Megacote

Product description

This is a two component amine cured pure epoxy coating. It is a surface tolerant, abrasion resistant, high solids, high build product. It is fast drying. Designed as a universal, all round, all year anticorrosive coating. Can be used as primer in atmospheric and immersed environments. Suitable for properly prepared carbon steel, galvanised steel, shop primed steel, stainless steel, aluminium, composite and wood substrates. It can be applied at sub zero surface temperatures.

Scope

The Application Guide offers product details and recommended practices for the use of the product.

The data and information provided are not definite requirements. They are guidelines to assist with efficient and safe use, and optimum service of the product. Adherence to the guidelines does not relieve the applicator of responsibility for ensuring that the work meets specification requirements.

Jotun's liability is in accordance with general product liability rules.

The Application Guide (AG) must be read in conjunction with the relevant specification, Technical Data Sheet (TDS) and Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for all the products used as part of the coating system.

Projects specified to the requirements in Performance Standard for Protective Coatings (PSPC)

For application and repair / maintenance requirements according to IMO MSC.215 (82) for dedicated Sea Water Ballast Tanks (WBT), and/or to IMO MSC.288 (87) for Cargo Oil Tanks of Crude Oil Tankers (COT) reference is made to the PSPC Appendix in this document.

Referred standards

Reference is generally made to ISO Standards. When using standards from other regions it is recommended to reference only one corresponding standard for the substrate being treated.

Surface preparation

The required quality of surface preparation can vary depending on the area of use, expected durability and if applicable, project specification.

When preparing new surfaces, maintaining already coated surfaces or aged coatings it is necessary to remove all contamination that can interfere with coating adhesion, and prepare a sound substrate for the subsequent product.

Inspect the surface for hydrocarbon and other contamination and if present, remove with an alkaline detergent. Agitate the surface to activate the cleaner and before it dries, wash the treated area using fresh water.

Paint solvents (thinners) shall not be used for general degreasing or preparation of the surface for painting due to the risk of spreading dissolved hydrocarbon contamination. Paint thinners can be used to treat small localized areas of contamination such as marks from marker pens. Use clean, white cotton cloths that are turned and replaced often. Do not bundle used solvent saturated cloths. Place used cloths into water.

Process sequence

Surface preparation and coating should normally be commenced only after all welding, degreasing, removal of sharp edges, weld spatter and treatment of welds is complete. It is important that all hot work is completed before coating commences.

Soluble salts removal


Soluble salts have a negative impact on the coating systems performance, especially when immersed. Jotun’s general recommendations for maximum soluble salts (sampled and measured as per ISO 8502-6 and -9) content on a surface are:

- Water ballast tanks (PSPC): 50 mg/m²
- For areas exposed to (ISO 12944-2):
  - C1-C4: 200 mg/m²
  - CSM or CS1: 100 mg/m²
  - Im1-Im3: 80 mg/m²

**Carbon steel**

**Initial rust grade**

The steel shall be Rust Grade A or B (ISO 8501-1). For steel with Rust Grades C or D, contact your nearest Jotun office for advice.

**Initial inspection and pretreatment**

Inspect the surface for contaminations and if present, remove with an alkaline detergent. Agitate the surface to activate the cleaner and before it dries, wash the treated area by Low-Pressure Water Cleaning (LPWC) to Wa 1 (ISO 8501-4) using fresh water. Non-contaminated areas shall be washed down by Low-Pressure Water Cleaning (LPWC) to Wa 1 (ISO 8501-4) using fresh water to reduce the concentration of surface chlorides.

**Metal finishing**

For areas in corrosivity category C1 to C4 (ISO 12944-2) all irregularities, burrs, slivers, slag and spatter on welds, sharp edges and corners shall conform to minimum grade P2 (ISO 8501-3) Table 1, or as specified. All edges shall have a rounded radius of minimum 2 mm subjected to three pass grinding or equally effective method.

