



# General Industrial Coatings

CC-E6

## KEM AQUA® 600T Water Reducible Enamel

Black..... F73B560 Clear..... F73V561  
White ..... F73W562 Custom Blend..... F73WX Series

### DESCRIPTION

**KEM AQUA® 600T Water Reducible Enamel** is a one component, acrylic latex, water reducible coating developed for the electronic business machine market. This product can be used as a smooth or texture coating on treated metal and structural foam plastics.

#### Advantages:

- Meets the performance requirements of the electronic cabinetry industry
- Air dry or force dry - low energy cure
- Excellent solvent resistance
- One package - no catalyst
- Wide range of texture patterns available
- Reduce and cleanup with water\*\* means possible cost savings for solvent and insurance, reduced fire hazards, lower odors, and improved working conditions
- Available in a broad range of colors
- Ideal for a wide range of product finishing
- No flash point
- Complies with 2.3 \*VOC solvent emissions

\* VOC Compliance limits vary from state to state; please consult local Air Quality rules and regulations.

\*\* To ensure optimal coating performance and stability, it is recommended to use deionized water for reduction.

An Environmental Data Sheet is available from your local Sherwin-Williams facility or at [www.PaintDocs.Com](http://www.PaintDocs.Com).

### CHARACTERISTICS

**60° Gloss:** 30-35  
May be adjusted with D64F505

**Volume Solids:** 36-40 ± 1% (varies by color)

**Viscosity:** 5000-6000 cps  
(Brookfield RVT, #4 spindle, 20 rpm)  
Thixotropy ratio @ 10/100 rpm 4.5-5.5

**Paint should be mechanically mixed; a paint shaker is not adequate agitation.**

**Recommended Film Thickness:**  
Mils Wet 3.0-4.0  
Mils Dry 1.2-1.6

**Spreading Rate** (no application loss):  
370-520 ft.<sup>2</sup>/gal. at 1.2-1.6 mils DFT

**Drying:** 1.0 mil at 77° F, 50% RH  
To Touch 7-15 minutes  
Tack Free 15-20 minutes  
To Handle 30-45 minutes  
To Pack Overnight  
Force Dry 30 mins. @ 140° F

10-15 minutes flash off between smooth and texture coats. Good air movement and humidity control is necessary for proper drying of water reducible coatings.

**Flash Point:** None  
Seta Flash Closed Cup

**Package Life:**  
F73B560, F73V561 12 months, unopened  
F73W562 6 months, unopened

**pH:** 8.0-8.5

**Air Quality Data:**  
Non-photochemically Reactive  
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)  
As packaged, less water and exempt solvents <2.3 lbs/gal, 275 g/L

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### SPECIFICATIONS

**General:** All substrates should be free of mold release, oil, grease, dirt, fingerprints, drawing compounds, surface passivation treatments and any other contaminants to ensure optimum adhesion and coating performance. Consult Metal Preparation brochure CC-T1 for additional details.

**Aluminum:** Prime with Industrial Wash Primer, P60G2 or Kem Aqua Wash Primer, E61G522.

**Galvanized Steel:** Prime with Industrial Wash Primer, P60G2 or Kem Aqua Wash Primer, E61G522.

**Steel or Iron:** Remove rust, mill scale, and oxidation products. For best results, treat the surface with a proprietary surface chemical treatment of zinc or iron phosphate to improve corrosion protection. If a primer is needed, use Polane® W2 Primer, E61A516.

**Plastic:** Due to the diverse nature of plastic substrates, a coating or coating system must be tested for acceptable adhesion to the substrate prior to use in production. Reground and recycled plastics along with various fire retardants, flowing agents, mold release agents, and foaming/blowing agents will affect coating adhesion. If a primer is needed, test Kem Aqua Bonding Primer E61W525, Polane W2 Primer E61A516, or Kem Aqua 65P SprayFil. Please consult your Sherwin-Williams Sales Representative for system recommendations.

**Wood** (interior only): Must be clean, dry, and finish sanded. Substrate should be free of grease, oil, dirt, fingerprints, and any contamination to ensure optimum adhesion and coating performance properties. Prime with Kem Aqua 65P SprayFil, SherWood® 2400 Millwork Primer E60W501, or Polane W2 Primer E61A516.

**Testing:** The information, data, and recommendations set forth in this Product Data Sheet are based upon test results believed to be reliable. However, due to the wide variety of substrates, substrate properties, surface preparation methods, equipment and tools, application methods, and environments, the customer should test the complete system for adhesion, compatibility, and performance prior to full scale application.

