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## SURFACE TREATMENT SPECIFICATION, PAINT

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## 1.0 SCOPE

- 1.1 This Specification describes paint coatings designed to resist a broad range of environments and provide a tough, durable, abrasion resistant surface that will not chalk or fade.
- 1.2 The colors to be used by SARA SAE shall be identified by the numbering system assigned by the Federal Standard No. 595A for paint colors.
- 1.3 Protective coatings shall be applied to all SARA SAE products prior to shipment, either to a customer or to another shop for further fabrication unless otherwise stipulated by the customer in his purchase order.

## 2.0 SPECIFICATIONS AND APPROVED SUPPLIER

### 2.1 Steel Structures Paint Council (SSPC) Specifications

- 2.1.1 SSPC-SP-2, Hand Tool Cleaning
- 2.1.2 SSPC-SP-3, Power Tool Cleaning
- 2.1.3 SSPC-SP-10, Near White Blast Cleaning
- 2.1.4 SSPC-AB 1, Mineral and


### 2.2 ASTM Standards

- 2.2.1 ASTM D1640 "Test Methods for Drying, Curing or Film Formation of Organic Coatings at Room Temperature."
- 2.2.2 ASTM D2697 "Test Methods for Non-volatile Matter, in Clear or Pigmented Coating."
- 2.2.3 *ASTM D4417 "Standard Field Surface Profile of Blast Cle*

### 2.3 Federal Standards

- 2.3.1 The following colors identified by the Federal Standard No. 595A / EU RAL standards that shall be used for SARA SAE products.
  - 2.3.1.1 Red: RAL 3003
  - 2.3.1.2 Blue: RAL 5019
  - 2.3.1.3 Gray: RAL 7040
  - 2.3.1.4 Orange: RAL 2005



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### 3.0 **EQUIPMENT FOR EXPOSURE TO MARINE ATMOSPHERE WITH THE FOLLOWING TOP COATS: SARA SAE**

#### 3.1 Materials

3.1.1 Base primer coat: Two component polyamide high-build epoxy, curing with polyamide catalyst.

- a. Finish: Flat
- b. Color: Gray
- c. Components: Zinc powder, liquid vehicle, solvents
- d. Cure: Solvent release & chemical reaction
- e. Volume solids: 33.32+/-2 %, ASTM D2697
- f. Dry film thickness (DFT) 80 micron minimum, 100 micron maximum
- g. Coats: Two-three
- h. Pot life: 5-6 hours @ 30 deg C

3.1.2 Intermediate coat: Two components, polyurethane primer surfacer (PUPS)


- a. Color & Finish: White/Grey ,Flat finish
- b. Components: Resin solution, pigments & solvents
- c. Cure: Solvent release & chemical reaction
- d. Volume solids: ASTM D2697,41.06+/-2%
- e. Dry film thickness: 70-90 microns only for intermediate coat (Base primer + Intermediate: DFT:150 -190 microns
- f. Coats Two-three
- g. Pot life 3 hrs minimum @ 30 deg C

Finish coat: Two component polyurethane topcoat

**Note:** In the event that parts are to be assembled prior to the finish coat being applied, the mating surfaces will be sufficiently protected by the base, and intermediate coats, and will not require the finish coat on those surfaces.

- a. Finish: Glossy
- b. Color: Orange / Red RAL 3003
- c. Components: Resin solution, pigments & solvents
- d. Cure: Solvent release and chemical reaction
- e. Volume Solids: ASTM D2697: Volume solid 48.4%



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f. Dry Film Thickness: 50-60 microns only for topcoat (Base primer + Intermediate+ topcoat: DFT:200-250 micron)

g. Coats: 2 coats

h. Pot Life: 3 hours min. @ 30 Deg C

#### 4 Surface Preparation:

3.1.3 All parts are to be cleaned with thinner sufficiently to remove any oil or grease.

3.1.4 All parts are to be shot blasted or pickled except SS to remove all scale, rust and corrosion. SS structures are to be etch primed (carbomatic-15) before applying primary coat only in case paint is required.

3.2.2. 1 Steel test plates  
a Rockwell hardness

accordance with EI 8. using a 9.5-mm #6  
venturi nozzle w ±  
kilopascals [kPa] ±  
cm (24± 6 inches)  
105. AH shot blasted metal per SSPC-SP10/  
pattern of 25 to 64 micron.

**3.1.4.2** Surfaces to be protected from blasting:


- ring grooves
- end connections
- hydraulic ports
- threaded holes
- seal surfaces
- bearing bores
- close tolerance pin holes.