For areas in corrosivity category C5, Im1-3 the requirement are for the steel to conform to grade P2 (ISO 8501-3) Table 1. All edges shall have a rounded radius of minimum 2 mm subjected to three pass grinding or equally effective method. One may use a mechanical grinder fitted with a suitable abrasive disc. All sharp irregularities, burrs, slivers, slag and spatter on welds, whether apparent before or after blast cleaning, shall be removed before coating application. It is recommended that welding smoke should be removed by low-pressure Water Cleaning LP WC method (ISO 8501-4) Wa 1 using fresh water. Welding smoke residues are water soluble and could cause blistering if not removed by washing before blasting. Defective welds shall be replaced and treated to an acceptable finish before painting. Temporary welds and brackets shall be ground to a flat finish after removal from the parent metal.

**Pitting repair**

Pittings in steel can be difficult to cover fully with most coatings. In some areas it is practically feasible to use filler to fill pittings. This should then be done either after the initial surface preparation or after application of first coat.

**Abrasive blast cleaning**

**Cleanliness**

After pre-treatment is complete, the surface shall be dry abrasive blast cleaned to Sa 2½ (ISO 8501-1) using abrasive media suitable to achieve a sharp and angular surface profile. Minimum acceptable blast cleaning standard is Sa 1 (ISO 8501-1).

**Surface profile**

The surface shall have a sharp and angular surface profile 30-85 µm, grade Fine to Medium G (ISO 8503-2). Measure the achieved profile with surface replication tape (Testex) (ISO 8503-5) or by surface roughness stylus instrument (ISO 8503-4). As per PSPC required surface profile shall be 30-75µm.

**Abrasive media quality**
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The selected abrasive must be compatible with both the surface to be blast cleaned and the specified coating system. The abrasive shall meet specifications as per relevant parts of ISO 11124 (Specification for metallic blast-cleaning abrasives), or ISO 11126 (Specification for non-metallic blast-cleaning abrasives). It should be sampled and tested as per relevant parts of ISO 11125 (metallic abrasives) or ISO 11127 (non-metallic abrasives). Dry storage of abrasive and shelter for blasting pots is necessary to prevent equipment becoming clogged with damp abrasive.

All abrasive blast media used should be new and not recirculated, with the exception of Steel Grit. If this is utilized the circulation process must include a cleaning process.

Compressed air quality

The supply of clean air to blasting pots must be secured to avoid contamination of abrasive and thereby of blast cleaned surfaces. Compressors must be fitted with sufficient traps for oil and water. It is also recommended to fit two water separators at the blasting machine to ensure a supply of moisture-free air to the abrasive chamber.

Dust contamination

At the completion of abrasive blasting the prepared surface shall be cleaned to remove residues of corrosion products and abrasive media, and inspected for surface particulate contamination. Maximum contamination level is rating 2 (ISO 8502-3). Dust size no greater than class 2.
As per PSPC requirements dust must be removed just before application of the paint to a dust quantity rating 1 for dust size class 3, 4 or 5 (ISO 8502-3). Lower dust size classes shall be removed from the surface if visible without magnification.

Hand and Power Tool Cleaning

Power tool cleaning

Surfaces to be coated shall be prepared by mechanical preparation methods to minimum St 2 (ISO 8501-1). Suitable methods are disc grinding, hand sanding or hand wire brushing. Ensure the surface is free from mill scale, residual corrosion, failed coating and is suitable for painting. If power wire brushing is used, care should be taken not to polish the metal surface, as this can reduce adhesion of the coating. The surface should appear rough and mat.
Overlapping zones to intact coating shall have all leading edges feathered back by sanding methods to remove all sharp leading edges and establish a smooth transition from the exposed substrate to the surrounding coating. Consecutive layers of coating shall be feathered to expose each layer and new coating shall always overlap to an abraded existing layer. Abrade intact coatings around the damaged areas for a minimum 100 mm to ensure a mat, rough surface profile, suitable for over coating.
PSPC requires power tool cleaning to cleanliness minimum St 3 (ISO 8501-1:2007).

