



Protective & Marine Coatings

FIRETEX[®] FX2004 SOLVENT BASED INTUMESCENT

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PRODUCT INFORMATION

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION		AVERAGE DRYING TIMES	
A single pack thin film intumescent coating		@ 15°C	@ 23°C
RECOMMENDED USE		To touch:	30 minutes
FIRETEX FX2004 is designed for in-shop application by airless spray, to provide fire resistance for up to 30 minutes on structural steel.		To recoat:	20 minutes
After appropriate drying, FIRETEX FX2004 specifications can be exposed to the weather for up to 3 months provided that the specific use or storage does not lead to ponding water due to rainfall, condensation or other site/transportation/storage circumstances.		To handle:	4 hours
		This will depend on the total thickness of FIRETEX FX2004 to be applied.	
		<i>These figures are given as a guide only. Factors such as air movement and humidity must also be considered.</i>	
ENDORSEMENTS		RESISTANCE TO	
Tested and assessed to EN13381-8 European Technical Approval ETA-16/0605 CE Marking Number 1121-CPR-GA5029		FIRETEX FX2004 can resist normal weather conditions for up to 3 months without topcoat provided it has had appropriate drying prior to exposure. After this time period an appropriate topcoat shall be applied. If the specific use or storage could lead to prolonged contact with water due to rainfall, condensation, or other site / transportation/storage circumstances, then a recommended topcoat must be used to prevent damage to the basecoat.	
RECOMMENDED APPLICATION METHODS		RECOMMENDED PRIMERS	
* Airless Spray		For in-shop application, use FIRETEX C69 Fast-Track Blast Primer Several primers have been approved for use under FIRETEX FX2004. Please consult Sherwin-Williams for detailed information.	
Recommended Thinner: No 2		RECOMMENDED TOPCOATS	
PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS		For certain dry, internal situations where the final colour / appearance is not critical, then FIRETEX FX2004 may remain un-topcoated. For internal environments where a topcoat is required, then FIRETEX M71V2, Acrolon C137V2, Acrolon C237 or Acrolon 7300 shall be used.	
Flash Point: Base 5°C		In all instances for subsequent re-decoration, use FIRETEX M71V2, Acrolon C137V2 or Acrolon C237 as appropriate.	
% Solids by Volume: 75 ± 4% (ASTM-D2697-03)		PACKAGE	
Colour Availability: White		A single component material	
VOC 272 gms/litre determined practically in accordance with UK Regulations PG6/23. 352 gms/litre calculated from formulation to satisfy EC Solvent Emissions Directive. 265 gms/kilo content by weight from formulation, to satisfy EC Solvent Emissions Directive.		Pack Size:	20 litre units
RECOMMENDED THICKNESS		Weight:	1.32 kg/litre
See separate sheet of FX2004 loading requirements.		Shelf Life:	2 years from date of manufacture or 'Use By' date where specified.
PRACTICAL APPLICATION RATES - MICRONS PER COAT			
	Airless Spray		
Dry	1000		
Wet	1333		



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SURFACE PREPARATION

FIRETEX FX2004 is designed for use over a suitably prepared and primed substrate.

Ensure surfaces to be coated are clean, dry and free from all surface contamination.

Under certain circumstances it may be possible to apply FIRETEX FX2004 directly to steel blast cleaned to a minimum standard of Sa2½ BS EN ISO 8501-1:2007, surface profile in the range 50-100 microns. Consult Sherwin-Williams for further details.

APPLICATION EQUIPMENT

Airless Spray

Nozzle Size: 21 – 27 thou (0.53 – 0.69mm)
depending on application requirements
Fan Angle: 30°
Operating Pressure: 210kg/cm² (3000 psi)

The details of airless spray tip orifice size, fan angle and pressure are given as a guide. Smaller fan angles should be used where the size of the work to be sprayed makes this appropriate. It may be found that slight variation in tip orifice size or pressure will provide optimum atomisation in some circumstances. In general, the operating pressure should be the lowest possible consistent with satisfactory atomisation.

Recommended Equipment : Use a 56:1 or 68:1 Graco King or equivalent. Use 3/8" (9.53mm) ID fluid lines where lengths in excess of 3 metres are required. In-line gun or pump filters should not normally be used. Maximum length of fluid line should not exceed 60 metres.
For use on narrow web sections, the smallest tip recommended is a 21 thou (0.53mm) with a 60 mesh pump filter.

APPLICATION CONDITIONS AND OVERCOATING

This material should preferably be applied at temperatures in excess of 5°C. In conditions of high relative humidity, ie 80-85% good ventilation conditions are essential. Substrate temperature shall be at least 3°C above the dew point and always above 0°C.

The material must be protected from moisture during the drying period. Moisture ingress prior to drying may affect the integrity and fire protective properties of the coating.

No more than 2 coats by airless spray should be applied within any 24 hour period.

If the maximum recommended thickness per coat is exceeded or high film thicknesses are overcoated prematurely, cracking may occur.

FIRETEX FX2004 is capable of withstanding external exposure without topcoat providing:

- The product is allowed to dry for at least 24 hours at 15°C in dry conditions with good air movement and ventilation. These conditions are based on a total dry film thickness of up to 800 microns. The drying time required will be increased if the film thickness is greater than 800 microns.
- The substrate temperature is at least 3°C above the dew point at the time of application and during the drying period.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Maximum service temperature is 70°C. At temperatures greater than 40°C thermoplasticity may be observed.

Dry Film Thickness Measurement

All dft specifications quoted are mean values, measurements should be taken for I-Sections to the following recommendations:

Web – 2 per 100cm length
Flange – (upper, lower, inside and outside) – 1 per 100cm length

High dft's and/or reduced temperatures will extend the drying time and hence the period when dft measurement can be carried out accurately.

For further information refer to Sherwin-Williams.

Maintenance

Small areas of mechanical damage can be repaired using FIRETEX M72, FX1004 or FX2004 as preferred. Larger areas of mechanical damage should be repaired using FIRETEX FX1004 or FX2004 as preferred, applied by brush or spray.

All repairs should then have the original topcoat reinstated by brush or spray as required.

Numerical values quoted for physical data may vary slightly from batch to batch.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Consult Product Health and Safety Data Sheet for information on safe storage, handling and application of this product.

WARRANTY

Any person or company using the product without first making further enquiries as to the suitability of the product for the intended purpose does so at their own risk, and Sherwin-Williams can accept no liability for the performance of the product, or for any loss or damage arising out of such use.

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