

COLTECH[®] M3

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Synthetic, Self-leveling Epoxy Coating

Product description

The COLTECH[®] M3 is a self-leveling, two component, rigid, thick layer epoxy coating with high impact and abrasion strength and very good resistance to acidic and basic solutions, used for Marine applications as a self leveling deck coating.

Cures by reaction (cross linking) of the two components.

Uses

The COLTECH[®] M3 is widely used for protection / leveling (underlay or final surface) of metal surfaces in:

- Interior / Exterior Ship Decks
- Cabin Bathrooms & Floors
- Car Garages & Ramps
- Engine rooms, etc.

The COLTECH[®] M3 is also suitable for coating of concrete, wood, FRP and other surfaces in Marine and Construction applications

Advantages

- Solvent free.
- High impact strength
- High abrasion resistant
- Water and Moisture resistant.
- Chemical resistant.
- Self-leveling, so it provides perfectly even flooring results.
- Over 20 years of positive feedback worldwide.

Consumption

1,4 kg/m²/mm (unfilled). Coating thickness 3-4mm (standard).

Colors

The COLTECH[®] M3 is supplied in grey.
Other colors may be supplied on demand.

Technical Data *

PROPERTY	RESULTS	TEST METHOD
Composition	Pigmented Epoxy resin+Hardener. Solvent free.	
Mixing Ratio	A : B = 3 : 1 by weight	
Hardness (Shore D Scale)	50-60	ASTM D 2240
Solids Content	98 %	CALCULATED
Adhesion to steel	> 4 N/mm ² (breaking within the primer coat)	ASTM D 903
Temperature strength	110°C (Fully cured)	IN HOUSE LAB
Low Temperature Brittleness	-40° C (Fully cured)	IN HOUSE LAB
Pot Life	45 minutes	Conditions:20°C,50%RH
Tack Free Time	8 hours	
Light Trafficking	12-24 hours	
Final Curing time	7 days	

Chemical properties

Substrate	Stability	Chemical	Stability
Water	+	Hydrochloric acid 5%	+
Salt water (sea water)	+	Phosphoric acid 5%	+
Sodium hydroxide 5%	±	Sulfuric acid 5%	+
Potassium hydroxide 5%	+	Ethanol 10%	±
Domestic Detergents	+	DMSO	-
Diesel oil	+	N-Methyl pyrrolidone (brake fluid)	-

{+ stable, - unstable, ± stable for a short period.}

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Application

Surface Preparation

Careful surface preparation is essential for optimum finish and durability.

The surface needs to be clean, dry and sound, free of any contamination, which may harmfully affect the adhesion of the coating. Maximum moisture content should not exceed 5%. The surface needs to be sandblasted. Old coatings, dirt, fats, oils, organic substances and dust need to be removed by sandblasting. Possible surface irregularities need to be smoothed. Any loose surface pieces and grinding dust need to be thoroughly removed. Prepare metal surfaces with suitable shop primer.

WARNING: Do not wash surface with water!

Repair of cracks:

Clean cracks and hairline cracks, of dust, residue or other contamination. Fill all cracks with suitable putty. The next day smoothen the putty surface with a sand paper or a mechanical grinder.

Priming

Prime all surfaces with the COLTECH M5 Primer, by using a roller, or a brush. Sprinkle oven dry silica sand (corn size 0,1-0,4mm) evenly onto the wet primer. After 12 hours - but not later than 24 hours – brush off any excessive aggregate and apply the COLTECH® M3 coating.

Mixing

Stir Component A well before using. COLTECH® M3 Component A and Component B should be mixed by low speed mechanical stirrer, according to the stipulated mixing ratio, for about 3-5 min.

ATTENTION: The mixing of the components has to be effected very thoroughly, especially on the walls and bottom of the pail until the mixture becomes fully homogeneous.

Self-leveling coating

Poor the COLTECH® M3 A+B mixture onto the surface and lay it out by suitable sized teeth trowel and roll the still wet coating with a spike roller, to help encapsulated air escape.

For best results, the temperature during application and cure should be between 5°C and 30°C. Low temperatures retard cure while high temperature speed up curing. High humidity may affect the final finish.

RECOMMENDATION: The thickness of the entire coating should not be less than 2mm.

ATTENTION: Please ensure to enflame the wet coating very thoroughly, to prevent encapsulated air create bubbles and pinholes on the final surface of the coating.

ATTENTION: Please ensure consumption within the Pot Life.

Finishing

If the COLTECH® M3 surface is to be left exposed externally, apply one layer of the COLTECH M8 (exterior surfaces).

For the several Top-Coats application procedures, please consult their technical instructions or contact our R+D Department.

WARNING: The COLTECH® system are slippery when wet. In order to avoid slipperiness during wet days, sprinkle suitable aggregates onto the still wet coating to create an anti-slip surface. Please contact our R+D Dept. for more details.

Packaging

Pails should be stored in dry and cool rooms for up to 9 months. Protect the material against moisture and direct sunlight. Storage temperature: 5⁰-30⁰C. Products should remain in their original, unopened containers, bearing the manufacturers name, product designation, batch number and application precaution labels.

Safety measures

See information supplied by the manufacturer. Please study the Safety Data sheet. **PROFESSIONAL USE ONLY**

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