Water jetting

High pressure water jetting surface preparation refers to ISO 8501-4, for substrates previously coated either with a full coating system (surface DC A, DC B, DC C) or shop primer (surface DP I and DP Z). The surface definition for existing coating (DC) refers to the degree of coating breakdown according to ISO 4628.
It is important before considering hydro jetting, to ensure that the specified coating system is compatible with the existing coating system. High pressure water jetting does not remove mill scale or create surface roughness, and is only useful for surfaces with an initial roughness suitable for the subsequent coat.
Optimum performance is achieved with preparation grade Wa 2 (ISO 8501-4). Minimum preparation grade is Wa 1. For DP I and DP Z surface Wa 2 is accepted.
Maximum accepted grade of flash rust for any preparation is FR M (ISO 8501-4).
Alternatively minimum approved preparation grade is SSPC-SP WJ-2/ NACE WJ-2, Very thorough cleaning.
Maximum accepted flash rust grade is Moderate (M).

Galvanised steel

Abrasive blast cleaning

After removal of excess zinc and surface defects the area to be coated shall be degreased to ISO 12944-4, Part 6.1.4 Alkaline Cleaning. The galvanised surface shall be dry abrasive brush off blast cleaned with the nozzle angle at 45-60° from perpendicular at reduced nozzle pressure to create a sharp and angular surface profile using approved non-metallic abrasive media. As a guide, a surface profile 25-55 μm, grade Fine G; Ry5 (ISO 8503-2) should be achieved.
Care must be exercised when sweep blasting. The zinc coating thickness should be reduced as little as possible, preferably not more than 10 μm.
Smaller areas can be lightly treated with abrasive paper.
Finished surfaces shall be dull, profiled and show no areas of shiny metal.
Do not handle the prepared surface with bare hands.

**Hand and Power Tool Cleaning**

After removal of excess zinc and surface defects the area to be coated shall be degreased with an alkaline detergent, washed by Low-Pressure Water Cleaning (LPWC) to a grade corresponding to the description of Wa 1 (ISO 8501-4) or higher standard and the surface abraded using mechanical or hand sanding methods using non-metallic abrasives or bonded fibre abrasive pads to remove all polish and to impart a scratch pattern to the surface. Do not use high speed rotational sanders.

**Water jetting**

Inspect the surface for process residues, hydrocarbon contamination and zinc corrosion by-products. If present, remove with an alkaline detergent. Agitate the surface to activate the detergent and before it dries, wash the treated area by Low-Pressure Water Cleaning (LPWC) to a grade corresponding to the description of Wa 1 (ISO 8501-4) or higher standard using fresh water.

**Aluminium**

**Abrasive blast cleaning**

After removal of surface defects the area to be coated shall be degreased to ISO 12944-4, Part 6.1.4 Alkaline Cleaning. The surface shall be dry abrasive brush off blast cleaned with the nozzle angle at 45-60° from perpendicular at reduced nozzle pressure to create a sharp and angular surface profile using approved non-metallic abrasive media. As a guide, a surface profile 25-55 µm, grade Fine G; Ry5 (ISO 8503-2) should be achieved. Alternatively refer to NACE no. 4/SSPC-SP7.

Smaller areas can be lightly treated with abrasive paper.

Finished surfaces shall be dull, profiled and show no areas of shiny metal.

Do not handle the prepared surface with bare hands.

**Hand and Power Tool Cleaning**

After removal of surface defects the area to be coated shall be degreased with an alkaline detergent, washed by Low-Pressure Water Cleaning (LPWC) to a grade corresponding to the description of Wa 1 (ISO 8501-4) or higher standard and the surface abraded using mechanical or hand sanding methods using non-metallic abrasives or bonded fibre abrasive pads to remove all polish and to impart a scratch pattern to the surface. Do not use high speed rotational sanders.

**Water jetting**

Inspect the surface for process residues, hydrocarbon contamination and corrosion by products. If present, remove with an alkaline detergent. Agitate the surface to activate the detergent and before it dries, wash the treated area by Low-Pressure Water Cleaning (LPWC) to a grade corresponding to the description of Wa 1 (ISO 8501-4) or higher standard using fresh water.

**Stainless steel**

**Abrasive blast cleaning**

After removal of surface defects the area to be coated shall be degreased to ISO 12944-4, Part 6.1.4 Alkaline Cleaning. The surface shall be dry abrasive brush off blast cleaned with the nozzle angle at 45-60° from perpendicular at reduced nozzle pressure to create a sharp and angular surface profile using approved non-metallic abrasive media. As a guide, a surface profile 25-55 µm, grade Fine G; Ry5 (ISO 8503-2) should be achieved. Alternatively refer to NACE no. 4/SSPC-SP7.

