primer or finish coat. It has outstanding adhesion to a variety of surfaces and contains corrosion inhibitive pigments to minimize the formation of rust, providing long term protection against corrosive attack. When used as a finish coat, V-Cote 203 is non-yellowing with excellent durability, color retention and flexibility.

INTENDED USES

Formulated for use as a primer/finish coat on bare or previously painted interior and exterior structural steel, steel storage tanks, galvanized metal, wood, aluminum, and masonry surfaces.

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES

Color	White MC-1520 Can be tinted to hundreds of colors using universal colorants.		
Bases	Deep Base MC-1523		
Finish/Sheen	10 - 20 @ 60		
Resin Type	100% Acrylic Latex		
Clean-up Solvent	Water		
Solids By Weight	52%		
Solids by Volume	40%		
Theoretical Coverage**	642 ft ² /gal @ 1 mil		
Dry Film Thickness/ Coat	2.0 - 3.0 mils (50 - 75 microns)		
Wet Film to Achieve DFT	5.0 - 7.5 mils (125 - 187.5 microns)		
Coverage at DFT**	214 - 321 ft ² /gal @ 2 - 3 mils DFT		
VOC	.76 lbs./gal. (90 - 93 grams/liter)		
Thinning	DO NOT THIN		

Drying Time* (hours) At 70°F (21°C) [ASTM D1640] - 83 Reapproved 1989	Set to Touch ½ to 2 hours	Recoat 2 - 4 hours
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* Dry times and dryfall performance vary with surface temperature, air temperature, air movement, humidity and film thickness. Hot surface temperatures can cause overspray to fuse to an adjacent substrate. Remove overspray from hot surfaces immediately!

** Coverage rates are estimates based on the products volume solids and make no allowance for material loss during application. Actual spread rates may vary dependent on applicator experience, surface porosity and texture.

RECOMMENDED PRIMERS

- V-Cote 203 Acrylic Maintenance Primer/Finish (Self-priming)
- V-Tech 500 Hi-Build Epoxy Primer
- V-Tech 600 Fast Dry Universal Primer
- Mult-E-Poxy 180 Epoxy Mastic
- AZ-Series Cote-All Universal Primer
- BF-1501 Permafil Acrylic Block Filler
- BF-1504 Fil-Kote Block Filler

RECOMMENDED TOPCOATS

- V-Cote 222 Acrylic Maintenance Finishes (MC-Series)
- V-Cote 131 Waterborne Acrylic Epoxy (MC-Series)
- DE, DF and DS-Series Interior Latex Finishes
- AZ and CS-Series Solvent Finishes (Interior use)
- BA, BE, BF, BN and BS-Series Exterior Latex Finishes
- MH and MS-Series Nu-Cling Enamels

SURFACE PREPARATION

All surfaces must be cured, clean, sound and free of all dirt, dust, efflorescence, wax, oil, grease, chalk and any other contamination that would interfere with new coating adhesion. Bare surfaces must be properly prepared prior to application of this product.

SURFACE PREPARATION (continued)

Wood Surfaces:	Sand smooth any exposed wood surfaces. Patch nail holes and any imperfections with wood filler or putty and sand smooth. Remove sanding dust.
Ferrous Metal Surfaces:	Abrasive blast new steel to SSPC-SP-6. Use proper abrasive to achieve an average of 1.5 to 2 mil profile. Blasted surfaces should be primed before flash rusting occurs. If blasting is not practical, remove loose rust and mill scale with hand or power abrading tools as per SSPC-SP-2 and SSPC-SP-3. Treat rust free, cold rolled steel with a metal cleaning and etching solution.
Masonry Surfaces: Poured concrete Concrete block	New concrete must cure for a minimum of 30 days at 72°F (22°C) prior to coating application. Level all surface projections and mortar spatters by stoning. Rake mortar joints clean and remove all soluble salts. For a smooth surface on porous block, BF-1504 may be used prior to application of this product. For wet areas or exterior applications, use BF-1501 Permafil.
New Galvanized & Aluminum Surfaces:	Remove surface contamination or passivators by scrubbing with a cleaning & etching solution or blast per SSPC-SP-7 brush-off blast.
Weathered Galvanized & Aluminum Surfaces:	Power or hand wash with detergent and rinse thoroughly. The surface must be dull and have a profile; use a cleaning & etching solution if needed or blast per SSPC-SP-7 brush-off blast.
Previously Painted Metal Surfaces:	Power or hand washing is recommended to remove contamination. If oil or grease is present, use of a cleaner/degreaser is required. All cleaning residue must be completely rinsed from the surface. Allow to dry. Remove all loose coatings, rust and corrosion by scraping, sanding or other abrading method as per SSPC-SP-2 and SSPC-SP-3, or abrasive blast according to SSPC-SP-6 commercial blast. Use sandpaper to dull slick, glossy and/or non-porous surfaces with sandpaper.
Mildew:	Remove by using a solution of one part household bleach and three parts water. Apply to mildewed area and scrub. Allow solution to remain on the surface for 3 to 5 minutes and then rinse completely and allow to dry before coating application. Do not add ammonia to the bleach/water solution.

APPLICATION

Stir material prior to application. Intermix tinted containers to ensure color uniformity of all material. Protect product from freezing prior to and during application. Minimum surface and air temperature required for application is 50° F (10° C) and at least 5° F (3° C) above the dew point. Curing is affected by temperature, humidity and air movement. The minimums must be maintained for at least eight (8) hours in order to achieve proper film formation. Application at elevated temperatures, wind conditions, and/or low humidity may require special application procedures to achieve proper film formation. When V-Coat 200 is used as a rust-inhibitive primer on blasted or pitted steel, sufficient material must be applied to completely cover surface profile. Abrasive blasted steel with blast profile of 1.5 - 2.0 mils, should have a minimum of 2 coats of primer at 2 - 3 mils per coat.

Brush or Roller:	A good quality synthetic brush will make application easier. Select a roller cover suited for the texture of the surface to be coated. Apply product in full even coats. Maintain a wet edge. To insure adequate film build, two coats are recommended when applying by brush or roller (see the drying times chart for recoat period).
Airless Spray:	Flush airless lines with water. Equipment must be clean prior to start. Apply the product in even coats and maintain a wet edge. Use multiple passes to achieve film build. Allow the product to dry between coats.

<i>Tip Orifice</i>	<i>Atomizing Pressure</i>	<i>Mat'l Hose ID</i>	<i>Manifold Filter</i>
0.015" to 0.017"	2800 - 3000 PSI	1/4" - 3/8"	60 mesh

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Paint Products contain chemical ingredients which are considered hazardous. Prior to use, read container label warnings and the current Material Safety Data Sheet for important health and safety information. Insure these instructions are practiced during product application and cure. **Keep out of the reach of children.**

LIMITED WARRANTY

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