## Application Typical Setups

Water Reducible coatings should be applied at high viscosity. They atomize very easily at higher viscosity.

A texture finish is produced by a two-coat application.

**Paint should be mixed mechanically with a mixing blade for 5 minutes before used. A paint shaker is not adequate agitation.**

**Reduction:** To ensure optimal coating performance and stability, it is recommended to use deionized water for reduction.

**Base Coat:** Spray full body. If needed, reduce up to 5% with water. Apply a full wet coat and allow to flash off for a minimum of 10 minutes.

**May be applied by:** Conventional  
HVLV

**Conventional Spray: Smooth Coat**  
Air Pressure 40-60 psi  
Fluid Pressure 10-12 psi  
Tip 0.055-0.070 in.

**Conventional Spray: Texture Coat**  
Spray full body. If needed, reduce up to 5% with water. Spray the texture coat using a pressure pot with these equipment/settings:

Air Pressure 10-20 psi  
Fluid Pressure 5-12 psi  
Tip 0.055-0.070 in.

**HVLV Spray: Smooth Coat**  
Air Pressure 8-10 psi  
Fluid Pressure 6-12 psi  
Tip 0.055-0.070 in.  
Reducer water  
Reduction Rate 10-25%

**HVLV Spray: Texture Coat**  
Air Pressure 4-6 psi  
Fluid Pressure 6-10 psi  
Tip 0.055-0.070 in.  
Reduction Rate 0-10%

Allow the texture coat to flash off for 15-20 minutes before baking.

The texture may be varied by adjusting the atomizing and fluid pressures until the desired texture size is obtained. Lower atomizing pressures give a larger texture pattern. Higher atomizing pressure reduces the texture size.

**Cleanup:** This product dries hard and adheres tightly to tanks and equipment. Cleanup may be very difficult once material is fully dry. For best results, wash with water while coating is still wet. If the product has begun to dry, use a blend of 4 parts water, 1 part Butyl Cellosolve, and 1-2% household ammonia to clean up equipment and tanks. Use protective safety apparel (rubber gloves, chemical mask, and safety glasses) when handling this solution.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Paint should be mixed mechanically with a mixing blade for 5 minutes before used. A paint shaker is not adequate agitation.**
- Avoid freezing. Store at temperatures of 50° F to 100° F.
- Product is thixotropic. Do not use viscosity cup to measure viscosity. Do not reduce over 10%.
- A minimum of 1.1 mils dry film per coat is required for good adhesion and film integrity.
- Addition of water will lower viscosity and may cause poor texturing.
- Some substrates may show lower pencil hardness with full cure. This may be due to adhesion, substrate profile, and substrate cleaning/pretreatment. Higher film thickness may also give lower pencil hardness.
- Kem Aqua® colorants not to exceed 8 ounces per gallon.
- Gloss levels may be adjusted by using D64F505 Kem Aqua® Flattening Base. Refer to data sheet CC-S13 for details.
- Keep container closed to prevent skinning of this fast dry coating. Filtering may be required.

## **Performance Tests**

24 gauge Bonderite® 1000 steel panels at 3.0 mils textured DFT  
Salt Spray Test 48-72 hours  
ASTM B117  
Humidity 100 hours  
ASTM D2247, 100° F, 100% RH  
Pencil Hardness HB  
Taber Abrasion <100 mg  
CS 17 wheel, 1000 g, 1000 cycles  
Freeze-Thaw Stability 2 cycles

## **Chemical Resistance**

After ½ hour spot test and one hour recovery  
Isopropanol Excellent  
10% NaOH Excellent  
Ethyl Acetate Good  
Ammonia Excellent  
Ivory® Liquid Excellent  
Clorox Formula 409® Excellent  
MEK Good  
Toluene Good  
10% HCl Excellent  
1 normal H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> Excellent  
5% Tide® solution Excellent

## **Stain Resistance**

After ½ hour spot test  
Coffee Excellent  
Vaseline® Excellent  
Coca-Cola® Excellent  
Ketchup® Excellent  
Motor oil Excellent  
Gasoline Excellent  
Lipstick Excellent  
MEK Resistance (50 double rubs) Pass

## CAUTIONS

### **FOR INDUSTRIAL SHOP APPLICATION ONLY**

**Thoroughly review the product label and Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for safety information and cautions prior to using this product.**

To obtain the most current version of the Environmental Data Sheet (EDS), Product Data Sheet (PDS), or Safety Data Sheet (SDS) please visit your local Sherwin-Williams facility or [www.PaintDocs.Com](http://www.PaintDocs.Com).

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