**Hand and Power Tool Cleaning**

**Only Power tool cleaning is recommended.**

After removal of surface defects the area to be coated shall be degreased with an alkaline detergent, washed by Low-Pressure Water Cleaning (LPWC) to a grade corresponding to the description of Wa 1 (ISO 8501-4) or higher standard and the surface abraded using mechanical or hand sanding methods using non-metallic abrasives or bonded fibre abrasive pads to remove all polish and to impart a scratch pattern to the surface. Do not use high speed rotational sanders.

**Water jetting**

Not recommended.
Coated surfaces

Over coating

Suitable for initial surface conditions DC A, DC B and DC C prepared to surface appearance Wa 2½ (ISO8501-4).
For DP I and DP Z surface appearance Wa 2 is accepted.
The maximum accepted grade of flash rust is FR L. When applied on coatings past maximum intercoating interval light abrading may be required to achieve proper intercoat adhesion.

Shop primers

Shop primers are accepted as temporary protection of steel plates and profiles. Refer to the technical data sheet for the generic types accepted. Certain standards require pre-approval of the shop primer as part of a complete system. Contact your nearest Jotun office for specific system compatibility. Before being overcoated the shop primer must be fully cured, clean, dust free, dry and undamaged. Inorganic zinc shop primers must be free of zinc salts (white rust).
Corroded and damaged areas must be blast cleaned to minimum Sa 2½ (ISO 8501-1).

Inorganic zinc silicates

This product can be applied on top of an inorganic zinc ethyl silicate, provided the primer is cured and the product is applied using a mist-coat technique.

Application

Acceptable environmental conditions - before and during application

Before application, test the atmospheric conditions in the vicinity of the substrate for the dew formation according to ISO 8502-4.

| Air temperature | -5 - 50 °C |
| Substrate temperature | -5 - 40 °C |
| Relative Humidity (RH) | 10 - 85 % |

The following restrictions must be observed:

- Only apply the coating when the substrate temperature is at least 3 °C (5 °F) above the dew point
- Do not apply the coating if the substrate is wet or likely to become wet
- Do not apply the coating if the weather is clearly deteriorating or unfavourable for application or curing
- Do not apply the coating in high wind conditions

Product mixing

Product mixing ratio (by volume)

Megacote Comp A 3 part(s)
Megacote Comp B 1 part(s)
A suitable mechanical stirrer must be used to secure homogeneity in each component, and to mix the components thoroughly until an even colour is obtained. If required, additional thinner must be added and thoroughly mixed into the ready mixed paint.

**Induction time and Pot life**

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The temperature of base and curing agent is recommended to be 18 °C or higher when the product is mixed.

**Thinner/Cleaning solvent**

Thinner: Jotun Thinner No. 17

**Application data**

**Spray application**

**Airless Spray Equipment**

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<td>Nozzle output (litres/minute)</td>
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<td>Filters (mesh)</td>
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Several factors influence, and need to be observed to maintain the recommended pressure at the nozzle. Among factors causing pressure drop are:
- extended hoses or hose bundles
- extended hose whip-end line
- small internal diameter hoses
- high paint viscosity
- large spray nozzle size
- inadequate air capacity from compressor
- incorrect or clogged filters

**Air Spray Equipment**

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**Film thickness per coat**

**Typical recommended specification range**

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<td>Dry film thickness</td>
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<td>Wet film thickness</td>
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<td>Theoretical spreading rate</td>
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This product can be applied up to 50 % higher than maximum specified film thickness without loss of technical properties.
Film thickness measurement

Wet film thickness (WFT) measurement and calculation

To ensure correct film thickness, it is recommended to measure the wet film thickness continuously during application using a painter's wet film comb (ISO 2808 Method 1A). The measurements should be done as soon as possible after application. Fast drying paints may give incorrect (too low) readings resulting in excessive dry film thickness. For multi layer physically drying (resoluble) coating systems the wet film thickness comb may give too high readings resulting in too low dry film thickness of the intermediate and top coats.

Use a wet-to-dry film calculation table (available on the Jotun Web site) to calculate the required wet film thickness per coat.