**3.1.4.3** Blasting of a fully assembled unit is permissible except when residual blasting material will interfere with proper operation.

**3.1.4.4** After blasting, remove all residual shot by blowing with dry compressed air and/or brushing.

**3.1.4.5** Moisture condenses on the dew point of the



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*recommended that the temperate be at least 3°C (5 °F) above blast cleaning operations. Inspect for moisture and period temperature and dew point operations and to avoid the damp surface.*

## 3.2 Material Application


### 3.2.1 Primer Coat

- 3.3.1.1 The primer coat of inorganic zinc-based epoxy is to be applied as soon as possible after blasting and before any visual evidence of rust blooms or contamination appears. If rusting or contamination is evident, return to Section 3.2.
- 3.3.1.2 Application is to be by air assisted gravity feed spray method.
- 3.3.2.1 Epoxy primer and curing solutions are packaged separately. Stir each component thoroughly and then combine total contents of each can and mix until uniform. Add recommended thinner to maintain application viscosity.
- 3.3.1.3
- 3.3.1.4 Strain mixture into paint pot with required mesh screen to prevent clogging of equipment.
- 3.3.1.5 Continuous slow stirring of the mixture is required during application to prevent segregation / solid settling.
- 3.3.1.6 Adjust spray equipment to apply an even wet coat with minimum overspray.
- 3.3.1.7 Apply in even parallel passes, overlapping each pass 50%.
- 3.3.3.1 Drying & sanding time before intermediate coating is 16-24 hours minimum. Sanding with #320 nos.. emery paper. Drying at ambient temperature. Other parameters like mixing ratio, viscosity and spray gun pressure etc. shall be followed as per respective TDS.
- 3.3.1.8

### 3.2.2 Intermediate Coat

- 3.3.2.2 Primer coat must be applied in accordance with 3.3.1, and shall be dry, and free of dirt, grease or other contamination prior to application of intermediate coat.
- 3.3.2.3 2K PU primer surfacer application is to be done by air assisted gravity feed spray method.
- 3.3.2.4 Resin and curing solutions are packaged separately. Stir each component thoroughly and then combine total contents of each can and mix until uniform. Add recommended thinner.



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minute. Then apply one or two wet coats in even, parallel passes, overlapping each pass 50%.

- 3.3.3.2 Drying & sanding time before intermediate coating is 16-24 hours minimum. Sanding with #320 #400/ #600 nos. emery paper. Drying at ambient temperature. Other parameters like mixing ratio, viscosity and spray gun pressure etc. shall be followed as per respective TDS.

### 3.2.3 Finish Coat

- 3.3.3.3 Surface to be coated must be clean and dry and prepared in accordance with 3.3.1 and intermediate coat per 3.3.2.
- 3.3.3.4 Application is to be by airless or conventional spray methods.
- 3.3.3.5 The finish coat is packaged in components A and B. Stir each component separately and then combine total contents of A and B and mix until uniform. Add required thinner to maintain application viscosity.
- 3.3.3.6 Ensure adequate air pressure and volume when conventional spray is used. Use required mesh to remove dust from paint.
- 3.3.3.7 Apply one or two wet coats in even, parallel passes, overlapping each pass 50%.
- 3.3.3.8 Drying time is 4-6 hours for handle to dry & Hardness after 24 hrs.
- 3.3.3.9 Other parameters like mixing ratio, viscosity and spray gun pressure etc. shall be followed as per respective TDS.

### 3.2.4 Quality Assurance Requirements

- 3.3.1.4 Personnel applying the coating are responsible for following this specification.
- 3.3.4.2 Spraying personnel will be responsible for inspecting film thickness and overall performance of each coating. When the coating thickness is below spec, the unacceptable areas are to receive an additional coat to conform to the specified minimum thickness. If the thickness exceeds the range allowed, it shall be the responsibility of Engineering to determine if the performance of the coating is endangered.

### 3.2.5 Repair (Touch Up) of Damaged/Unpainted Areas after Application of Final Coat

- 3.3.5.1 Repair or touch up of equipment before shipment or for equipment in the field shall be in accordance with 7.0.





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- 3.3.6 All specifications and application instructions of the paint manufacturer apply. If it is determined that this specification differs from the manufacturer's recommendations, SARA SAE Engineering shall determine which procedures will be followed.

