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FIRETEX FX5120 WATERBASED INTUMESCENT COATING

B59W5120

WHITE

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PRODUCT INFORMATION

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

FIRETEX FX5120 is a waterbased thin-film intumescent fire protection coating for use on interior exposed structural steel substrates. Its smooth paint-like finish allows architects to design using exposed steel for a decorative and aesthetic final appearance.

- Provides up to 2 hours fire protection in accordance with UL 263 (ASTM E-119) and CAN/ULC-S101
- Single component
- Aesthetic finish
- Impact resistant
- Outstanding application characteristics

PRODUCT CHARACTERISTICS

Finish:	Flat
Color:	White
Volume Solids:	69%
Weight Solids:	71%
VOC:	<4 g/L ; 0.03 lb/gal

Note: Product is designed for spray and brush application

Recommended Spreading Rate per coat:

	Airless Spray	Brush
Wet mils (microns)	56.0 (1400)	18.0 (441)
Dry mils (microns)	40.0* (1000)	12.0 (300)
~Coverage sq ft/gal (m ² /L)	28 (0.7)	92 (2.3)
Theoretical coverage sq ft/gal (m ² /L) @ 1 mil / 25 microns dft	1104 (27.1)	
Maximum sag tolerance typically 72.0 mils (1800 microns) wet by airless spray.		

* Required DFT for specific fire rating is dependent on steel section and size. Consult Sherwin-Williams Sales Representative.

Drying Schedule:

	@ 60°F/15°C	@ 73°F/23°C
To touch:	5 hours	3 hours
To handle*:		
To recoat:	24 hours	6 hours

*This will depend on the total thickness of FIRETEX FX5120 to be applied. No more than 2 coats by airless spray should be applied within any 24 hour period.

Drying time is temperature, humidity, and film thickness dependent.

Shelf Life:	10 months, unopened Store indoors at 40°F (4.5°C) to 100°F (38°C).
Reducer/Clean Up:	Water

RECOMMENDED USES

- For use on exposed structural steel that requires an aesthetic finish
- Commercial buildings
- Healthcare / Hospitals
- Hotels
- Educational buildings
- Stadiums
- Iconic structures
- Public buildings
- Airports
- Atriums
- Warehouses
- School gymnasiums
- Convention centers
- Suitable for use in USDA inspected facilities

APPROVALS

- Provides Up To 2 Hours Fire Protection in Accordance With UL 263 (ASTM E-119) and CAN/ULC-S101
- UL D981 Beam Design
- UL N636 Beam Design
- UL Y623 Column Design
- UL Y624 Tube Column Design
- LEED v4 and v4.1
- NSF Certified Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) available on Ecomedes

PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

Test Name	Test Method	Results
Abrasion Resistance	ASTM D4060	290 mg loss
Adhesion	ASTM D4541-09	540 psi
Durometer Hardness	ASTM D2240-05	Shore D - 70
Impact Resistance	ASTM D2794-93	83 in. lbs.
Surface Burning	ASTM E84	Class A Flame Spread - 0 Smoke Developed - 5

APPLICATION EQUIPMENT

The following is a guide. Changes in pressures and tip sizes may be needed for proper spray characteristics. Always purge spray equipment before use with listed reducer. Any reduction must be compliant with existing VOC regulations and compatible with the existing environmental and application conditions.

Airless Spray

Nozzle Size:HD .X23- .X25 (depending on application requirements)
Operating Pressure:2800-3000 psi (197-211 kg/cm²)

Airless fluid line hose with 3/8" ID is recommended. Lengths less than 100' feet of 3/8" ID fluid are recommended with a 10' 1/4 ID whip hose. All pump and gun filters must be removed.

Brush

FIRETEX FX 5120 may be brush applied using a quality feather tipped brush such as the Purdy Nylox Soft. The typical maximum film build is 18 mils with faint brush marks remaining.



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Must be primed with approved primer.

Approved Primers:

Kem Bond HS
Kem Kromik Universal Primer
Pro Industrial Pro-Cryl Universal Primer
Recoat Epoxy Primer
Recoat Epoxy Primer Low VOC
Steel Spec 3013 Universal Primer

Contact your Sherwin-Williams Representative for specific products.

RECOMMENDED TOPCOATS

Must be topcoated with an approved topcoat as per the FIRETEX FX5120 Topcoat Guide. Subsequent maintenance and repaint must also be done with an approved topcoat.

Contact your Sherwin-Williams Representative for specific information.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

The dry time of this material is retarded by high humidity conditions. Lack of air movement also slows down the drying process, and under such conditions it is advisable to introduce some method of circulating air over the coated surface in order to speed up the drying. A ventilated air speed of 6 feet per second is recommended.

CLEAN UP INSTRUCTIONS

Clean spills and spatters immediately with Water. Clean tools immediately after use with Water. Follow manufacturer's safety recommendations when using any solvent.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Refer to the SDS sheet before use.

Published technical data and instructions are subject to change without notice. Contact your Sherwin-Williams representative for additional technical data and instructions.

SURFACE PREPARATION

Surface must be clean, dry, and in sound condition. Remove all oil, dust, grease, dirt, loose rust, and other foreign material to ensure adequate adhesion.

APPLICATION CONDITIONS

FIRETEX FX5120 must be applied in a dry internal environment. It must not be exposed to condensation, damp or wet conditions during or after application.

Temperature: 41°F (5°C) minimum*
(air, surface, and material)
At least 5°F (3°C) above dew point

*At application temperatures below 50°F (10°C), drying times will be significantly extended, and spraying characteristics may be impaired

Relative humidity: 80% maximum**

**In conditions of high relative humidity good ventilation conditions are essential.

Extended overcoating times may be required at low temperatures and/or high film thicknesses.

Occasionally cracking may occur on edges of flanges and external or internal angles of structural steel, depending on geometry, over-application and ambient conditions. This does not detrimentally affect the fire performance properties of the product.

ORDERING INFORMATION

Packaging: 5 gallons (18.9L) of material in 5 gallon pail

Weight: 11.6 lb/gal ; 1.39 Kg/L

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