Dry film thickness (DFT) measurement

When the coating has cured to hard dry state the dry film thickness can be checked to SSPC PA 2 or equivalent standard using statistical sampling to verify the actual dry film thickness. Measurement and control of the WFT and DFT on welds is done by measuring adjacent to and no further than 15 cm from the weld.

Ventilation

Sufficient ventilation is very important to ensure proper drying/curing of the film.

Stripe coating

The stripe coat sequence can be either of the following:
1. Surface preparation, stripe coat, full coat.
2. Surface preparation, full coat, stripe coat. This sequence can be used when a large substrate area has been prepared and leaving the substrate exposed for a long time while doing stripe coating could lead to surface deterioration.

It is important to pay special attention to edges, openings, rear sides of stiffeners, scallops etc. and to apply a stripe coat to these areas where the spray fan may not reach or deposit an even film. When applying a stripe coat to bare metal use only a stiff, round stripe coating brush to ensure surface wetting and filling of pits in the surface.

Stripe coating shall be of a different colour to the main primer coat and the topcoat colour and should be applied in an even film thickness, avoiding excessive brush marks in order to avoid entrapped air. Care should be taken to avoid excessive film thickness. Pay additional attention to pot life during application of stripe coats. Jotun recommends a minimum of one stripe coat. However, in extremely aggressive exposure conditions there may be good reason to specify two stripe coats.

Drying process

Do not attempt to speed up the curing process by blowing hot air on to the wet coating film as this may lead to skin drying/curing, entrapped solvents and consequently solvent blistering and inferior corrosion protection.

Coating loss

The consumption of paint should be controlled carefully, with thorough planning and a practical approach to reducing loss. Application of liquid coatings will result in some material loss. Understanding the ways that coating can be lost during the application process, and making appropriate changes, can help reducing material loss.

Some of the factors that can influence the loss of coating material are:
- type of spray gun/unit used
- air pressure used for airless pump or for atomization
- orifice size of the spray tip or nozzle
- fan width of the spray tip or nozzle
- the amount of thinner added
- the distance between spray gun and substrate
- the profile or surface roughness of the substrate. Higher profiles will lead to a higher "dead volume"
- the shape of the substrate target
- environmental conditions such as wind and air temperature
## Drying and Curing time

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Drying and curing times are determined under controlled temperatures and relative humidity below 85 %, and at average of the DFT range for the product.

**Surface (touch) dry:** The state of drying when slight pressure with a finger does not leave an imprint or reveal tackiness.

**Walk-on-dry:** Minimum time before the coating can tolerate normal foot traffic without permanent marks, imprints or other physical damage.

**Dry to over coat, minimum:** The recommended shortest time before the next coat can be applied.

**Dried/cured for service:** Minimum time before the coating can be permanently exposed to the intended environment/medium.

## Maximum over coating intervals

Maximum time before thorough surface preparation is required. The surface must be clean and dry and suitable for over coating. Inspect the surface for chalking and other contamination and if present, remove with an alkaline detergent. Agitate the surface to activate the cleaner and before it dries, wash the treated area by low-pressure water jetting to Wa 1 (ISO 8501-4) using fresh water.

If maximum over coating interval is exceeded the surface should in addition be carefully roughened to ensure good inter coat adhesion.

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Other conditions that can affect drying / curing / over coating

Repair of coating system

Damages to the coating layers:
Prepare the area through sandpapering or grinding, followed by thorough cleaning/vacuuming. When the surface is clean and dry the coating may be over coated by itself or by another product, ref. original specification.
Always observe the maximum over coating intervals. If the maximum over coating interval is exceeded the surface should be carefully roughened in order to ensure good intercoat adhesion.

Damages exposing bare substrate:
Remove all rust, loose paint, grease or other contaminants by spot blasting, mechanical grinding, water and/or solvent washing. Feather edges and roughen the overlap zone of surrounding intact coating. Apply the coating system specified for repair.