#### 4.0 **EQUIPMENT FOR OFFSHORE SERVICE WITH TOP COLOR COAT: Orange / Red RAL 3003**

- 4.1 All procedures and specifications in 3 apply except 3.1.3b becomes OSHA blue per Federal Standard 595A No. 15092.

#### 5.0 **EQUIPMENT FOR OFFSHORE SERVICE**

- 5.1 Equipment for Offshore Service with Top Color Coat: Red
- 5.1.1 All procedures and specifications in 3 apply except 3.1.3b becomes SARA SAE Red per Federal Standard 595A No. 11350.
- 5.2 Equipment for Offshore Service with Top Color Coat: Light Gray (Equal to Hempel #1148)
- 5.2.1 All procedures and specifications in 3 apply except 3.1.3b becomes SARA SAE Light Gray per Federal Standard 595A No. 16314.
- 5.3 Equipment for Offshore Service with top Color Coat: International Red CCC 287
- 5.3.1 All procedures and specifications in 3 apply except 3.1.3b becomes International Red CCC 287

#### 6.0 **EQUIPMENT FOR LAND USE IN DRY ATMOSPHERE WITH ONE TOP COLOR COAT: RED PER FEDERAL STANDARD 595A NUMBER 11350**

- 6.1 Follow instructions in paragraph 7.0 of this Specification, except finish coat is SARA SAE Red.

#### 7.0 **REPAIR AND TOUCH UP OF DAMAGED FINISH COATS**

##### 7.1 Materials

- a. Finish: Semi-gloss



- 7.1.1 Finish Coat: Two component aliphatic high-build urethane coating.





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- b. Color: Shaffer Blue for Offshore, Ruby red for Onshore.
- c. Components: Resin solution, curing solution:enviro- guard, 60%
- d. Cure: Solvent release and chemical reaction
- e. Volume solids: ASTM 2697: enviro-guard - 60%
- f. Dry film thickness: 8 mils minimum; 10 mils maximum
- g. Coats: One
- h. Pot life: 6 hours @ 77°F

### 7.2 Surface Preparation

- 7.2.1 Mechanically clean damaged area down to base material. Feather edges of remaining paint and remove all particles with brush or compressed air.

### 7.3 Material Application

#### 7.3.1 Finish Coat

- 7.3.1.1 The self priming aliphatic urethane coat is to be applied as soon as possible after mechanically cleaning or picking and prior to the formation of any rust blooms or contamination. If contamination occurs, return to 7.2.
- 7.3.1.2 Application is to be airless or conventional spray method.
- 7.3.1.3 Stir resin solution and curing solution separately. Pour curing solution into resin solution and mix thoroughly.
- 7.3.1.4 Apply a heavy, wet coat in even, parallel passes, overlapping each pass 50% to avoid holidays, bare areas, and pin holes.

## 8.0 APPROVED COATINGS AND VENDORS


- 8.1 All prospective vendors must be approved by SARA SAE who will verify that the requirements of this specification are met.

### 8.2 Submittal Requirements

Two copies each of physical and safety datasheet and application instructions are required.





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## **9.0 DEVIATIONS**

No deviations from this specification are allowed unless specifically agreed to in writing by SARA SAE.

## **10.0 Tape Test:**

Tape test to be carried for check the adhesion of paint. Adhesion test to be carried out on test panel.

Following are the procedure of tape test.

1. Select an area free of blemishes and minor surface imperfections. For tests in the field, ensure that the surface is clean and dry.
2. Make two cuts in the film each about 40 mm (1.5 in.) long that intersect near their middle with a smaller angle of between 30 and 45°. When making the incisions, use the straightedge and cut through the coating to the substrate in one steady motion.
3. Place the center of the tape at the intersection of the cuts with the tape running in the same direction as the smaller angles. Smooth the tape into place by finger in the area of the incisions and then rub firmly with the eraser on the end of a pencil. The color under the transparent tape is a useful indication of when good contact has been made.
4. Within  $90 \pm 30$  s of application, remove the tape by seizing the free end and pulling it off rapidly (not jerked) back upon itself at as close to an angle of 180° as possible.

## **11.0 Acceptance criteria-**

Inspect the X-cut area for removal of coating from the substrate or previous coating and rate the adhesion in accordance with the following scale:

5A - No peeling or removal

4A - Trace peeling or removal along incisions or at their intersection.

3A - Jagged removal along incisions up to 1.6 mm on either side.

2A - Jagged removal along most of incisions up to 3.2 mm on either side.

1A - Removal from most of the area of the X under the tape.

0A - Removal beyond the area of the X.

