

Armourspray[®] AG

Armourspray[®] AG Powder Coating**Product Code:** 910 Line

Description

Armourspray[®] AG is a powder coating offering exceptional properties in resistance to abrasion damage and allowing rapid removal of graffiti. Penel and aerosol paint graffiti can, in general, be removed by a recommended solvent wipe of 1-2 rubs. The range is suitable both for exterior and interior exposure environments.

Features

Excellent solvent resistance
Film integrity
Tough film
No solvents or emissions

Benefits

Easily remove most forms of graffiti
Long intact life of coating
Hard wearing/serviceable finish
Less waste and pollution to the environment

Uses

Armourspray[®] AG powder coatings have a multitude of uses over various substrates including steel and aluminium. Examples include: platform signage and train components, bus shelters, security lockers, telephone boxes, road and general signage, roller shutter doors, transformers, and furniture for industry and schools.

Potential applications include areas in public buildings and recreation grounds such as toilet and shower cubicles, wall partitioning, food court benches, outdoor furniture, fixtures and fittings.

Note: All metal substrates must be prefabricated – post-forming is NOT recommended with Armourspray[®] AG coatings.

Performance Guide

Weather	Good resistance to weathering. Suitable for outdoor applications.	Salt Spray	< 3mm adhesion loss at scribe after 250 hours on pre-treated steel panels (ASTM B117), 1000 hours on pre-treated aluminium.
Heat	Excellent resistance to 120°C continuous service conditions.	Humidity	Good resistance to 38°C/100% humidity for 1000 hours on pre-treated aluminium.
Water Soak	No failure after 1000hrs (32°C)	Abrasion	Excellent resistance to abrasion.
Flexibility	Pass 80 inch/lb	Pencil Hardness	Min 4H
		Cross Hatch Adhesion	No removal

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Chemical Resistance

Ethyl Acetate	Resistant	White Spirits	Resistant
Ethanol	Resistant	Xylol	Resistant
Methyl Ethyl Ketone	Resistant	Dulon AAA Thinners	Resistant
10% Acetic Acid	No effect (100hrs)	10% Ammonium Hydroxide	No effect (100hrs)
10% Hydrochloric Acid	No effect (100hrs)		

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Colour	A wide range of made to order colours	Specific gravity	1.3 - 1.7 @ colour
Gloss Level	70 - 90% at 60°	Shelf life	12 months when stored below 30°C/dry conditions

Application Data

Application Method	Electrostatic spray.		
Clean Up	Dust or vacuum loose powder. Avoid use of compressed air.		
Cure Schedule	Metal Temperature (°C)	Time (minutes)	
	210	15	
	200	20	
	180	25	
Cured Film Thickness	Recommended:	60 µm	
	Range:	40 – 120 µm	

Theoretical spreading rate at recommended film thickness

A coverage rate of 10 - 12m²/kg is commonly experienced. Practical spreading rates will vary due to such factors as method and conditions of application and surface profile and texture.

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Surface Preparation

All surfaces should be degreased and pre-treated for optimum performance. Suitable pre-treatment includes:

Aluminium	Yellow chromate or green chromate/phosphate	(refer AS3715-2002 and/or BS6496)
Ferrous metals	Zinc or Iron Phosphate	(refer BS6497 and/or AS/NZ4506)
Zinc Coated Steels	Zinc or Iron Phosphate	(refer AS/NZ4506)

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Application Procedure and Equipment

- 1a) For fluidised bed, ensure uniform fluidisation of powder. Fluidised powder should resemble “simmering liquid”. Aged or compacted powder may require pre-conditioning for several minutes to fluidise evenly.
- 1b) For box feeders, ensure probe is fully inserted in powder and operated as per manufacturer’s recommendations.
2. Apply by electrostatic spray.
3. Cure as per recommendations outlined above.
Care should be taken when stoving at 210°C or above as some colours are prone to discolouration.
4. Test for cure of the coating by contact with a drop of Methyl ethyl ketone for 100 double rubs. Surface should be immediately wiped dry, only slight surface softening should occur.

Care and Maintenance

Solvent recommended for the removal of graffiti is Dulux Graffiti Eraser (991 84686).

Apply the solvent with a soft rag, allow the solvent to moisten the graffiti marks (approximately 30 seconds), before wiping the surface clean.

As a general rule, cleaning of externally located powder coating surfaces must take place every six months. Where salts/pollutants are more prevalent such as seaside and industrial areas, a cleaning program should be carried out more frequently.

THREE STEPS TO CLEANING POWDER COATED SURFACES

1. Remove loose deposits with a wet sponge (avoid scratching the surface by dry dusting).
2. Using a soft clean cloth and a mild detergent in warm water, clean the powder coating to remove dust, salt or other deposits.
3. Always rinse after cleaning with fresh water to remove any remaining detergent.

WARNING: In some cases, strong solvents recommended for thinning various types of paints and also for cleaning up mastics/sealants are harmful to the extended life of the powder coated surface. These solvents should not be used for cleaning purposes. If paint splashes or sealants/mastics need to be removed then the following solvents can be used safely: Methylated Spirits, White Spirits, Ethyl Alcohol, Isopropanol.

Health and Safety

The MSDS is an integral part of using this product as it contains information on the potential health effect of exposure, personal protective equipment needed and other relevant SH&E information.

For detailed information, refer to product label and the current Chemical Data Sheet (No. 13958403) available through Sales and Customer Service Offices.

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Precautions and Limitations

- Some strong, bold colours may not meet performance criteria for weathering (colour change), refer to Dulux Powder Coatings before specifying.
- As a result of possible wide application variations and stoving conditions, some products and colours may show variation between Dulux Powder Coatings prepared samples and production applied material. Therefore, it is the applicator and/or their customer's responsibility to ensure the product conforms to their requirements.
- For optimum performance ensure recommended dry film thickness is obtained.
- Not recommended for use in highly corrosive environments such as severe marine or industrial locations.
- Not recommended for components that are exposed to constant temperatures exceeding 120°C.
- Armourspray® AG is not recommended for post-forming.
- This product can release an irritating white fume on baking, which is particularly noticeable if there is inadequate ventilation. Ensure adequate ventilation/extraction is available when baking this product to minimise fuming.

Transport and Storage

Sizes:	20 kg	Flashpoint:	N/A
Weight:	20 kg	UN:	N/A
Dangerous Goods Class:	N/A	Package Group:	N/A
Shipment Name:	Not dangerous goods. No special transport requirements.		

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