Repair of damaged areas

Sags and runs can be caused by too high wet film thickness, too much thinner added or the spray gun used too close to the surface.
Repair by using a paint brush to smooth the film when still wet.
Sand down to a rough, even surface and re-coat if the coating is cured.
Orange peel can be caused by poor flow/leveling properties of the paint, poor atomization of the paint, thinner evaporating too fast or the spray gun held too close to the surface.
This can be rectified by abrading the surface and applying an additional coat after having adjusted the application properties or the application technique.
Dry spray can be caused by poor atomization of the paint, spray gun held too far from the surface, high air temperature, thinner evaporating too fast or coating applied in windy conditions.
Sand down to a rough even surface and re-coat.
Pinholes can be caused by entrapped solvents in the film or by incorrect application technique. Pinholes can be repaired as per procedure for damages to the coating layer or to the substrate, ref. above.

Coating film continuity

When required by the specification, the coating shall be tested for film discontinuity according to ASTM D 5162, test method A or B as appropriate for the actual dry film thickness.
All recorded defects shall be repaired by best practical means.

Performance Standard for Protective Coatings (PSPC)
PSPC Appendix (WBT)
Application requirements particular for coating according to Performance Standard for Protective Coatings (PSPC) of dedicated seawater ballast tanks to IMO Resolution MSC.215 (82)

Job specification
There shall be a minimum of two stripe coats and two spray coats, except that the second stripe coat, by way of welded seams only, may be reduced in scope where it is proven that the NDFT (nominal total dry film thickness) can be met by the coats applied in order to avoid unnecessary over thickness. Any reduction in scope of the second stripe coat shall be fully detailed in the CTF.

NDFT (nominal total dry film thickness)
NDFT 320 µm with 90/10 rule. (Minimum 90 % of all DFT measurements shall be greater than or equal to the NDFT and none of the remaining 10 % measurements shall be below 0.9 x NDFT).

Maximum DFT 2000 µm is acceptable for isolated spots only, and should not extend to more than 1 % of the total tank area.

PRIMARY SURFACE PREPARATION

Blasting and surface profile:
Cleanliness minimum Sa 2½ (ISO 8501-1)
Surface profile 30-75 µm (ISO 8503-2)

Blasting shall not be carried out when:
- the relative humidity is above 85 %
- the surface temperature of steel is less than 3 °C above the dew point

Water soluble salts limit equivalent to NaCl
Maximum 50 mg/m² of sodium chloride (ISO 8502-6/9)

SECONDARY SURFACE PREPARATION

Steel condition
For steel preparation, PSPC makes reference to grade P2 (ISO 8501-3). All sharp edges are to be rounded to a radius of minimum 2 mm, subject to a three-pass grinding, or treated with an alternative process giving an edge profile that results in a dry film thickness retention corresponding to or better than a three pass grinding. Sharp edges mean all edges except natural rounded/rolled edges of sections.

Surface treatment
Cleanliness minimum Sa 2½ (ISO 8501-1) on damaged shop primer and welds.

Surface treatment after erection

Water ballast tanks (WBT), IMO Resolution MSC.215 (82)
Erection joints minimum St 3 or Sa 2½ (ISO 8501-1) where practicable.
- Damages up to 2 % of the area to be coated to be treated to minimum St 3
- Contiguous damages over 25 m² or over 2 % of the area to be coated, Sa 2½ shall be applied
- Coating in overlap shall be feathered

Profile requirements
In case of full or partial blasting surface profile 30-75 µm (ISO 8503-2).

Dust
Dust quantity rating 1 for dust size class 3 or larger (ISO 8202-3).
Lower dust size classes to be removed if visible without magnification on the surface to be coated.

Water soluble salts limit equivalent to NaCl after blasting/ grinding
Maximum 50 mg/m³ of sodium chloride (ISO 8502-6/9).

Contamination
No oil contamination.
Inspect the surface for contaminations and if present, remove with an alkaline detergent. Agitate the surface to activate the cleaner and before it dries, wash the treated area by Low-Pressure Water Cleaning (LPWC) to Wa 1 (ISO 8501-4) using fresh water.

Ventilation
Sufficient ventilation must be provided to remove the solvent evaporating from the coating. When mixed, this product requires exchange of 56 m³ air per litre paint in order to dilute the evaporating solvent to a safe concentration in the tank (i.e. less than 10 % of the Lower Explosion Limit, LEL). The solvent gas concentration in the tank must at all times be kept below this level, hence sufficient ventilation must be maintained during the whole application and drying periods.

