Technical Datasheet

Ashland Performance Materials

MAXGUARD®
PREMIUM GELCOATS

MAXGUARD® GT // HF/SF Premium Tooling Gelcoats

MAXGUARD GT // HF / SF premium tooling gelcoats are based on epoxy vinyl ester resin, which is a guarantee for a hard and glossy tool finish. Also good mechanical and chemical resistance of the tooling gelcoat will increase endurability of the tool. MAXGUARD GT // HF / SF tooling gelcoats are available in black and green colours.

Typical liquid gelcoat properties at 23 °C

Property	H (Brush)	S (Spray)		
	Value	Value	Unit	Method
Viscosity, Brookfield	12000 [1)]	6000 [2)]	mPas	ISO 2555
Viscosity, cone & plate	1000	250	mPas	ISO 2884
Geltime, 2,0% MEKP-50	17	12	min	ASTM D2471

[1)] RV5, 10 rpm ; [2)] RV4, 10 rpm

Typical gelcoat base resin properties

Properties (post cure 24 h 50°C)	Value	Unit	Method
Tensile strength	86	MPa	ASTM D638
Tensile modulus	3170	MPa	ASTM D638
Elongation at break	6,7	%	ASTM D638
Heat deflection temperature	105	°C	ASTM D638
Hardness	35-40	Barcol	ASTM D2583

Application and use

MAXGUARD GT // HF / SF premium tooling gelcoats are suitable for manufaturing of tooling used in the marine, transportation and building and construction industries.

To achieve best results, temperature of all equipment, materials and work shop must be 20-26°C. If the temperature is too low the tooling gelcoat may be undercured (which can also accure if gelcoat layer is too thin or peroxide dosing is incorrect) and a hard glossy surface cannot be achieved.

Some guidelines;

- Stir the tooling gelcoat gently in the original pail.
- Take the needed quantity of gelcoat into a large enough pail to be able to add 2% of peroxide and mix peroxide thoroughly into the gelcoat.
- HF (Brush): A brush grade has to be applied (with a high quality brush) in two layers. Apply a brush grade gelcoat very carefully to get even layers without sagging and air bubbles. The gelcoat must be allowed to cure between the layers for 3-6 hours, to form a sticky surface which does not give colour if touched with fingertips.
- SF (Spray): The spray grade has to be applied by spraying several thin layers wet to wet (approx.0,2 mm each) with smallest possible nozzle and with lowest possible pressure.After each

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layer, keep a break of 2-4 min to allow the air to come out. The final wet layer thickness should be minimum 0,8-1,0 mm.
- The final thickness of the cured tooling gelcoat should be 0,8 mm.
- For best results a post cure of the final tool at 40-50 °C is recommended .

Certificates and approvals

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Handling and storage

For good handling and working practices, see Ashland "Gelcoat Handling Guide". It is highly recommended that all materials are stored at stable temperature under 25 °C preferably indoors, and away from direct sunlight. A high quality methyl ethyl ketone peroxide (MEKP) catalyst should be used between 1.5 - 2.5%. The gelcoat with the catalyst must be gently stirred before taken in use.

Shelf life of MAXGUARD GT // HF or MAXGUARD GT // SF is 5 months.
Prolonged storage or storage outside of recommended conditions can influence gelcoat liguid properties like viscosity and gel time and it is recommended to test these properties before starting application

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