**Environmental conditions**
Coating shall be applied under controlled humidity and surface conditions, in accordance with the manufacturer’s specifications. In addition, coating shall not be applied when:
- the relative humidity is above 85 %
- the surface temperature is less than 3 °C above the dew point
- the surface is wet or is likely to become wet

**Testing of coating**
Destructive testing should be avoided.
Dry film thickness shall be measured after each coat for quality control purposes. The total dry film thickness shall be documented after completion of the final coat, using appropriate thickness gauges.

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**Repair and maintenance procedures relevant to coating according to Performance Standard for Protective Coatings (PSPC) of dedicated seawater ballast tanks to IMO Resolution MSC.215(82)**

**Superficial damages not exposing bare substrate:**
Prepare the area through sandpapering or grinding, followed by thorough cleaning/vacuuming. When the surface is dry and clean the coating may be over coated by itself or by another product, ref. original specification. Always observe the minimum and maximum over coating intervals. If the maximum over coating interval is exceeded the surface should be carefully roughened in order to ensure good intercoat adhesion.

**Damages exposing bare substrate:**
Choice of surface preparation and application methods shall be made in conjunction with Jotun and the actual Classification Society, following the guidelines in:

MSC.1/Circ. 1330 (WBT)
- Chapter 4.1 for coating condition assessment
- Chapter 5 for coating maintenance
- Chapter 6 for coating repair

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**Quality assurance**

The following information is the minimum required. The specification may have additional requirements.

- Confirm that all welding and other metal work has been completed before commencing pre-treatment and surface preparation
- Confirm that installed ventilation is balanced and has the capacity to deliver and maintain the RAQ
- Confirm that the required surface preparation standard has been achieved and is held prior to coating application
- Confirm that the climatic conditions are within recommendations in the AG, and are held during the application
- Confirm that the required number of stripe coats have been applied
- Confirm that each coat meets the DFT requirements in the specification
- Confirm that the coating has not been adversely affected by rain or other factors during curing
- Observe that adequate coverage has been achieved on corners, crevices, edges and surfaces where the spray gun cannot be positioned so that its spray impinges on the surface at 90° angle
- Observe that the coating is free from defects, discontinuities, insects, abrasive media and other contamination
- Observe that the coating is free from misses, sags, runs, wrinkles, fat edges, mud cracking, blistering, obvious pinholes, excessive dry spray, heavy brush marks and excessive film build
- Observe that the uniformity and colour are satisfactory

All noted defects shall be fully repaired to conform to the coating specification.

**Caution**
This product is for professional use only. The applicators and operators shall be trained, experienced and have the capability and equipment to mix/stir and apply the coatings correctly and according to Jotun's technical documentation. Applicators and operators shall use appropriate personal protection equipment when using this product. This guideline is given based on the current knowledge of the product. Any suggested deviation to suit the site conditions shall be forwarded to the responsible Jotun representative for approval before commencing the work. For further advice please contact your local Jotun office.

Health and safety

Please observe the precautionary notices displayed on the container. Use under well ventilated conditions. Do not inhale spray mist. Avoid skin contact. Spillage on the skin should immediately be removed with suitable cleanser, soap and water. Eyes should be well flushed with water and medical attention sought immediately.

Accuracy of information

Always refer to and use the current (last issued) version of the TDS, SDS and if available, the AG for this product. Always refer to and use the current (last issued) version of all International and Local Authority Standards referred to in the TDS, AG & SDS for this product.

Colour variation

Some coatings used as the final coat may fade and chalk in time when exposed to sunlight and weathering effects. Coatings designed for high temperature service can undergo colour changes without affecting performance. Some slight colour variation can occur from batch to batch. When long term colour and gloss retention is required, please seek advice from your local Jotun office for assistance in selection of the most suitable top coat for the exposure conditions and durability requirements.

Reference to related documents

The Application Guide (AG) must be read in conjunction with the relevant specification, Technical Data Sheet (TDS) and Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for all the products used as part of the coating system.

When applicable, refer to the separate application procedure for Jotun products that are approved to classification societies such as PSPC, IMO etc.

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